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3rd Sunday of Easter
Weekend 3rd / 4th May 2025

Saturday 03/05	6pm	Battle	3rd Sunday of Easter	Peggy Barnes, RIP
Sunday 04/05	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 04/05	11am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 05/05	NO MASS			
Tuesday 06/05	NO MASS			
Wednesday 07/05 30/04	10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide	No Intention followed by coffee & cake
Thursday 08/05	6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide	Paul Evers, RIP
Friday 09/05	10am	Battle	Friday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Saturday 10/05	6pm	Battle	4th Sunday of Easter	Mr Epiphany Fernandes, RIP
Sunday 11/05	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish followed by coffee & cake
	11am	Battle		Paul Weller, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

- **First reading First reading: Acts 13:14, 43b-52**

Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

- **Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17**

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.

- **Gospel: John 10:27-30**

I give eternal life to my sheep.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser.

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:

Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP, Cilla Wintle RIP, Paul Weller RIP, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP.

- **NEW PARISH OPEN MEETING:** Date for your diary - Thursday 22nd May, 6.30pm - 8.00pm, in Concordia Hall (Church Road St Leonards-on-Sea TN37 6HB) for the "St Leonard's Hub" of our New Parish (Bexhill, St Leonard's, Hastings, Battle, Rye) - an opportunity for a detailed update on the practical developments towards our becoming a New Parish, and the ways everyone is invited to be part of this important work.
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10am 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.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Potatoes; Tins of Cold Meat; Tins of Fish (not Tuna) and Bottles of Mayonnaise please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Everyone is very welcome to join us for coffee and cake after the following Masses this coming week:**
 - Battle:** Wednesday 7th May after the 10am Mass.
 - Northiam:** Sunday 11th May after the 9am Mass
- **Rwanda Action bring & buy and plant sale this Tuesday 6th May:** David and Sally warmly invite you to a Bring & Buy sale of cakes, craft and plants in support of the work in Rwanda at The Old Cottage, Mackerel Hill, Peasmarsh, TN31 6TB 10am – 5pm.
- **Parish 100 Club Winners for April:**
 - £12 – Mary Chirnside, £24 – Wendy Atkinson
 - Congratulations to you both!

- **CAFOD Lent Challenge 2025** - John Reid would like to thank everyone who supported him in meeting the challenge of walking 200km in the forty days of Lent. A wonderful £805 has been raised for CAFOD - and his knees have survived!
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm

Diocesan run news/events

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➤ **Grandparents' Pilgrimage - Worth Abbey - 11 June 10am - 3.30pm**

You are warmly invited to join the Grandparent Parish Groups at our annual day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life. To register your place, scan the QR code on the poster or go to the Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked. This can be found at

W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk, M: 07415

Vatican News

Conclave to elect new Pope to begin on May 7th

The Cardinals present in Rome have agreed to begin the conclave on May 7th, 2025.

They made the decision at the Fifth General Congregation, held on Monday morning in the Vatican's Synod Hall. The conclave will take place in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel, which will remain closed to visitors during those days.

What happens during the conclave?

The conclave will be preceded by a solemn Eucharistic celebration with the votive Mass *Pro Eligendo Papa*, attended by the Cardinal electors. In the afternoon, the Cardinal electors proceed in a solemn procession to the Sistine Chapel, where the Conclave begins to elect the new Pope. At the end of the procession inside the Sistine Chapel, each Cardinal elector takes the oath as prescribed in paragraph 53 of *Universi Dominici Gregis*. Through this oath, they commit, if elected, to faithfully fulfill the *Munus Petrinum* as Pastor of the Universal Church. They also pledge to maintain absolute secrecy regarding everything related to the election of the Roman Pontiff and to refrain from supporting any attempts of external interference in the election. At this point, the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations proclaims *extra omnes*, meaning that all individuals who are not part of the Conclave must leave the Sistine Chapel. Only the Master himself and the ecclesiastic designated to deliver



the second meditation remain. This meditation focuses on the grave responsibility that rests upon the electors and the necessity of acting with pure intentions for the good of the Universal Church, keeping only God before their eyes.

Once the meditation is delivered, both the ecclesiastic and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations leave. The Cardinal electors then recite prayers according to the *Ordo Sacrorum Rituum Conclavis* and listen to the Cardinal Dean, who asks whether they are ready to proceed with voting or if any clarifications regarding the rules and procedures. All election procedures take place exclusively in the Sistine Chapel within the Vatican Apostolic Palace, which remains completely sealed off until the election is concluded. Throughout the election process, the Cardinal electors must refrain from sending letters or engaging in conversations, including phone calls, except in cases of extreme urgency. They are not allowed to send or receive messages of any kind, receive newspapers or magazines of any nature, or follow radio or television broadcasts.

How many votes are required to elect a Pope?

To validly elect a new Pope, a two-thirds majority of the electors present is required. If the total number of electors is not evenly divisible by three, an additional vote is necessary. If voting begins on the afternoon of the first day, there will be only one ballot. On subsequent days, two ballots are held in the morning and two in the afternoon. After the votes are counted, all ballots are burned. If the ballot was inconclusive, a chimney positioned over the Sistine Chapel emits black smoke. If a Pope is elected, white smoke will billow out of the chimney. If the electors fail to reach an agreement on a candidate after three days of inconclusive voting, a break of up to one day is allowed for prayer, free discussion among voters, and a brief spiritual exhortation by the Cardinal Proto-Deacon (Cardinal Dominique Mamberti).

What happens immediately after a new Pope is elected?

Once the Cardinals have elected a new Pope, the last of the Cardinal Deacons calls the Secretary of the College of Cardinals and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations into the Sistine Chapel. The Dean of the College, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, speaking on behalf of all the electors, asks for the elected candidate's consent with the following words: "Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?" Upon receiving consent, he then asks: "What name do you wish to be called?" The functions of a notary, with two Ceremonial Officers as witnesses, are carried out by the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations, who drafts the document of acceptance and records the chosen name. From this moment, the newly-elected Pope acquires full and supreme authority over the universal Church. The Conclave ends immediately at this point. The Cardinal electors then pay homage and pledge obedience to the new Pope, and thanks are given to God. The Cardinal Proto-Deacon then announces to the faithful the election and the name of the new Pontiff with the famous line: "*Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum; Habemus Papam.*" Immediately afterward, the new Pope gives the Apostolic Blessing *Urbi et Orbi* from the Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica. The final step required is that, after the solemn inauguration ceremony of the Pontificate and within a suitable time, the new Pope formally takes possession of the Patriarchal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran.