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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**  
**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Saturday 26/04	6pm	Battle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	People of the Parish
Sunday 27/04	9am	Northiam		Amelia Brassier & Annie Wood, RIP (FM)
Sunday 27/04	11am	Battle		In Thanksgiving
Monday 28/04	NO MASS			
Tuesday 29/04	6.30pm	Battle	St Catherine of Siena	Monica Lees (Jane) Bergin, RIP (FM)
Wednesday 30/04	10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Eastertide	Carmel Worboyes, RIP
Thursday 01/05	6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Friday 02/05	10am	Battle	Saint Athanasius	Intention of Theresa Salter
Saturday 03/05	6pm	Battle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Sunday 04/05	9am	Northiam		No Intention
	11am	Battle		No Intention

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- **First reading Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41**

We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.

- **Second Reading: Second reading Revelation 5:11-14**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.

- **Gospel: John 21:1-19**

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **Battle Foodbank:** needs this week are Tins of Sweetcorn; Tins of Cold Meat; Tins of Potatoes; Small bags of sugar and cartons of long life juice please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Everyone is very welcome to join us for coffee and cake after the following Masses:**  
**Battle:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May after the 10am Mass.  
**Northiam:** Sunday 11th May after the 9am Mass
- **Rwanda Action bring & buy and plant sale Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk)
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm

## Diocesan run news/events

### **Diocesan run events**

#### ➤ **Mass for the Pope on Sunday**

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for the Repose of the Pope's Soul at Arundel Cathedral at 11am on Sunday 27 April. All are welcome. To watch the Mass via livestream visit: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream)

#### ➤ **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](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk), M: 07415

## Vatican News

### **Pope Francis' coffin will be sealed during a liturgical rite held in St. Peter's Basilica on Friday, April 25, at 8:00pm.**

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, will preside at the Rite of Sealing of the Coffin of the late Pope Francis, ahead of the papal funeral on Saturday morning.

The liturgical rite will be attended by several Cardinals and Holy See officials.

It will mark the end of public viewing in St. Peter's Basilica, which has seen tens of thousands of people pay their respects to the late Pope.

As his mortal remains lie in state, over 50,000 people have filed past the Altar of the Confession in the 24 hours since the Vatican Basilica opened to the faithful on Wednesday morning.





St. Peter's Basilica remained open until 5:30am on Thursday, closing for an hour and a half before reopening at 7:00am.

The Office for the Liturgical Celebrations requested the presence at the Rite of Sealing of the Coffin on Friday of Cardinals Giovanni Battista Re, Pietro Parolin, Roger Mahony, Dominique Mamberti, Mauro Gambetti, Baldassare Reina, and Konrad Krajewski.

Those assisting the rite will also include Archbishop Edgar Peña Parra, Archbishop Ilson de Jesus Montanari, Monsignor Leonardo Sapienza, the Canons of the Vatican Chapter, the Ordinary Minor Penitentiaries of the Vatican, the late Pope's secretaries, and others admitted by the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations, Archbishop Diego Ravelli.



Pope Francis' funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 10:00am in St. Peter's Square, marking the beginning of the Novendiales, an ancient tradition of nine days of mourning and Masses for the repose of the late Pope's soul.

The Novendiales Masses will be held each day at 5:00am (GMT +2) in St. Peter's Basilica, except for the Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, which will take place at 10:30am in St. Peter's Square.

**In Loving Memory of His Holiness Pope Francis 1936 -2025**

