

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE &
ST MICHAEL, BATTLE**
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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4th Sunday of Lent

Weekend 14th / 15th March 2026

Saturday 14/03	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 15/03		9am	Northiam	Patricia Dafe, RIP
		11am	Battle	Michael Conroy, RIP
Monday 16/03	Monday of the 4th Week of Lent	10am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter, RIP
Tuesday 17/03	Saint Patrick	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 18/03	Wednesday of the 4th Week of Lent (commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem)	10am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter, RIP
Thursday 19/03	NO MASS			
Friday 20/03	Friday of the 4th Week of Lent	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 21/03	5th Sunday of Lent	5pm	Battle	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 22/03		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Catherine French, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation after all Masses or on request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent

- **First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

- **Second reading: Romans 8:8-11**

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

- **Gospel: John 11:1-45**

I am the resurrection and the life.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Helena Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing.

From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youlten.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter RIP.

- **Grateful thanks from Madeleine Salter:** Madeleine would like to thank everyone for their kindness, cards and messages of condolences following the loss of her daughter Elizabeth. She is incredibly touched by the support from her parish friends and community.
- **Fr Míceal and the Parish of the Good Shepherd** invite to you to join them for their Lenten Reconciliation Service at St Thomas', Magdalen Road, St Leonards, at 7pm on Monday 23rd March.
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of fruit (not peaches); Tins of fish (not Tuna); Packets of Sweet Biscuits; Small jars of Instant Coffee and also Boxes/Jars of Decaf Tea and Coffee - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated. Opening times: 1.30pm - 2pm with a referral voucher
- **Battle Pantry:** Members can choose to pay £2.50 or £5.00, and for that they get four times the value in food and other essential items. They get to pick what they want, and everything is fresh and in date, and is there to help those struggling with the cost of living.
Opening times - 12noon - 1pm
Venue: St Mary's Church Upper Church Hall (back of the car park).
Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468
Email: info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk Website: www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

- **Rwanda Action Craft Sales at Northiam and Battle:** Thank you to everyone who bought cards and craft from us on Sunday. We made £170 in a short space of time which is wonderful. Several people asked how we would spend the money we make.... it all goes back to the disabled trainees in Rwanda. When they graduate, we set them up with their own business in their home village, usually doing dressmaking, sewing school uniforms or working on craft. This gives them an income and the opportunity to lead an independent life. For anyone who missed our sales or needs more cards or craft, we do have an online Shop on our website. www.rwanda-action.org
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10.15am with Lindsey. Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. If you would like to join, please contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Men's Way of the Cross 2026 Friday 20th to Saturday 21st March.**
The event will begin at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Eastbourne, with Adoration and Confessions at 9pm, Holy Mass at 10pm, and the Way of the Cross departing at 11pm. We return at dawn for a period of quiet Adoration, testimonials, and breakfast together. Full information, including route details and how to confirm your attendance, is available at www.menswayofthecross.co.uk
We hope to see you on the trail.
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/news

Notice for Altar Servers, Arundel Cathedral Chrism Mass, Wednesday 1 April. Those planning to attend the Chrism Mass, who would like to altar serve, should please note that there are new protocols in place at the Cathedral to ensure that the appropriate Safeguarding procedures are followed. Anyone who wishes to altar serve at the Cathedral will need a DBS and appropriate training and will need to contact the Cathedral Office; E: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or T: 01903 882297 to register for events. To register to altar serve for the Chrism Mass please contact the cathedral team by Wednesday 18 March.

Grandparents Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents to include Mass,

Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please do sign up, it's a great way to stay in touch! You can click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist

External news

All Night Lenten Vigil, Friday 20 March, 10pm-6am, Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, West Byfleet KT14 6DH. People across our community of faith are invited to join an all-night Lenten Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, praying especially for peace, vocations, and those nearing the end of life. (People are welcome to join all or some of the Vigil).

W: www.ourladyswb.org

Our New Parish

The New Parish will be overseen by a Clergy Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. The team will work closely with Hub Secretaries, Hub Leadership Groups and lay representatives to support pastoral planning, governance and the shared mission of the Parish. The West Hub covering Eastbourne, Polegate, Hamden Park, Hailsham and the East Hub; St Leonards, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

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New Parish Website: www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk

New Parish Updates

Now we are without a Bishop, some are wondering how this affects the journey of change we are all on in the Diocese to become new larger Parishes. Already, before Archbishop Richard left us, 3 of the 11 Deaneries legally became new Parishes (Brighton & Hove; Guildford, Weybridge). For the rest of us we are asked to keep momentum on our journey of preparing, so that when a new Bishop is appointed, we will be in good shape. Certainly, a new Bishop will bring “fresh eyes and ears” to some of the detail of how we come together as new Parishes, but he will no doubt be committed to keeping the spirit of the Pastoral Plan. In our own Deanery (Eastbourne to Rye) we have lots of work underway to help us share and collaborate together in good and helpful ways.