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BATTLE**
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Third Sunday of Easter
Weekend 13th / 14th April 2024

Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays

Arundel and Brighton Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878

Saturday 13/04 6pm	Battle	Third Sunday of Easter	No Intention
Sunday 14/04 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 14/04 11am	Battle		Private Intention
Monday 15/04	NO MASS		
Tuesday 16/04 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Wednesday 17/04 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide	Bernard Chasty, RIP (FM) followed by The Rosary
Thursday 18/04 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide	Intention of Mark Adams
Friday 19/04 10am	Battle	Friday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Saturday 20/04 6pm	Battle	4th Sunday of Easter	No Intention
Sunday 21/04 9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 21/04 11am	Battle		People of the Parish

**There will be a retiring collection next weekend for World Day of Prayer for
Vocations Education of Priests (Gift Aid)**

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

Peter publicly and courageously proclaims that it is only in the name of Jesus that anyone can be saved.

- **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

John promises that although God has already lavished incredible love upon us by transforming us into children of God, the best is yet to come.

- **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Jesus calls himself a “good” shepherd because he freely lays down his life for his sheep, because he “knows” his sheep in the rich scriptural sense of living in intimate union with them and because he shares his life with them, as the Son shares life with the Father.

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.
- **Rwanda Action Easter Cards and Craft Sale:** Thank you so much to everyone who bought cards and craft from Sally on Palm Sunday. You helped us raise a wonderful £85 towards training young people with disability in Rwanda. We have an online Shop where you can purchase cards and craft from Rwanda. For more information about the work of Rwanda Action and to access the online shop, please visit www.rwanda-action.org
- **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

- **Parish 100 Club congratulations to the winners of the March draw!**
£12 - Joe Hanson £24 - Deanna Holland
- 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

Diocesan run events/news

- **Youth Ministry Training - 20 April and 18 May at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**
Do you want to see more young people in your Parish? Sign up for the Diocesan two-day Youth Ministry Training course. Be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
- **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 – A choice of two dates - Saturday 13 April in Crawley or 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: May the Lord give leaders the capacity to pause and mediate for peace

Pope Francis on Sunday invoked political leaders to pause and make efforts to mediate, to negotiate a path to peace. Speaking during the Regina Coeli address, the Holy Father invited the faithful not to fail in continuing to pray for peace: “A just, lasting peace, especially for the tormented Ukraine and for Palestine and Israel.” And reiterating his tireless appeal to those



in power to do everything possible to stop ongoing conflicts, he prayed to the Risen Lord to enlighten and sustain those engaged in efforts to negotiate a political solution.

“May the spirit of the Risen Lord enlighten and sustain all those who work to decrease the tension, and encourage gestures that make negotiations possible,” he said. And directing his appeal to political leaders he said: “May the Lord give the leaders the ability to pause a little to mediate, to negotiate.”

Repeated appeals: On every possible occasion, the Holy Father has tirelessly appealed for peace and restraint, and for prayers for millions of innocent people caught up in conflicts worldwide. In particular, he has invited people to pray almost daily and urged leaders to negotiate since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, and since the start of the war between Israel and Hamas that was triggered by the killing – by Hamas – of over 1,300 people and the abduction of 250 others on 7 October 2023, sparking six months of relentless Israeli bombings on Gaza that have killed over 33,000 Palestinians.