

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**

with

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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The 4th Sunday of Lent
(Laetare Sunday)

Weekend 9th / 10th March 2024

Saturday 09/03 6pm	Battle	The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 10/03 9am	Northiam		Elizabeth Buckley, RIP
Sunday 10/03 11am	Battle		Marjorie & Jack Clemence, RIP
Monday 11/03	NO MASS		
Tuesday 12/03	Funeral of Katie Spall NO EVENING MASS		
Wednesday 13/03 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 4th Week of Lent	Intention of Joe Hanson
Thursday 14/03 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 4th Week of Lent	No Intention
Friday 15/03 10am	Battle	Friday of the 4th Week of Lent	Fr Michael Leonard Carroll, RIP (FM)
Saturday 16/03 6pm	Battle	Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Sunday 17/03 9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 17/03 11am	Battle		Richard Widenka, RIP
Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request			

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

- **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Jeremiah tells us of God's continuing patience with us even when we are most stubborn.

- **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

It is through Jesus' obedient suffering that we can be saved.

- **Gospel: John 12:20-33**

St John reveals to us Jesus' thoughts and apprehension about his coming suffering.

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:** Now the Church decoration is complete our Move-It Club has restarted in the Parish Room every Thursday at 10am. Come and give it a try – Lindsey is looking forward to welcoming new members! 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** – Our needs this week are Tins of Cold Meat; Sweet Treats (Not chocolate); Jars of Jam, Honey, Peanut Butter and Marmite; Bottles of Squash or Cartons of Juice; Tins of Dog and Cat Food please. Toiletries, Baby and Household items are always welcome - thank you so much.
- **Men's Way of the Cross - Over the Cliffs and Through the Night!**

Eastbourne Catholic Parishes are organising a way of the cross event for men to which we would like to invite you. On Friday 22nd March 2024: Men's Way of the Cross: 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 modern 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 and vocation as men of faith. We gather at Our Lady of ransom Church, 2-4 Grange Rd, Eastbourne BN21 4EU

 - 9PM - 10PM: Registration, Adoration and Confessions
 - 10PM - 11PM: Holy Mass
 - 11PM: We Start Our Way of the Cross!
 - 4-6am (approximately): 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!

Visit: www.menswayofthecross.co.uk for more information.

- **Rwanda Action Easter Cards and Gifts – on sale Sunday 24th March**

Beautiful cards and gifts, fresh from Rwanda, will be on sale after the 9 a.m. Mass at Northiam and after the 11a.m. Mass at Battle. Please support the disabled young people in our Craft workshop.

(The photo is of Jean who is deaf and learning to make cards)



- **The Bosco Catholic Education Trust**, which exists to serve Catholic schools in Sussex, invites you to consider taking on the wonderful role of being a governor. You could do this to help your local Catholic school or support the strategic development of the Trust itself. To register your interest, join our ‘talent pool’ and find out if this could be the role for you, please visit www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/. You have something unique to offer and we’d love to hear from you.
- 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.

News from our Diocese

➤ **Part-Time Assistant Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP
Part time (0.6 FTE). Salary £35,000-£40,000 FTE

Application deadline: 10 March Shortlisting: Thursday: 11 April

Interviews in Crawley: Friday 19 April 2024

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is seeking to recruit a part-time Assistant Safeguarding Coordinator to support the work of our Safeguarding team and facilitate safe environments and consistently high standards across our parish communities.

The Diocese is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church, supported by and in compliance with the policies and procedures of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. The successful applicant will have a minimum of three years’ experience in safeguarding, having worked to promote the needs of children, young people and adults at risk in a multi-agency setting. The post holder will be responsible for training and recruiting Parish Safeguarding Representatives and for deputising for the Safeguarding Co-ordinator, maintaining close links with statutory agencies, partner agencies, and MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements). Further details and information regarding how to apply, can be found via this link [P/T Assistant Safeguarding Co-ordinator | Careers \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://abdiocese.org.uk/careers)

Pope Francis: Let's all say 'Enough!' Stop the war in the Middle East

"Every day, in my heart, I carry the pain and suffering of the populations in Palestine and Israel due to the ongoing hostilities," said Pope Francis on Sunday in yet another heartfelt appeal for a ceasefire in Gaza.



And expressing grief for “the thousands of dead, the wounded, the displaced, the immense destruction that wreaks pain and suffering on the small and defenceless who see their future compromised.”

Pope Francis called on all men and women of goodwill to raise their cry for peace. Speaking during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square he asked: "Do we

really think we are building a better world in this way?"

“Enough, please. Let us all say: Enough, please!" he repeated: "Stop the war.”

Immediate ceasefire: The Pope continued with an appeal to continue negotiations for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and throughout the region, “so that the hostages may be freed and return to their anxiously awaiting loved ones, and so that the civilian population may have safe access to necessary and urgent humanitarian aid.”

And please, he concluded: “Don't forget tormented Ukraine, where many people die every day. It is a place of great sorrow.”

War since 7 October: Pope Francis' appeal on the Third Sunday of Lent is just the latest in many he has issued since the beginning of the war between Israel and Hamas on 7 October 2023. There are still 130 Israeli hostages in the hands of Hamas, with over 30 of them feared dead. The death toll of Palestinians killed by Israeli strikes on the Gaza strip has surpassed 30,000 with thousands more missing. At the same time, over 1.3 million people have been displaced and are facing a catastrophic humanitarian situation. Two-thirds of them are women and children.

Fears of famine in northern Gaza: The head of the Norwegian Refugee Council who has just returned from Gaza has said he believes there is now a famine in the north of the territory. Yan Egerlund told the BBC that he had been prepared for a nightmare, but what he saw was much worse. He said that was because Israel was not opening nearby border crossings to let aid in. He also condemned the United States, Germany and the UK for selling weapons to Israel. Over the weekend, Jordan and the USA jointly carried out airdrops of aid to Gaza. The U.S. Air Force said three planes carried 66 packs containing about 38,000 meals. Meanwhile, mediators in the Gaza conflict are meeting in Cairo to try to reach an agreement on a temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Israel has been waging a war on Gaza after Hamas sprang a deadly surprise attack on Israel in October. Since then, the war has killed 30,320 Palestinians and injured 71,533 in Gaza.