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The Second Sunday of Lent
Weekend 15th / 16th March 2025

Saturday 15/03	6pm	Battle	Second Sunday of Lent	Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday 16/03	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 16/03	11am	Battle		Intention of Elizabeth Salter
Monday 17/03	NO MASS			
Tuesday 18/03	7pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 2 nd Week of Lent	Vigil and Reception Mass for Fr Wilson
Wednesday 19/03	10am	Battle	Solemnity of Saint Joseph	Processional Mass for Fr Wilson, RIP
Thursday 20/03	11am	Battle	Thursday of the 2 nd Week of Lent	Requiem Mass for Paul Weller, RIP
Friday 21/03	10am	Battle	Friday of the 2 nd Week of Lent	No Intention
Saturday 22/03	6pm	Battle	Third Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Sunday 23/03	9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 23/03	11am	Battle		Fr Wilson, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

- **First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15**

God reveals himself to Moses in the Burning Bush saying, “I Am who I Am”.

- **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12**

Paul reminds us not to be complacent; if we think we are safe we must be careful not to fall.

- **Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

Christ invites us to repent and to bear fruit.

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 Youtlen.

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
- **Funeral of the late Fr Terence McLean Wilson:** Fr Wilson's funeral will be this coming Wednesday 19th March at midday, at Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Magdalen Road, St Leonards on Sea TN37 6ET, celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth. This will be followed by burial in Battle Cemetery at a later date. His body will be received into Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael Church on Tuesday evening with a Vigil Mass at 7pm and there will be a Processional Mass at 10am on Wednesday when Fr Wilson's coffin will leave our Church and be taken to St Leonards.
- **Funeral of the late Paul Weller:** Paul's funeral will be this Thursday 20th March at 11am at Our Lady Immaculate, everyone is very welcome. Immediately afterwards there will be a gathering at Battle Abbey Hotel on the High Street, where everyone will be welcome again, there will be a buffet available. Paul loved colour, so dress code doesn't have to be formal.
- **First Aid Course:** If you are interested in renewing your certificate or taking part in this Parish funded course, please e-mail Maggie in the office on battle@abdiocese.org.uk. It will be a three hour certified Emergency First Aid Course held in the Parish Room at Battle

during an evening probably April/May. We need at least eight people to be first aid trained, and we need people at both Battle and Northiam please.

- **This Sunday 16th March at Our Lady Immaculate and St. Michael, Battle** Sally will have some lovely new Rwanda Action cards on sale, ideal for Mothers' Day and Easter, and there will also be coffee and cake available. Everyone is very welcome!

- **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 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 Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU

- 9pm-10pm: Registration, Adoration and Confessions
- 10pm – 11pm: Holy Mass
- 11pm: We start our Way of the Cross!
- 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

- **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, the [Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham](#) 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
- **Health & Safety Officer (P/T) based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.** Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new Health & Safety Officer. The successful applicant will focus primarily on monitoring and supporting H&S compliance. Visit the Careers section of the diocesan website to find out more and apply: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers

- **P/T Clergy Welfare Officer (Registered Nurse) based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.** The post holder will collaborate with the Ministry to Priests Director and other colleagues to deliver an effective welfare support service for all the clergy of the Diocese. To read the job description and apply, visit the Careers section of the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers
- **Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome**
Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome and reflect on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for information. CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH

External Events

➤ **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk**

Catholic charity CAFOD are asking people across our family of faith to "put their best fundraising foot forward" and create the biggest group of sponsored "Big Lent Walkers" yet. Can you walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty? Walkers can take the challenge on their own, or as a part of a school or parish group – to sign up and receive your welcome pack, wallchart, and pair of Big Lent Walk laces visit the charity's website: walk.cafod.org.uk/#gridContent

➤ Parishioners may remember John Reid, a former parishioner. He has accepted this year's CAFOD Lent Challenge, which this year is to complete **200km over the 40 days of Lent**. Last



year over £800 was raised. He has already made a good start, with half the target of £200 raised from his 'new' parish in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire! If anyone would like to support CAFOD & John (and his almost 78 year old knees!), please visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/cafod-big-lent-walk-20252025>

➤ **CAFOD'S Family Fast Day was on Friday 14th March.** There is still an opportunity to support this appeal, if you missed the Family Fast Day. By praying, eating simply and giving, you'll be supporting local experts to provide simple, effective solutions to the toughest problems facing people around the world. Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave Church to make a Lent offering, and please consider pledging a monthly gift this Jubilee year. You can scan the QR code or search 'CAFOD envelope' to give online. If you can Gift Aid your donation, you'll add a free 25% to anything you give!



➤ **CAFOD in Eastbourne and St. Leonards Deanery invite you to a Jubilee Year Reflection and Workshop** on Saturday, April 5th at St. Wilfrid's Church, South Rd, Hailsham BN27 3JG. Curious about the Jubilee Year 2025? Discover its biblical roots and explore the meaning of this year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope", in our lives today. The event begins with Adoration at 10am, followed by the Rosary, Reflection, and Workshop, and concludes with a light lunch at 1pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!