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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays



**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

<b>Saturday 25/04</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Veronica Molloy, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 26/04</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP</b>
<b>Monday 27/04</b>	<b>Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Monica Lees (Jane) Bergin, RIP (FM)</b>
<b>Tuesday 28/04</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
<b>Wednesday 29/04</b>	<b>Saint Catherine of Siena</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Barbara High, RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 30/04</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
<b>Friday 01/05</b>	<b>Saint Joseph the Worker</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 02/05</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Peggy Barnes, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 03/05</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Tommy O'Shaughnessy, RIP – followed by coffee &amp; cake</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**This weekend there will be a Second Collection for  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Education of Priests (Gift Aid)**

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 6:1-7**  
They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.
- **Second reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**  
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
- **Gospel: John 14:1-12**  
I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

### **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, Phil & 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:**

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter RIP.

- **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. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!
- **RED Box 2025:** Thank you! In 2025 Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael R.C. Church raised £1471.13 through our red boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael RC Church is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more.
- **SVP South Sudan Fundraising Appeal no.1 – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026:** Can you help one of the poorest countries in the world? Our aim is to raise £900 and we need your help! The event is on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon at Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Upper Church Road, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 7AS. It's £5 entry

and children under 12 are free. Buffet lunch is included. There will also be entertainment, raffle, Table sale, cake sale, Irish Coffee plus tea/coffee/cold drinks. Please see the poster for more details.

- **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:** Boxes of Cereal; Tins of Spaghetti; Packets of Sweet Biscuits; Small jars of coffee and Tins of Tomato Soup please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations which 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](mailto:info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk) Website: [www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- The Parish Office is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

## Diocesan run events/news

**Volunteers needed for Young Adult Retreat days - Would you be interested in being a small group leader, refreshment maker or prayer minister at our diocesan Young Adult retreats?** The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton are looking to run Young Adult retreat days for those aged 18-35 across the diocese. Each will be a day of Faith, Fellowship, Formation and Food! But we need your help...if you are aged 18+ and are interested in supporting these events, please email the Diocesan Youth Project Officer, Bex Driver E:[bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk)

## External news

### **One Hope Project Academy**

The OHP Academy is a six-month online worship school for aspiring worship leaders, musicians and songwriters who want to invest in their leadership, grow in their practical gifting in order to serve in their context and go deeper in their journey of faith. One Hope Project has over a decade's experience in leading worship, writing songs and equipping others and they want to share their learning with you! Most importantly they have spent a number of years following Jesus and want to encourage you on your journey of following Jesus too! Applications close 31 August 2026, start date 23 September 2026. If you are interested in taking part in the OHP Academy, please email [info@onehopeproject.co.uk](mailto:info@onehopeproject.co.uk). Email Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: [bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk) to discuss the support offered by A&B Diocese alongside the course.

**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]