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Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays

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**Weekend 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

## PALM SUNDAY

<b>Saturday 01/04 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Nick Baggio, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 02/04 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>Rodney Atkinson, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 02/04 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 03/04</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 04/04 12noon</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>Funeral Mass of Richard Widenka</b>
<b>Tuesday 04/04 6pm</b>			<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 05/04 10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>No Intention Followed by Coffee &amp; Cake in the Parish Room</b>

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

### **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:**

- **First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43**  
Those who saw the Lord ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
- **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**  
St Paul, thrilled by the true life Christ gives us, calls on us to raise our eyes and thoughts to the things that are in heaven.
- **Gospel: John 20:1-9**  
Mary Magdalene, Peter and John find the Lord's tomb empty on Easter morning.

**Weekend 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**HOLY WEEK - EASTER SERVICES**

<b>Maundy Thursday 06/04 7pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Good Friday 07/04 12noon</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Good Friday 07/04 3pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Passion of Our Lord’s Supper</b>	
<b>Good Friday 07/04 7pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Taizé Service</b>	
<b>Holy Saturday 08/04 8pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil &amp; First Mass of the Resurrection</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 09/04 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 09/04 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request</b>			

**Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Second Sunday of Easter:**

- **First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47**  
The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles.
- **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**  
God the Father, in his great mercy, has given us a new birth as his sons and daughters, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.
- **Gospel: John 20:19-31**  
Jesus said to the disciples, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side.

**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, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

**From St Teresa's:** Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Lawrence Youtlen.

**Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:**

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Gerard Leahy, Mark Clemence RIP, Richard Widenka RIP, Jo Watkins.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office on 01424 773125 if you would like these visits to recommence, with a Minister or with Fr Richard direct on 07578 725914 or email [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the new letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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/>
- **Holy Week Ecumenical Early Morning Prayer:** This will take place in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's at 8am Monday to Thursday inclusive, followed by breakfast. The service will last about thirty minutes. We shall be leading on the Thursday morning. Please join us if you can.
- **Coffee and cake in the Parish Room** Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April after the 10.45am Mass in the Parish Room. Everyone is very welcome!
- **Knights of St Columba (KSC):** Easter posters from KSC are available at the back of the Church, you may like to take one to display in your window at home, reminding people of their continued good work. Thank you.
- **Parishioner Survey:** Thank you for all the ideas that have come in so far, we are still looking for more feedback so your thoughts and ideas on what sort of activities you would like to be held in our Parish Room would be very welcome and helpful – so keep them coming! Send either by e-mail or pop the form in the post-box outside the office. Thank you!
- **Battle Foodbank** – Needs this week are Packets of Cereal (not oats); Jars of Jam, Marmite and Peanut Butter; Sponge Puddings; Tins of Cold Meat; Pot Noodles and Decaf Tea and Coffee please. Whatever we receive is much appreciated, thank you.
- The office will be closed over the Easter period from Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and will reopen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Father Richard will not be available from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. If you have an emergency and need a priest during this time, please contact Bexhill 01424 210263 or St Leonards Parish 01424 420815. Thank you.

Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes for a Holy and Happy Easter.

## News from our Diocese

### **Diocesan run events**

- **Liturgy of the Word with Children - Saturday 13 May 2023 9.30-1pm The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley:** Training for liturgy leaders. Book your place through the diocesan website. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this training please email E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Annual Pilgrimage Day to West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. Wednesday 14 June 2023 11- 3pm.** This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Booking is now available through the diocesan website.
- **Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral**  
Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.
- **World Youth Day:** Are you aged 18-35? If you are, we invite you to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lisbon to meet with the Holy Father. 31 July -7 August 2023. Join millions of other young people from all over the world to celebrate our faith and make life long friendships. The week will include a trip to Fatima as well as all the amazing festival activities, not to mention Mass with Pope Francis. To find out more about this amazing opportunity please contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

We have also created a news page for Formation Team Events

W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events) which we will aim to keep live and updated.

## Vatican News

### **Pope Francis urges ethical use of artificial intelligence**

Pope Francis has applauded the benefits of technology and artificial intelligence, when used for the common good, but has warned against using AI unethically or irresponsibly. He did so when addressing the 'Minerva Dialogues,' a high-level annual gathering of scientists and experts, organized by the Vatican's Dicastery for Education and Culture, on Monday in the Vatican.

The assembly brings together experts from the world of technology – scientists, engineers, business leaders, lawyers and philosophers -and representatives of the Church – curial officials, theologians and ethicists – with the aim of studying and fostering greater awareness of the social and cultural impact of digital technologies, particularly artificial intelligence.

### **Responsible use of technology**

The Pope said he greatly values this ongoing dialogue, especially as it involves the discussion regarding the responsible use of technology, a discussion, he called, "open to religious values." *"I am convinced that dialogue between believers and nonbelievers on fundamental questions of ethics, science and art, and on the search for the meaning of life, is a path to peace and to*



*integral human development.*”

Technology is, and has been, he said, "immensely beneficial" to our human family, especially in the fields of medicine, engineering and communications.

In acknowledging the practical benefits of science and technology, he noted, "we also see them as evidence of the creativity of human beings and the nobility of their vocation to participate responsibly in God's creative action."

### **Acting ethically**

"From this perspective," he said, "I am convinced that the development of artificial intelligence and machine learning has the potential to contribute in a positive way to the future of humanity."

"At the same time," Pope Francis cautioned, "I am certain that this potential will be realized only if there is a constant and consistent commitment on the part of those developing these technologies to act ethically and responsibly."

*"It is reassuring to know that many people in these fields are working to ensure that technology remains human-centred, ethically grounded and directed toward the good."*

He expressed appreciation for the consensus which has emerged, on the need for "development processes" to "respect such values as inclusion, transparency, security, equity, privacy and reliability." He also welcomed efforts of international organizations to regulate these technologies, so that "they promote genuine progress, contributing, that is, to a better world and an integrally higher quality of life."

### **Intrinsic dignity of every man and woman**

*"I would therefore encourage you, in your deliberations, to make the intrinsic dignity of every man and woman the key criterion in evaluating emerging technologies; these will prove ethically sound to the extent that they help respect that dignity and increase its expression at every level of human life."*

"It is a source of concern to me that evidence to date suggests that digital technologies have increased inequality in our world," he lamented.

Certain questions, the Pope insisted, need to be raised.

"Are our national and international institutions able to hold technology companies accountable for the social and cultural impact of their products? Is there a risk that increased inequality could undermine our sense of human and social solidarity? Could we lose our sense of having a shared destiny?"

Our true goal, he said, must be for the growth of scientific and technological innovation to be accompanied by greater equality and social inclusion.

### **Data cannot measure human dignity**

"The concept of intrinsic human dignity requires us to recognize and respect the fact that a person's fundamental value cannot be measured by data alone," the Pope said. "In social and economic decision-making," he continued, "we should be cautious about delegating judgments to algorithms that process data, often collected surreptitiously, on an individual's makeup and prior behaviour. "

He warned that such data can be "contaminated" by societal prejudices and preconceptions. "A person's past behaviour," he noted, "should not be used to deny him or her the opportunity to change, grow and contribute to society. "

*"We cannot allow algorithms to limit or condition respect for human dignity, or to exclude compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and above all, the hope that people are able to change."*

Pope Francis concluded by offering his prayerful good wishes, thanking those present for their efforts to listen to and reflect on each other's contributions.