

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,  
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**Cycle A for Sundays and Solemnities  
Year 1 for Weekdays**

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**Weekend 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> April**

## **EASTER SERVICES**

<b>Holy Saturday 08/04 8pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 09/04 9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 09/04 10.45am</b>	<b>Battle</b>		<b>Lily &amp; Stanley Parsons, RIP</b>
<b>Easter Monday 10/04 to Easter Friday 14/04</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b>		

### **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, Dilys Fraser, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Keith Bourne.

***From St Teresa's:*** Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Brian O'Connell, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Lawrence Youtlen.

### **Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:**

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Judith Bridge, Maureen Ashing, Henry Cheung, Gerard Leahy, Mark Clemence RIP, Richard Widenka RIP, Jo Watkins.

## **Weekend 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> April**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 15/04 6pm	Battle	Divine Mercy Sunday The Second Sunday of Easter	No Intention
Sunday 16/04 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 16/04 10.45am	Battle		Sean Coyne, RIP
Monday 17/04	NO MASS		
Tuesday 18/04 6pm	Battle	Tuesday of the Second Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Wednesday 19/04 10am	Battle	Wednesday of Second Week of Eastertide	Fr Martin Jakubas, RIP
Thursday 20/04 6am	Battle	Thursday of the Second Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Friday 21/04 10am	Battle	Friday of the Second Week of Eastertide	Intention of Alenka Dempsey
Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request			

### **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Third Sunday of Easter:**

- **First Reading: Acts 2:14. 22-33**

The humanity of Christ was raised to fulfil the deepest longings of Israel.

- **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21**

Only the gifts of God are truly free, but the redemption is also the gift of a human being. This is why it was fitting that the Lord should pay a price for that redemption.

- **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

The Church is a conversation, as we share our faith. Sometimes we fail to allow the Lord into that conversation.

- If you used to receive a visit from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Special Ministers), please contact the office on 01424 773125 if you would like these visits to recommence, with a Minister or with Fr Richard direct on 07578 725914 or email [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).

- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the new letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail [battle@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk), thank you.
- If you wish to follow a live Mass please follow this link from our Diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream> or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- **Battle Choral Society present G F Handel's 'Messiah':** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Upper Lake, Battle, musical director Vincent Wade. Please join us admission is free (donations are appreciated), refreshments available during the interval.
- **Battle Foodbank** – Foodbank needs this week are 500gm packets of Pasta and Rice; Packets of Microwavable Rice; Bottles of Squash; Cartons of Juice; Cartons of UHT Milk and 500gm bags of Sugar; Any toiletries or washing powder/capsules are always welcome.
- **THANK YOU! from Team Forge:** Team Forge (Vicky Chainey, Ingrid Finch & John Reid) have completed their 200km CAFOD Big Lent Walk - in actual fact, they walked 610Km between them by Palm Sunday (including around the hills of Holmfirth!), well ahead of schedule! THANKS TO PARISHIONERS' & FRIENDS' GENEROSITY, with Gift Aid they raised £650 - thank you so much to everyone who supported us. Vicky, Ingrid & John
- The office will be closed over the Easter period from Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and will reopen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Father Richard will not be available from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. If you have an emergency and need a priest during this time, please contact Bexhill 01424 210263 or St Leonards Parish 01424 420815. Thank you.

Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes for a Holy and Happy Easter.

### News from our Diocese

#### **Diocesan run events**

- **Ministry of Consolation:** Due to high levels of interest we are able to run a second course through May and June of this year. If you feel you are being called to support those who are going through the uncertainty and pain of loss and your application is supported by your Parish Priest, please email E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) for more details . Closing date for applications is 12 April 2023.
- **Mental Health First Aid Course** – 4 evenings on-line Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 April OR 2 day Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 May 2023 Cost £120 This training course teaches people how to identify, understand and help someone who may be experiencing a mental health issue. The course won't teach you to be a therapist, but it will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and potentially stop a crisis from happening. The course is accredited by MHFA England and you will receive a certificate of attendance. If you feel unable to pay the cost of the course but your qualification would be useful for the Parish, please speak to your Parish Priest to see if he is able to assist financially. Booking is through the events page of the Diocesan website. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking please contact Lizzie Wakeling, Diocesan Advisor E: [Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

#### **Externally run events/items**

- **Who Cares? - Saturday 22 April 2023 1-3.30pm. St John's The Evangelist, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2PJ:** A Support Group for people who are going through divorce or separated . We are a self-help group who have experienced divorce and

wish to support others. The meetings are 2-3hrs long and we use this time to give a safe space to talk and listen and give help and advice. We use Restored Lives by Erick Castenskiold material to help us. You will be given a warm welcome. Contact E:

[Carolinevdb55@gmail.com](mailto:Carolinevdb55@gmail.com) or E; [TeacherSue@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:TeacherSue@hotmail.co.uk)

- **Chilworth Abbey Study Day – Saturday 22 April 2023:** Led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 9, 'The Life of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit'. Mass 9.00am, Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See W: [chilworthbenedictines.com](http://chilworthbenedictines.com) for more details.

### Vatican News

#### **Pope: May we unite in prayers for peace, intensified in Holy Week**

At the conclusion of the Palm Sunday celebration in Saint Peter's Square before leading the recitation of the Angels prayer, Pope Francis offered his greetings to all those present coming from near and far.

*"I thank you for your participation and also for your prayers, which intensified during these past days. Thank you!"*



The Pope offered his blessing to a peace caravan that left Italy for Ukraine in recent days to bring humanitarian necessities. Associations involved include the Pope John XXIII, FOCSIV, Pro Civitate Christiana, Pax Christi and other associations. The solidarity marks a sign of the closeness of the people of Italy to the battered people of Ukraine. The recalled that today "they are offering olive branches, symbols of the peace of Christ."

*"Let us unite ourselves to this gesture with our prayer, which will be more intense during the days of Holy Week."*

As Holy Week begins, the Pope invited everyone to live this time as the tradition of the holy, faithful people of God teaches us, which means accompanying the Lord Jesus with faith and love. He invited everyone to learn from our Mother, the Virgin Mary, who followed her Son Jesus with the closeness of her heart, one soul with Him.

*"May Our Lady help us stay close to Jesus, present in the people who suffer, are cast out, abandoned...I wish everyone a good journey toward Easter!"*

#### **Pope to return to juvenile prison for Holy Thursday celebration**

Pope Francis will return to where he celebrated the first Mass "in Coena Domini" of his pontificate, presiding over the Holy Thursday liturgy on 6 April at Rome's juvenile prison of Casal del Marmo. The Holy See Press Office confirmed the celebration, just a few hours after the Pope left Gemelli Hospital on Saturday 1 April. The celebration will not be open to the general public, but live streaming is planned.



**Holy Week celebrations:** Having just been discharged from the hospital where he was treated for infectious bronchitis, the Pope is set to resume his Holy Week agenda. He is scheduled to preside over the Easter celebrations. Holy See Press Office director, Matteo Bruni, confirmed that the Holy Week liturgies "remain unchanged," explaining that the Pope will preside over the celebrations with a cardinal at the altar, even on Easter Sunday. This is a practice that has been in force for some time. At the Palm Sunday Mass Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, vice dean of the College of Cardinals, will celebrate. From Holy Thursday, the Holy Week celebrations will get fully underway with the Chrism Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica followed later in the day with the aforementioned Mass of the Lord's Supper, with the ancient and always moving rite of the washing of feet.