

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST MICHAEL,
BATTLE**

with

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Cycle B for Sundays and Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

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The 5th Sunday of Lent
Weekend 16th / 17th March 2024

Saturday 16/03 6pm	Battle	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Sunday 17/03 9am	Northiam		No Intention
Sunday 17/03 11am	Battle		Richard Widenka, RIP
Monday 18/03	NO MASS		
Tuesday 19/03 6.30pm	Battle	Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin	No Intention
Wednesday 20/03 10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent	Keith Bourne, RIP
Thursday 21/03 6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent	Millie Humphreys, RIP
Thursday 21/03 7pm	Battle	Taizé Evening	No Intention
Friday 22/03 10am	Battle	Friday of the 5th Week of Lent	No Intention
Saturday 23/03 6pm	Battle	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	No Intention
Sunday 24/03 9am	Northiam		Anton & Vivienne Galea, RIP
Sunday 24/03 11am	Battle		People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

The true disciple doesn't abandon God despite opposition and so, in turn, is not abandoned by God.

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

Jesus did not exploit his equality with God.

- **Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47**

An unnamed woman ignores convention and anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume and her tears.

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.

- **Easter Readers Please:** This coming weekend Kate will be putting up the notices for volunteer readers for Palm Sunday and Easter week. We encourage people to sign up!
- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. New members always welcome! Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. Contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- **Battle Foodbank** – we are quite well stocked at the moment but could do with 500 gm Bags of Sugar; Sponge Puddings; Dog and Cat Food both wet and dry and Toilet Rolls please - other toiletries, household and baby items are always welcome thank you all your donations are much appreciated.
- **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. Visit: www.menswayofthecross.co.uk for more information.
 - 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!

- **Save the Date – Memorial Service for Lawrence Youlten, RIP:** Many of you have asked whether there will be a Memorial Service for Lawrence, well your prayers have been answered! Please save the date: **Sunday 7th July, 2.30pm at St Teresa's**, followed by tea and cake – everyone will be very welcome.
 - **Rwanda Action Easter Cards and Gifts – on sale Sunday 24th March**
Beautiful cards and gifts, fresh from Rwanda, will be on sale after the 9 a.m. Mass at Northiam and after the 11a.m. Mass at Battle. Please support the disabled young people in our Craft workshop.
(The photo is of Jean who is deaf and learning to make cards)
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- 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/news

- **A Parish Community?:** One of the aspects of the Pastoral Plan and the components that give us encouragement and affirmation in our faith journey is the strength and inclusive heart of our Parish Community. Building this sense of belonging and welcome to all, founded in our faith, is something we can help and support you with over the coming months. To find out how you can build "Our Parish Community, a family for all" contact E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Catechists and Youth Group Leaders:** The Diocesan Youth Adviser is keen to provide support to anyone who works with young people in our Church communities, and to do this she wants to hear more about what your needs are. To enable this, she has created a very quick questionnaire that will take two minutes to complete. You can find it here <https://forms.office.com/e/BY5LhvDGZD> or E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk
- **Children's Liturgy Saturday 18 May:** Please note that we have had to move the date of this training from April to Saturday 18 May. Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. This will take place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. 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 \(18-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

- **Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024:** A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>
- **Adoremus 2024 – Cost £40 per person:** Join Bishop Richard at Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott, Birmingham and the place where the first Eucharistic procession took place after the restoration of the Church in Britain. The day will include a keynote address, Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including an Acutis presentation, Rosary walk and Adoration in the Chapel. Parking is available at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley but please arrive in good time to board the coach which will depart promptly at 6.45am. The coach will depart Birmingham at 6pm. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your ticket please see the attached link Adoremus 2024 (14-Sep-2024) · ChurchSuite Events
- To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>
The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up: mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Vatican News

Pope prays for peace in Haiti and global solidarity

During the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis remembered in a special way the people of Haiti where he said he is following with worry and sorrow the grave crisis that has hit the Caribbean nation, where widespread violence has broken out in recent days. He said he is close to the local Church there and all the people of Haiti who have been



suffering for years.

He called on everyone to pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for an end to all the violence. He also encouraged everyone to offer their contribution so that peace and reconciliation take root in the country, also with renewed support from the international community.



Closeness to Muslim brothers and sisters: The Pope then recalled that this evening our Muslim brothers and sisters will mark the beginning of Ramadan, and he expressed his closeness to all Muslims as they mark the period with fasting, prayer, almsgiving and communal worship.

Prayers for peace: In conclusion, the Pope greeted members of the Catholic community in Rome who come from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He offered his prayers for peace in their country, while also recalling tormented Ukraine and the Holy Land.

The Holy Father prayed that the hostilities that are causing such immense suffering among the civilian population may cease as soon as possible.