OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL, BATTLE with

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent Weekend 5th / 6th April 2025

Saturday 05/04	6 pm	Battle	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Frances Norah Hare, RIP (FM)
Sunday 06/04	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake
Sunday 06/04	11am	Battle		Intention of Elizabeth Salter
Monday 07/04	NO MASS			
Tuesday 08/04	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 5 th Week of Lent	No Intention
Wednesday 09/04	10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 5 th Week of Lent	Special Intention
Thursday 10/04	6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 5 th Week of Lent	No Intention
Friday 11/04	10am	Battle	Friday of the 5 th Week of Lent	Intention of Fenella Jupp
Saturday 12/04	6pm	Battle	Palm Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 13/04	9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 13/04	11am	Battle		Intention of Alan & Anne Gavin 50 th Wedding Anniversary

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Palm Sunday

- First Reading: Luke 19:28-40
 Jesus receives the acclaim of his followers as he rides into Jerusalem on an unbroken colt.
- Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Though he humbles himself for our sake, God raised him to be Lord of all.
- Gospel: Luke 22:14 23:56

 St Luke recounts the story of Jesus' last Passover: how he was arrested, tried, tortured and crucified.

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.

- **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 battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- Battle Foodbank: Our needs this week are Tins of Hot Meat; Jars of Pasta Sauce; Packets of Spaghetti; Tins of Sweetcorn; Packets of Sweet Biscuits; 500gm bags of Sugar and Cat and Dog Food wet and dry please any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Gift Aid Envelopes 2025-2026:** If you use envelopes for your Gift Aid donations, the new year's envelopes are available at the back of the Church for you to collect. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.
- **First Aid Course:** Thank you to people who have already responded and would like to take part in this course. We still need a few more people please from both Parishes. The course is fully certified and will be funded by the Parish. Please contact Maggie on 01424 773125 or e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.
- Sunday 6th April at St. Teresa's, Northiam 9am Mass: There will be coffee and cake after Mass at St. Teresa's. All are welcome!
- Easter Readers Please: This coming weekend Kate will be putting up the notices for volunteer readers for Palm Sunday and Easter week. We encourage people to sign up!
- Advance Notice Memorial Service for Lawrence Youlten: The Youlten family is holding a memorial service for Lawrence on Saturday 28th June at 11am, and you

would be very welcome to join us. The service will be held at St Thomas' Church, Winchelsea, TN36 4EB. Followed by a reception at The New Inn, Winchelsea, TN36 4EN. RSVP lydialucy@icloud.com Best wishes, Lydia (Lawrence's granddaughter).

- **Rwanda Action Greetings Cards:** Thank you to all the parishioners at Northiam and Battle who recently bought cards in support of young disabled people, training in Rwanda. We raised £75. Thank you! If you missed the opportunity to buy your Easter cards (and other lovely cards), please visit our online Shop at www.rwanda-action.org
- The Newman Association Eastbourne & Bexhill Circle: The next Newman talk is by Deacon Simon Kirkdale who will speak about The Diaconate and the role of the Deacon in today's church. 7.30pm Thursday 10th April, Christ the King Parish Room, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne BN23 6HT.
- Our Lady of Ransom Eastbourne Catholic Parish Event: Friday 11th April 2025
 Men's Way of the Cross Over the Cliffs and Through the Night!

 Join us on this 5-6 hour night walk of the stations of the cross along the hills of beachy head. As we are challenged physically in this silent endeavour so doors to our spiritual life can be opened. Following Christ in the moder world can be hard and here we play out the task of taking up our crosses to follow him. This provides an opportunity to renew our dedication

We gather at Our Lady of Ranson church, 2-4 Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU

- o 9pm-10pm: Registration, Adoration and Confessions
- 10pm 11pm: Holy Mass

and vocation as men of faith.

- o 11pm: We start our Way of the Cross!
- o 4am-6am (approx): We are back at the Church
- 15 minutes for silent adoration and testimonials (if someone wishes to share)
 followed by a hearty breakfast in the Church hall!

For more information go to: https://christthekingeastbourne.org/mens-way-of-the-cross/

- 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.
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm

Diocesan run news/events

➤ **Grandparent Groups across the Diocese:** We are all on a journey towards the new Diocesan structure and ambition to build "Communities of Communities". We have, for several years, been working to build a network of Grandparent groups across the Diocese. Our parish groups come together twice a year from across the Diocese, for a day of prayer and friendship (11th June this year) and for a day of formation and sharing ideas to bring our youngsters to Church and to support and affirm each other (25th September this year). We currently have 12 groups up and running now. Each group is organised and led by the parish members for the parish members. As part of the faith journey and affirmation of the importance of Grandparents in our youngsters' lives, we produce a

- newsletter "Grand news" three times a year. The Lenten copy is attached to this newsletter. If anyone from our Parish would enjoy setting up and leading a group or would like to find out more information, you can make contact with our Grandparent Group Diocesan leads Michael and Christine Evans cevansuk@btinternet.com
- ➤ CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.
- ➤ Liturgy of the Word with Children Saturday 26 April 10-1.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley: Come and join us for a morning exploring ways of delivering Children's Liturgy with Lucy Hall. How can we engage and connect with our youngsters as we prepare them to be fully immersed in the gift that is the Eucharist? Come along and share ideas with your fellow catechists and build your network of support and friendships across the Diocese. For more information, please contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk or phone M: 07415 306222.
- ➤ Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. Dating from around 1061, this was once one of the four principal shrines of Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Today, the Shrine attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season, with about 35 major pilgrimages from Catholic dioceses, parishes, societies and associations. Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place, please click here: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuu
- The Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked, can be found at W: https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events
- ➤ 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 do encourage parishioners to sign up it's a great way to stay in touch! You can click on the link to sign up mailto:mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist