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Pentecost
Weekend 7th / 8th June 2025

Saturday 07/06	6pm	Battle	Pentecost	Special Thanksgiving
Sunday 08/06	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 08/06	11am	Battle		Mary Faherty, RIP & Colman Faherty, RIP
Monday 09/06	NO MASS			
Tuesday 10/06	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	Intention of Syliva (RIP) & John Auger and Family
Wednesday 11/06	10am	Battle	Saint Barnabas	No Intention
Thursday 12/06	6.30am	Battle	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest	No Intention
Friday 13/06	10am	Battle	Saint Anthony of Padua	Intention of Fr Chris Benyan
Saturday 14/06	6pm	Battle	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	No Intention
Sunday 15/06	9am	Northiam		Annie Cowley, RIP (FM)
	11am	Battle		People of the Parish

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection Day for Life

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for The Most Holy Trinity

- **First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31**

Before the beginning of the earth, Wisdom was brought forth.

- **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

- **Gospel: John 16:12-15**

All that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, 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.

**** Important Notice ****

The church and office will be completely closed and not available from Monday 16th June until Friday 20th June inclusive, due to building works on the access path from the pavement to the office door. Weekend Masses will be on as usual.

- **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 e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Tomato Soup; Tins of Spaghetti and Baked Beans; Tins of Cold Meat; Tomato Ketchup; Brown Sauce; Mayonnaise and Sweet Treats please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Margaret Thunder RIP:** Please remember Margaret in your prayers, she sadly died on Monday night at the grand old age of 100¾! Also please remember her daughters, Moira and Rosamund, who are missing her greatly.
- **Sheila Kaye Smith Memorial Day at St Teresa's Saturday 14th June, 12pm-3pm.** Please join us to celebrate the memorial of Sheila Kaye Smith, just bring a plate to share and a chair (if you have one), and pray for a sunny day! Looking forward to seeing you there.
- **Parish 100 Club:** Congratulations to the winners of the May draw!
£12 - Robert McAdie £24 - Phoebe McAdie

- **Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea)** is seeking one volunteer from this parish please, to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or call 07887 893 763.

Related to that, all parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Thursday 19th June from 7:30pm to 9pm. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar

- 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, **but will be closed next week 16th – 20th June, although I will still be online at various times.**

Diocesan run news/events

- **‘AQUINAS AND FRIENDSHIP’ - Saturday 14 June at St Pancras church in Lewes - FREE EVENT:** To mark this year’s 800th anniversary of the birth of St Thomas Aquinas, Father Andrew Pinsent (now a Professor of Philosophy and Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, and a priest of our own Diocese of Arundel and Brighton) will be speaking about ‘Aquinas and Friendship’. The conference will run from 11am until 1pm, beginning with coffee and including an opportunity for questions after the talk. Until 2024, Father Andrew was Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, part of the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford.
- **Youth Ministry Training Course – commences 21 June 2025:** Our Diocesan Youth Adviser Lizzie has launched a new training course for anyone who works with young people. [Youthscape Essentials](#) is an innovative course for volunteers and paid youth leaders that increases your skills and understanding about working alongside young people today. She will be delivering the next course as a hybrid with two in person days at the Diocesan Centre in Crawley (10am- 4pm 21 June & 19 July) with an additional four sessions online (Tuesday evenings 7pm-9pm 24 June, 1, 8 & 15 July). The sessions include up to date insights about young people to help you to understand and minister to them more effectively, skill builders to help increase your confidence when working with young people, and character development opportunities where we reflect on scripture to conform ourselves more closely to Christ. Bookings can be made through this link [Youthscape Essentials - Crawley \(21-Jun-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or through the events page of the Diocesan website. Any questions, please email Lizzie E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration - Saturday 5 July 12 noon – 4.15pm at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT**
The pilgrimage will begin with Mass, followed by a personal consecration to Our Lady, the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy,

Adoration, Silent Prayer and Benediction. To find out more please contact: Linda C-Dominguez; T: 01273 463463 M: 07944 377252 or Jozef Bubez T: 01444 232974.

Vatican News

Pope to Giro d'Italia cyclists: You are role models for young people

On Sunday afternoon, Pope Leo XIV welcomed the 159 cyclists from 29 countries on their final stage of the Giro d'Italia.

Before riding through Vatican City, the riders paused to greet the Pontiff. The calm of this special segment—so different from the usual intensity of the race—offered a unique moment: a kind of “reverse race,”

where the true victory was found in slowing down and taking a moment to exchange a glance with the Pope, who greeted the riders with a smile and a blessing, accompanying them on their journey.

The Pope encouraged the cyclists and gave them his Apostolic Blessing (@Vatican Media) This initiative - the relationship between the Vatican and the race - has its roots in an idea embraced by the late Pope Francis, who had sought to connect the Giro d'Italia with the spiritual heritage of the Eternal City. This year, Pope Leo XIV revived the tradition, offering the cyclists a warm and meaningful welcome.

“Good morning to all of you! Welcome to the Vatican!” the Pope began, speaking from the Square of the Roman Protomartyrs, next to the sacristy of St. Peter’s Basilica. He warmly greeted the cyclists: “It’s a pleasure to greet you on this final stage of the Giro d'Italia. I hope today is truly a wonderful day for each of you,” he said, emphasizing not only the athletic competition but also the deeper meaning of the occasion—a symbolic moment that transcends the boundaries of sport.

Pope Leo XIV took the opportunity to highlight the importance of athletes as role models for young people everywhere.

“Know that you are examples for young people around the world. The Giro d'Italia is deeply loved—not only in Italy but in many countries. Cycling is important, just as sport in general is,” the Pope said, applauding the spirit of sacrifice and camaraderie that defines athletes.

He went on to reflect on the importance of caring for both body and spirit—a message that resonated with the cyclists, who dedicate themselves daily to physical training. “Thank you for all you do—you are true examples. And I hope that just as you take care of your bodies, your spirits will always be blessed. Always be attentive to the whole person: body, mind, heart, and spirit,” he said, concluding with a blessing for all the participants. “May God bless you,” he said, adding a few words in English.

