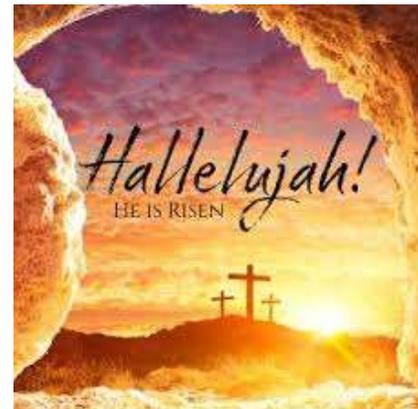


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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays

**Easter Sunday**  
**Weekend**  
**4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



<b>Holy Saturday 04/04</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil &amp; First Mass of the Resurrection</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 05/04</b>	<b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Joanna Rowan, RIP</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Leslie Bradshaw, RIP</b>
<b>Easter Monday 06/04</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Tuesday 07/04</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 08/04</b>	<b>Easter Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Frances Bradshaw, RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 09/04</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
<b>Friday 10/04</b>	<b>Easter Friday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 11/04</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 12/04</b>		<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Amelia Brasier &amp; Annie Wood, RIP (FM)</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Carmel Warboyes, RIP</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request**

- **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

- **First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

- **Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

- **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Eight days later, Jesus came.

**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.

- **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](mailto:info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk) Website: [www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk)
- **Kate & Richard Grun** would like to wish all the Parishioners at Battle and Northiam a very Happy and Holy Easter!

- **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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).
- The Parish Office is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

### **Diocesan run events/news**

The Diocese has created three short films to accompany people across our family of faith through Holy Week. The films are presented by Canon Kieron O'Brien from the Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove; Canon Jonathan Martin, Diocesan Administrator and parish priest of St Pancras, Lewes; and Fr Jonathan How, Moderator of Guildford Catholic Parish.

- **In the first film – which can be shared on parish websites and Facebook feeds before Holy Week begins** - Canon Kieron O'Brien introduces Holy Week, highlighting the importance of reflection and prayer and the invitation to contemplate, at a deep level, the foundational mysteries of our Faith. You can

watch an introduction to Holy Week here: [vimeo.com/1176144932](https://vimeo.com/1176144932)

- **In the second film, Canon Jonathan Martin explores the Good Friday Liturgy;** Jesus’ self-offering on the Cross for the love of us, the “immense goodness of God”, and the veneration of the Cross as an act and expression of our love. You can watch Good Friday’s film here: [vimeo.com/1176142344](https://vimeo.com/1176142344)
- **The third film, presented by Fr Jonathan How, explores the wonder of the Easter Vigil** as the greatest celebration in the Church’s year, highlighting that we are made in the image of God, and are not only witnesses to the Resurrection but also, “sharers in The Word Who is Life.” You can watch film 3 on the Easter Vigil here: [vimeo.com/1176140606](https://vimeo.com/1176140606)

### **Our New Deanery**

The New Deanery 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.

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**West Hub Secretary: Cheryl Wood**

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**New Parish Website: [www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk](http://www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk)**

### **New Deanery Updates**

As a Catholic community, a “community of communities”, we’re called to a life of discipleship: to follow Jesus, learn from him, become like him, and join him in his mission to love and serve others. In the journey of discipleship, we are always being invited to deepen our faith, hope and love. One of the key priorities for us as we continue to move forward together in the Church’s Mission, is to look for all good ways to help everybody, of all ages, in our communities continue to deepen their Faith. As we enter the Season of Easter, we will begin to share through newsletters good and varied resources that you can access to help grow in your faith. Especially we pray for the many adults who will have been received into the Church with us at Easter. They are an inspiration for us all! – *Fr Kevin*