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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



5th Sunday of Easter
Weekend 2nd / 3rd May 2026

Saturday 02/05	5th Sunday of Easter	5pm	Battle	Peggy Barnes, RIP
Sunday 03/05		9am	Northiam	Tommy O'Shaughnessy, RIP – followed by coffee & cake
		11am	Battle	People of the Parish
Monday 04/05	Feast of the English Martyrs	10am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP
Tuesday 05/05	Tuesday of the 5th Week of Eastertide	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 06/05	Wednesday of the 5th Week of Eastertide	10am	Battle	Barbara High, RIP followed by coffee & cake
Thursday 07/05	NO MASS			
Friday 08/05	Friday of the 5th Week of Eastertide	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 09/05	6th Sunday of Easter	5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 10/05		9am	Northiam	Russell Tyner, RIP
		11am	Battle	Philippe Bedford, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation after all Masses or on request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

- **Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

- **Gospel: John 14:15-21**

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.

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, 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:

Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP

- **Philippe Bedford RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philippe Bedford who died over the weekend of 19th April. Please also remember his wife Pauline and his family who are missing him greatly.
- **Rwanda Action Bring & Buy Sale:** Sally and David warmly invite you to a sale of cakes, plants and crafts in support of the work in Rwanda, this Saturday 2nd May 10am – 5pm at The Old Cottage, Mackerel Hill, Peasmarsh TN31 6TB. Everyone is very welcome. Please pop in to say hello, have a browse and enjoy cup of tea and cake!
- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the March and April draws (sorry I forgot – again!).
March £12 - Godfrey Linnett £24 – Henry McAdie
April £12 - Peter Lamont £24 - Helen Ashing
- **Old Girls' Association Annual Reunion – Save the Date:** We are pleased to share an invitation from the Old Girls' Association Committee to all former pupils and teachers of the Convent of Our Lady. This year's reunion will take

place on **Saturday 19 September 2026** at the Convent of Our Lady, 120 Filsham Road, St. Leonards on Sea, TN38 0PE. The afternoon begins at **2pm** (for a 2.30pm AGM) and includes a welcome from Sr Lucy, a short AGM, updates from Old Girls, afternoon tea, and plenty of time to catch up with former classmates and teachers. A memory table with archives and photographs will be on display – you are warmly encouraged to bring your own photos or memorabilia. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP by 12 September** via email to Judith Bourne: jbpm08@hotmail.com. Feel free to share this invitation with other Old Girls who may not have seen it directly. We look forward to welcoming you back.

- **Christ the King Church, Eastbourne are organising a seven-day pilgrimage to Poland** in the autumn, which will include the shrine in Częstochowa and the Divine Mercy Basilica in Krakow as well as visits to Auschwitz, Wadowice and the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Masses will be celebrated by Fr Neil in different churches each day. The cost is expected to be around £1000–£1200, which includes return flights, airport duty and taxes, one suitcase, six nights' half-board (dinner, bed and breakfast), excursions and a travel representative. If you are interested, please speak to Ilona on 07904 680885 for more details or to sign up.
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of Spaghetti, Tomato Soup and Custard; Bottles of Squash (not orange); Boxes of 80 Tea Bags and Packets of Sweet Biscuits please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome thank you for all your donations they 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
- **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

- 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 Parish Office is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/news

Diocesan Recruitment: Due to expansion of the Schools Singing Programme (SSP), the Diocese are seeking to recruit a Choral Director who will work within the Diocesan Education Service and alongside two existing Choral Directors. The person appointed will be responsible for the SSP in our diocesan schools in Surrey. Further information can be found at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/choral

Mental Health Awareness training, Saturday 9 May 2026 10-3pm in Crawley - Tickets £40: One of the challenges we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions and how we can meet this challenge in our parish communities. To register: [Mental Health Awareness training \(09-May-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Enquiries: Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE: ‘Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan is not a restructuring for survival, but the lens through which we view everything, so that our parishes and communities can thrive in the new situation of the change of era. During this time when the world is becoming ever more polarised and the Gospel itself can be weaponised to support ideology, our parishes, however we configure them, have to become that place of truth and calm, able to respond to the restlessness and curiosity that we see around us. For this we need the courage to nudge us out of our comfort zones and to try something new and Spirit-led. Yet none of this is in our own strength, which is why the first pillar of the Pastoral Plan will always be prayer.’ [Canon Kieron O’Brien, Episcopal Vicar for Implementation of the Pastoral Plan]