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BATTLE**
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Divine Mercy Sunday
(2nd Sunday of Easter)
Weekend 6th / 7th April 2024

Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays
Arundel and Brighton Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

Saturday 06/04 6pm	Battle	Divine Mercy Sunday (2 nd Sunday of Easter)	People of the Parish
Sunday 07/04 9am	Northiam		Frances Norah Hare, RIP (FM)
Sunday 07/04 11am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 08/04	NO MASS		
Tuesday 09/04 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 2 nd Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Wednesday 10/04 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 2 nd Week of Eastertide	Fr Martin Jakabus, RIP followed by The Rosary
Thursday 11/04 6.30am	Battle	Saint Stanislaus	Intention of Mark Adams
Friday 12/04 10am	Battle	Friday of the 2 nd Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Saturday 13/04 6pm	Battle	3 rd Sunday of Easter	No Intention
Sunday 14/04 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 14/04 11am	Battle		No Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19**

God glorified Jesus by raising him back to life.

- **Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5**

True love of Jesus means listening to him and obeying his word.

- **Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

Jesus appears to the disciples hiding in the Upper Room and, instead of condemning their Good Friday cowardice, offers a greeting of peace.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Michael Conroy, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Ruth Ayres, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence.

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:

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP.

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. New members always welcome! Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. Contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank** – needs this week are Tins of Ham; Boxes of 40 Tea Bags; 500gm bags of sugar; Treats (not chocolate); Cat and Dog Food (Wet and Dry) - toiletries, baby items and household items are always welcome thank you so much.
- **The Gift:** An Eastertide series of 6 inspiring sessions on the role and gifts of the Holy Spirit. A great way to prepare together for all the important changes as the Deanery becomes a single new Parish in the coming months. Rooted in Scripture, Church Teaching and reflections from Pope Francis. Weekly on Thursdays from 11 April - 16 May, in Our Lady of Ransom Parish Hall (Eastbourne) from 11.45am – 1.15 pm, with refreshments, after the 11.00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend!
- 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, thank you.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

Diocesan run events/news

➤ **Youth Ministry Training - 20 April and 18 May at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**

Do you want to see more young people in your Parish? Sign up for the Diocesan two-day Youth Ministry Training course. Be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

➤ **Children's Liturgy Saturday 18 May**

Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. This will take place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Poster attached for display in your parish.

➤ **Mental Health Awareness Seminar** – A choice of two dates - Saturday 13 April in Crawley or Saturday 15 June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese)

Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK. The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(13-Apr-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

➤ **Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June**

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Poster attached for display in your Parish.

➤ **Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham**

By kind invitation of Bishop Richard Moth all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes

In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. The Group's origins come from partnerships between religious sisters and police in London, and a meeting at a Hertfordshire

Church Parish Hall. It now has partners in over 40 countries; from acorns oak trees grow. Places can be booked through the attached link Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation (29-Jun-2024) · ChurchSuite Events If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.tickets@abdiocese.org.uk

- The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist
 - it's a great way to stay in touch!
- You can also find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese through the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Vatican News

Pope Francis: A priest's primary obligation is to keep love alive

"Love, the first love, is what has called us all here, and keeping it alive is our principal obligation," Pope Francis said Thursday to Latin American formators and seminarians.

In prepared remarks consigned to members of the Latin-American, Brazilian, and Mexican Pontifical Colleges, Pope Francis said, "Every vocation is born of a love of predilection," while reminding priests that God "has given us a special task which draws us closer to Him: to give ourselves for others."



Acting in persona Christi

To act, as priests do, *in persona Christi*, "in the person of Christ," is to be "a true icon of Jesus," he continued, through prayer, the generous offering of one's very self, and humility.

Pope Francis explained that prayer means presenting "each concrete situation to the presence of God."

Self-giving, Eucharistic, offering of one's whole being, the Pope said, involves not just a "theoretical readiness for martyrdom, but a radical acceptance that we are here to do His will and renounce our own."

Finally, humility means "knowing that I myself am on the journey, in need of prayer, even more than those I have been called to serve."

The Holy Father invited priests and seminarians not "to underestimate the power of the intercession of those whom God has placed in your path." In a word, he said, "rely on the prayers of all the members of the faithful people of God; and do not forget to pray for your pastors and for me."

Pope Francis concluded by invoking upon them Jesus' blessing and the watchful care of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas.