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The First Sunday of Lent
Weekend 8th / 9th March 2025

Saturday 08/03	6pm	Battle	First Sunday of Lent	Paul Weller, RIP
Sunday 09/03	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish followed by Coffee & Cake
Sunday 09/03	11am	Battle		Intention of Leslie Charles Bradshaw
Monday 10/03	NO MASS			
Tuesday 11/03	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent	No Intention
Wednesday 12/03	10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent	No Intention
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Thursday 13/03	6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 1st Week of Lent	Mary Mulligan, RIP
Friday 14/03	10am	Battle	Friday of the 1st Week of Lent	No Intention
Saturday 15/03	6pm	Battle	Second Sunday of Lent	Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday 16/03	9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 16/03	11am	Battle		People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

- **First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18**

God makes a covenant with Abram.

- **Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

Jesus will “transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body”.

- **Gospel: Luke 9:28-26**

Peter, James and John witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus.

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, 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 Youlten.

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; Tins of Custard; Sweet biscuits; Cup-a-Soups and Pot Noodles please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Funeral of the late Paul Weller:** Paul’s funeral will be on 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.
- **Fr Wilson, RIP:** Many of you will remember dear Fr Wilson who was Parish Priest at Battle for many years before Tony White. Please remember him in your prayers as he sadly died during the early hours of Tuesday morning. He was well loved and will be greatly missed by all his friends from the parish and all his previous parishes. Funeral details will follow once arranged.
- **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 in March. We need at least eight people to be first aid trained, and we need people at both Battle and Northiam please.

- **This Sunday 9th March at St. Teresa's, Northiam:** We will be serving coffee and cake at St. Teresa's after Mass on Sunday 9th. March. All welcome!
Sally will also have some lovely new Rwanda Action cards on sale, ideal for Mothers' Day and Easter, and also next **Sunday 16th March at Our Lady Immaculate and St. Michael, Battle** Sally will be there after the 11am Mass for a chance for our Battle Parishioners to purchase some Rwanda Action cards and stay for coffee and cake.
- **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 moder 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

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 is on Friday 14th March.** 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!



➤ **Beginning Experience Weekend - 4-6 April at the Sion Community, Essex**

Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. For further details please contact: Mary T: 07730 884315, or email E: BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com.

➤ **Religious Heritage in an Age of Persecution - 9 April at 3pm, The Cathedral Centre, BN18 9AY (Cost: £15):** Join architectural historian Dr Robinson for a compelling talk exploring the impact of the Reformation in Sussex, organised by The Friends of Arundel Cathedral. In the social, political, and religious turbulence of the Tudor period, the role of faithful families across the kingdom, particularly in Arundel, was unique. At great risk to themselves, they ensured that proscribed religious artefacts were safely hidden and secured, with priceless vestments, devotional items, and manuscripts preserved for the benefit of future generations. w: pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q85P5Y21, E: aruncathfriends@btconnect.com