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**Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

<b>Saturday 18/05 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>Geoffrey Paul Oliver, RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 19/05 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 19/05 11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Intention of Rosemarie O'Brien</b>

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 25/05 6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Morgan, Ignatius &amp; Jane Finucane RIP, (FM)</b>
<b>Sunday 26/05 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 26/05 11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>No Intention</b>

**There will be a retiring collection next weekend for  
Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid) Diocese of Chulucanas**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Most Holy Trinity**

- **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40**

God rules in heaven and on Earth.

- **Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

The Spirit of God inspires us to be enthusiastic witnesses to God's presence in our lives and in the world.

- **Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

On a mountain in Galilee, Jesus calls on his followers to make disciples of, and baptise, all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He promises to be with them to the end of time.

**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 Youtlen.

**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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- **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.
- **Sheila Kaye Smith Memorial Day at St Teresa's Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm-3.30pm.** Please join us to celebrate the memorial of Sheila Kaye Smith, just bring a plate to share and a chair (if you have one), and pray for a sunny day! Looking forward to seeing you there.
- **Thursday 30th May, 7.30pm, talk by Fr. Kevin Dring on "Sexuality and gender issues within contemporary Catholic thought".** St. Martha's Church Hall, Cooden Sea Road, Bexhil TN39 4SP. Fr. Kevin is parish priest at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne. Further information from Alex 07957632208
- **Battle Foodbank** – we are quite well stocked at the moment but could do with Jars of Marmite; 500gm bags of sugar; Packets of plain biscuits like Digestives, Rich Tea or similar please - Toiletries, Baby and Household items are always welcome thank you so much.
- **Message from Michelle, Foodbank Manager:** I'm delighted to be able to write to you and share that we are launching our in-house Welfare Rights Advice Service next week.

Amy Baynes joins us with five years of experience advising MacMillian and foodbank clients via the CAB in West and East Sussex. She is known to many of you, as well as our referrers and clients as she has been working in partnership with us over the last 18 months and we have been delighted with the way her work has been able to change the daily lives of many foodbank clients. At the moment Amy is busy setting up our service and training her volunteer team, also we are equipping a new Advice Centre in Sackville Road, Bexhill, which will hopefully open in June. We will also be offering our advice service in Battle at St Mary's Church.

We can be contacted on 01424 322541 / 07848 832921 / [advice@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:advice@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk)  
Please continue to pray for the work that we do. We cannot thank you enough for this valuable support.

### **Open Sessions for collecting food -**

Bexhill - Tuesday 1-3pm // Thursday 10-12noon // Friday 3-5pm

Battle - Wednesday 1-2.30pm

Bexhill Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by Churches Together in Bexhill. Registered charity number 1205042. Registered in England and Wales

- 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), thank you.
- 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**

- **Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 15 June 10-4pm, Burgess Hill. Cost £30**  
Being aware of the challenges and signs of the struggle many people have with their mental health is becoming more and more important in our modern world. We are pleased to announce that in association with Mental Health England we are running a one day course in mental health awareness. The course has been heavily subsidised by the Diocese. For registration please follow the link via the QR code or through the attached booking link: [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).  
If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June 11-3pm**  
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 Events](#)

#### **External Events**

- **Young Adults Walking Pilgrimage - Saturday 25 May 9.30-4.30pm:** Starting at St Wilfrid's Church Hailsham. Visiting St Pancras Arlington and Michelham Priory. Please bring a packed lunch. Wear suitable clothes & footwear. Info E: [garyobrien4@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garyobrien4@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Pope to Syro-Malabar faithful: Unity is a duty**

Pope Francis met on Monday morning with Major Archbishop Raphael Thattil, the head of Kerala's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. The Pope's address to Archbishop Thattil, who was joined by other representatives of the Syro-Malabar Church, ranged over a number of topics, from the ancient history of the Church in Kerala to the liturgical dispute which has been raging there for a number of years.



**An ancient history:** Pope Francis began his address by reflecting on the ancient faith of the Syro-Malabar Church. “The faithful of your beloved Church”, he said, “are known not only in India, but throughout the whole world, for the ‘vigour’ of their faith and piety.” Referring to the fact that, for many years, Western missionaries attempted to force Kerala's Christians to conform to European traditions, Pope Francis said that “some members of the faith” committed “unfortunate acts against you”, because of their “insensitivity” to the history of India's ancient churches. The Syro-Malabar Church, the Pope added, is particularly important today, in times where it is common to “sever the roots connecting us to the past.”

“The Christian East”, he said, “allows us to draw from ancient and ever new sources of spirituality; these become fresh springs that bring vitality to the Church.”

**Unity and obedience:** Referring to the ongoing liturgical controversy, the Pope said that he had “recently sent letters and a video message to the faithful, warning them of the dangerous temptation to focus on one detail.” This danger, he said, comes from “a self-referentiality, which leads to listening to no other way of thinking but one's own.”

And it is here, the Pope warned, that “the devil creeps in”, aiming to undermine Jesus' desire that we, his disciples, “be one” (John 17.2). “For this reason,” Pope Francis stressed, “guarding unity is not a pious exhortation but a duty.” And, he added, “showing a grave lack of respect for the Blessed Sacrament ...by arguing about the details of how to celebrate the Eucharist, the pinnacle of [Jesus'] presence among us, is incompatible with the Christian faith.

**The path toward unity:** “Let us work with determination to protect communion”, Pope Francis urged, and “pray tirelessly” that those who refused to accept the Church's rulings on the liturgical issues “may realize that they are part of a larger family that loves them and waits for them.”

“Let us meet and discuss without fear,” the Pope said, but “above all, let us pray, so that the light of the Spirit, which reconciles differences and brings tensions back into unity, may resolve disputes.”

“There is one certainty”, the Pope emphasised: “pride, recriminations and envy do not come from the Lord and never lead to concord and peace.”

### **Conclusion:**

*“What amazement must have seized the Apostle Thomas as he contemplated them and saw his doubts and fears vanish before the greatness of God! It is an amazement that generates hope, an amazement that prompted him to go out, to cross new borders and to become your father in faith. Let us cultivate this amazement of faith, which enables us to overcome every obstacle!”*