

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE &
ST MICHAEL, BATTLE**
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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

Arundel and Brighton Trust is a

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5th Sunday of Lent

Weekend 21st / 22nd March 2026

Saturday 21/03		5pm	Battle	Paul Weller, RIP
	5th Sunday of Lent	9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
Sunday 22/03		11am	Battle	Catherine French, RIP
Monday 23/03	Monday of the 5th Week of Lent	10am	Battle	For all Victims of War and Refugees
Tuesday 24/03	Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 25/03	The Annunciation of the Lord	10am	Battle	Barbara High, RIP
Thursday 26/03	NO MASS			
Friday 27/03	Friday of the 5th Week of Lent	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 28/03		5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
	Palm Sunday	9am	Northiam	Emily Sheila Fry, RIP (FM)
Sunday 29/03		11am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation after all Masses or on request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Palm Sunday

- **First Reading: Matthew 21:1-11**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

- **Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

- **Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Helena Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing.

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:

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter RIP.

- **Fr Míceal and the Parish of the Good Shepherd** invite to you to join them for their Lenten Reconciliation Service at St Thomas', Magdalen Road, St Leonards, at 7pm on Monday 23rd March.
- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of fruit (not peaches); Tins of fish (not Tuna); Packets of Sweet Biscuits; Small jars of Instant Coffee and also Boxes/Jars of Decaf Tea and Coffee - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated. Opening times: 1.30pm - 2pm with a referral voucher
- **Battle Pantry:** Members can choose to pay £2.50 or £5.00, and for that they get four times the value in food and other essential items. They get to pick what they want, and everything is fresh and in date, and is there to help those struggling with the cost of living.
Opening times - 12noon - 1pm
Venue: St Mary's Church Upper Church Hall (back of the car park).
Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468
Email: info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk Website: www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10.15am 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 e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk

- **CAFOD - Catholic Association for Overseas Development – thank you!**
Fasting envelopes have now been gathered in, I would like to thank everyone for their generosity. Also to thank those that give a monthly standing order and the families that gave donations instead of Christmas presents and cards. During the year 2025 a sum of £181,305 was received from the Arundel and Brighton Diocese. Thank you all so much.
"God of the garden of Gethsemene, you chose a tree of suffering which would bring us new life. Help us to seek justice so all may flourish in the garden of your grace."
- **Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association invite you to a talk by Kathryn Anderson on 'The Women of Nigeria and the World Day of Prayer '. Monday 13th April, 7pm, the Parish Room, Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4EU:** For World Day of Prayer, 6th March, the women of Nigeria created a service of worship that spoke of our need of peace and solace, drawing on their experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. They talked about their experiences of the burdens of poverty and despair, religious persecution. The World Day of Prayer is an annual powerful demonstration of global solidarity. It begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. Truly world wide. Kathryn Anderson is secretary of the Eastbourne World Day of Prayer committee. She will explain more about the WDP with a focus on the 2026 theme.
For more information contact Alex 07957 632208; Barbara 01424 219788.
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- The office is open Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/news

Notice for Altar Servers, Arundel Cathedral Chrism Mass, Wednesday 1 April. Those planning to attend the Chrism Mass, who would like to altar serve, should please note that there are new protocols in place at the Cathedral to ensure that the appropriate Safeguarding procedures are followed. Anyone who wishes to altar serve at the Cathedral will need a DBS and appropriate training and will need to contact the Cathedral Office; E: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or T: 01903 882297 to register for events. To register to altar serve for the Chrism Mass please contact the cathedral team by Wednesday 18 March.

Grandparents Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please do sign up, it's a great way to stay in touch! You can click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist

Our New Parish

The New Parish will be overseen by a Clergy Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. The team will work closely with Hub Secretaries, Hub Leadership Groups and lay representatives to support pastoral planning, governance and the shared mission of the Parish. The West Hub covering Eastbourne, Polegate, Hamden Park, Hailsham and the East Hub; St Leonards, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

East Hub Secretary: Elizabeth Fitch

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New Parish Website: www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk

New Parish Updates

One of the really fruitful areas of work in recent months has been that of small Focus Groups, bringing together reps from the larger Hub Leadership Groups. We have Focus Groups looking at: Prayer & Worship, Formation & Mission, Communications, Pastoral Care, Finance & Stewardship. They are identifying lots of tangible ways we can work across our churches to enhance the service we want to provide to parishioners and to reach out to those who are not (yet) part of our communities. Soon you will all be invited, through ministries you're already exercising or as brand-new volunteers, to help in rolling out the fruits of the work of these Focus Groups. We are also just about to launch a new quarterly Parish Magazine spotlighting good news from across all our churches.