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**Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities**

**Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!**

*Happy*  
**EASTER**



**Easter Sunday**

**Weekend 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

<b>Holy Saturday 30/03 8pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil &amp; First Mass of the Resurrection</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 31/03 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 31/03 11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Paulo Acconci, RIP</b>
<b>Monday 01/04</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 02/04</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Wednesday 03/04 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Easter Wednesday</b>	<b>Fr Michael McGlade, RIP followed by Coffee &amp; cake</b>
<b>Thursday 04/04</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Friday 05/04 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Easter Friday</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 06/04 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 07/04 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>Frances Norah Hare, RIP (FM)</b>
<b>Sunday 07/04 11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>No Intention</b>

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

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- **First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.

- **Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us.

- **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

**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!
- **Save the Date – Memorial Service for Lawrence Youlten, RIP:** Many of you have asked whether there will be a Memorial Service for Lawrence, well your prayers have been answered! Please save the date: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm at St Teresa's**, followed by tea and cake – everyone will be very welcome.
- 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 for a Happy and Holy Easter.

### News from our Diocese

#### Diocesan run events/news

- **A Parish Community?:** One of the aspects of the Pastoral Plan and the components that give us encouragement and affirmation in our faith journey is the strength and inclusive heart of our Parish Community. Building this sense of belonging and welcome to all, founded in our faith, is something we can help and support you with over the coming months. To find out how you can build "Our Parish Community, a family for all" contact E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Catechists and Youth Group Leaders:** The Diocesan Youth Adviser is keen to provide support to anyone who works with young people in our Church communities, and to do this she wants to hear more about what your needs are. To enable this, she has created a very quick questionnaire that will take two minutes to complete. You can find it here <https://forms.office.com/e/BY5LhvDGZD> or E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Children's Liturgy Saturday 18 May:** Please note that we have had to move the date of this training from April to 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](#)
- **Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024:** A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>
- **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](#) or use the QR code below to take you to the registration page.

- **Adoremus 2024 – Cost £40 per person:** Join Bishop Richard at Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott, Birmingham and the place where the first Eucharistic procession took place after the restoration of the Church in Britain. The day will include a keynote address, Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including an Acutis presentation, Rosary walk and Adoration in the Chapel. Parking is available at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley but please arrive in good time to board the coach which will depart promptly at 6.45am. The coach will depart Birmingham at 6pm. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your ticket please see the attached link [Adoremus 2024 \(14-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

### Vatican News

#### **Pope Francis: Youth are living hope of a Church on the move**

The “certainty” that “Christ is alive and He wants you to be alive” has inspired Pope Francis to write again to young people, on the fifth anniversary of his Apostolic Exhortation, [\*Christus vivit\*](#), written in the wake of the 2018 Synod on “young people, faith, and vocational discernment.”

“Above all,” Pope Francis says in the message released on Monday, “I would like my words to be a source of renewed hope” to young people who may feel discouraged in a world “marked by so many conflicts and so much suffering.”

**Christ is alive and loves you:** The Holy Father assures young people that “Christ is alive and He loves you with an infinite love.” The Holy Father invites them to “walk with Him as a friend, welcome Him into your life, and let Him share all the joys and hopes, the problems and struggles of this time in your life.” He goes on to remind people of the “great mission” they have received “to bear witness before everyone to the joy born of friendship with Christ,” reminding them of his invitation to make their voices heard and his encouragement to “make a mess,” famously expressed in Spanish as “¡Hagan lío!” Living in the presence of Jesus, the Pope tells young people, will allow their “memory of the past” to prove fruitful and help them to “find courage in the present” and “face the future with hope.”

**The hope of the Church ‘on the move’:** The Exhortation *Christus vivit*, Pope Francis says, “is the fruit of a Church that wants to move forward together by listening, dialogue, and the constant discernment of the Lord’s will,” the result of the 2018 Synod on Youth that prepared the way for the current Synod on Synodality.

“Now, at this new stage in our ecclesial journey,” the Pope says to young people, “we need more than ever to draw upon your creativity in order to explore new paths, always in fidelity to our roots.” Reminding the youth that they are “the living hope of the Church on the move,” Pope Francis thanks them for their presence in and contribution to the life of the Church. He concludes his message by encouraging them “never to leave us without your good way of ‘making a mess’; your drive, like that of a clean and well-tuned engine; and your own particular way of living and proclaiming the joy of the risen Jesus!”

