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BATTLE**
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Weekend 20th / 21st April 2024

Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays

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Saturday 20/04 6pm	Battle	Fourth Sunday of Easter	No Intention
Sunday 21/04 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 21/04 11am	Battle		Intention of Kamilla Koss-Sulkowska
Monday 22/04	NO MASS		
Tuesday 23/04 6.30pm	Battle	Saint George, Martyr	No Intention
Wednesday 24/04 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 4th Week of Eastertide	Jennifer Keeling, RIP (FM) followed by The Rosary
Thursday 25/04 6.30am	Battle	Saint Mark, Evangelist	Beatrice May Durrell, RIP (FM)
Friday 26/04 10am	Battle	Friday of the 4th Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Saturday 27/04 6pm	Battle	5th Sunday of Easter	Peggy Barnes, RIP
Sunday 28/04 9am	Northiam		Amelia Brasier & Annie Wood, RIP (FM)
Sunday 28/04 11am	Battle		People of the Parish

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for Racial Justice Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 9:26-31**

Saul preaches fearlessly in the name of the Lord on his return to Jerusalem.

- **Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24**

Whoever keeps Christ's commandments lives in God and God lives in them.

- **Gospel: John 15:1-8**

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

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.
- **We need more Readers for the Sunday 11am Mass at Battle please.** It doesn't have to be every week, but we are very short of people to cover if our regular readers are away, and it would be lovely to give new people a chance if they wish. Please let Fr Richard, Kate or the office know, if you would like to put your name down. Very many thanks.
- **There will be Coffee & Cake at St Teresa's after the 9am Mass on Sunday 5th May** – everyone is very welcome!
- **Missio – Red Boxes, Battle & Northiam:** In 2023, Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael with St Teresa of Lisieux together raised £1357.78 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 with St Teresa of Lisieux is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Ignatius MHW working with a rural community in Uganda, enables peoples to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.
- **Christians in Battle – United Pentecost Service, Sunday 19th May, 4pm at Battle Baptist Church:** If anyone would like to get involved, please let Kate know and she can pass your name on. Here are potential roles: - Musicians/singers; Welcomers/stewards; Help with refreshments; Readers (bible reading); To lead Intercessions

- 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.
* Please note the office will be closed from Thursday 18th April until the following Thursday 25th April for annual leave. Please contact Fr Richard direct with anything urgent, richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk or mobile: 07721 397895 *
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

Diocesan run events/news

➤ **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](#)

➤ **Mental Health Awareness Seminar –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](#)

➤ **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.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

➤ 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 calls for every effort for dialogue and peace in Mideast

Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal on Sunday following [the Regina Coeli](#), when he called for a stop to any actions that may fuel the "spiral of violence" in the Middle East that risk plunging the region into an even wider war. The Pope said he is following with "prayer and concern, even sorrow" the news arriving in recent hours about the worsening situation in Israel following the intervention by Iran. He emphasised that nobody should threaten the existence of others, and that instead all nations should "take the side of peace," helping Israelis and Palestinians to live in two States, side by side, in security. He added, "it is their deep and legitimate desire, and it is their right! Two neighbouring States."



Humanitarian emergency: The Pope renewed his appeal for a ceasefire in Gaza and that the path of negotiation be pursued "with determination." Recalling the suffering of the population in Gaza, "plunged into a humanitarian catastrophe," he called for every effort to alleviate their suffering. He prayed that "the hostages kidnapped months ago be released!"

Help for children in war: The Pope also renewed his prayers for children around the world who are suffering due to the many wars in our world, mentioning in particular Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar. He called on everyone to pray for them and for peace in our world. In speaking about the burden children bear due to war, the Pope also recalled that from 25-26 May, the Church will mark the first World Children's Day. Greeting the children present in Saint Peter's Square and those watching around the world, he thanked them for their efforts to promote this day and assured them of his prayerful accompaniment as they journey toward the event with their preparations underway. He said he is awaiting them and encouraged them to share their joy and desire for a better world, a world at peace.