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BATTLE**
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The Third Sunday of Lent
Weekend 2nd / 3rd March 2024

Saturday 02/03 6pm	Battle	The Third Sunday of Lent	Keith Bourne, RIP
Sunday 03/03 9am	Northiam		People of the Parish followed by coffee & cake
Sunday 03/03 11am	Battle		Intention of Marianne Clemence
Monday 04/03	NO MASS		
Tuesday 05/03 6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 3 rd Week of Lent	Ruth Hampton, RIP
Wednesday 06/03 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 3 rd Week of Lent	Intention of Helen & Douglas (RIP) Ashing followed by coffee & cake in Parish Room
Thursday 07/03 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 3 rd Week of Lent	Ken Baxter (RIP)
Friday 08/03 10am	Battle	Friday of the 3 rd Week of Lent	People of the Parish
Saturday 09/03 6pm	Battle	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 10/03 9am	Northiam		Elizabeth Buckley, RIP
Sunday 10/03 11am	Battle		Marjorie & Jack Clemence, RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent

- **First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23**

God's persistent love and mercy in the face of rejection are revealed.

- **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Through grace, not only by our own efforts, we have been saved, so that we may live the good life God has always meant us to live.

- **Gospel: John 3:14-21**

Christ is the light of the world, come not to condemn but to save, and those who live by the truth come into that light.

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, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence.

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:

Una Wade, Frances Cresswell, Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP.

- **BEWARE – NEW SCAM ABOUT!** The Church phone number has been hi-jacked by scammers. If you get a call about a Visa/Mastercard payment or anything similar it is not from the Church, even if you dial 1471 and the number comes up as the Church number. Also please remember **WE DO NOT USE WHATSAPP** so if you get any Whatsapp messages supposedly from the Church – it is a scam! If you receive either of these please report to Action Fraud or 101, quoting reference no: nfrc240206495988.
- **Church decoration:** The Church decoration will be completed by Tuesday 5th March! I'm sure you agree that it looks fabulous!
- **Move-It Club and Coffee & Cake:** Now the Church decoration is complete our Move-It Club can restart in the Parish Room from this Thursday at 10am. I know you have all been missing it – and now is the time to give it a try if you have been thinking about it! We can also enjoy Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room again after the 10am Mass on Wednesday – everybody is very welcome to join us. There is also Coffee & Cake at St Teresa's after the 9am Mass this Sunday, 3rd March – everybody is very welcome.
- **Battle Foodbank** – Our needs this week are Tins of Cold Meat; Sweet Treats (Not chocolate); Jars of Jam, Honey, Peanut Butter and Marmite; Bottles of Squash or Cartons of Juice; Tins of Dog and Cat Food please. Toiletries, Baby and Household items are always welcome - thank you so much.
- **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent appeal:** Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk.

- **CAFOD – Parish Representative required:** If anyone within our Parish is committed to the work CAFOD carries out and would like to be our Parish Representative, please contact Jenny Finlayson by e-mail on: jfinlayson@cafod.org.uk. Our lovely Angela Reid has stepped down after many years of wonderful work, volunteering on behalf of our Parish.
- **Church Flowers:** Now the church has been redecorated Anne is wondering if there is anyone who would like to join her to help provide floral decorations in the Church. Throughout Lent we will of course not be having flowers, so the first opportunity to help will be Easter. If you would like to help her set up a new team, please ring her on 07753587996.
- **Men's Way of the Cross - Over the Cliffs and Through the Night!**
Eastbourne Catholic Parishes are organising a way of the cross event for men to which we would like to invite you. On Friday 22nd March 2024: Men's Way of the Cross:
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 Rd, Eastbourne BN21 4EU
 - 9PM - 10PM: Registration, Adoration and Confessions
 - 10PM - 11PM: Holy Mass
 - 11PM: We Start Our Way of the Cross!
 - 4-6am (approximately): 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!
- 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, 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/>
- The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- Fr Richard and the Parish Pastoral Team send all parishioners their prayers and good wishes.

News from our Diocese

Diocesan Run Events

- **Confirmation & Youth Ministry Training course:** Pope Francis has been quoted as saying that “we are not living in an era of change, but a change of era”. That means we need to review the way that we work with young people, because our tried and tested methods can sometimes cause us frustration when we don't see the results we desire – particularly when we pour our hearts and souls into what we do. Our Diocesan Youth Adviser am offering a two day course that will allow Confirmation Catechists and Youth Group leaders to reflect on our practice in a whole new way, you will be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in. The dates are 20th April & 18th May. Contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

- **Children's Liturgy:** Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the event on Saturday 20th April at the St Philip Howard Centre. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(20-Apr-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Vatican News

Pope pleads for just and lasting peace in Ukraine

Pope Francis lamented the deaths, injuries, destruction, anguish, and tears of the past two years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine – a period, he said, “that is becoming terribly long and whose end is not yet in sight.” In remarks following the Sunday Angelus, the Pope warned that the war in Ukraine “is not only devastating the region of Europe, but unleashing a global wave of fear and hatred.” While renewing his



“vivid sympathy” and prayers for “the tormented Ukrainian people,” the Holy Father pleaded “for the recovery of that little bit of humanity that will allow the conditions for a diplomatic solution to be created in the search for a just and lasting peace.” Pope Francis also urged people not to forget to pray for Palestine and Israel, and for the many people torn apart by the war, urging them to provide concrete assistance to those who are suffering, especially “the wounded, innocent children”.

Conflicts in Africa: The Pope also noted increasing violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, joining with the Bishops of that country in their call for prayers for peace, and expressed his hope for an end to the clashes and for “sincere and constructive dialogue.” Turning his thoughts to Nigeria, Pope Francis highlighted the increasingly frequent abductions as “a cause for concern.” He expressed his closeness to and prayers for the people of Nigeria, and his hopes “that efforts will be made to curb the spread of these episodes as much as possible.”

Climate change: a global social problem: Extending his sympathy to Asia, the Pope also shared his closeness to the Mongolian people, who are suffering from a period of intense cold, leading to serious humanitarian consequences. “This extreme phenomenon is also a sign of climate change and its effects,” the Pope said. “The climate crisis is a global social problem, deeply affecting the lives of many brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable,” he continued, adding, “Let us pray that we can make wise and courageous choices to contribute to the care of creation.”