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5th Sunday of Easter
Weekend 17th / 18th May 2025

Saturday 17/05	6pm	Battle	5 th Sunday of Easter	Special Thanksgiving
Sunday 18/05	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 18/05	11am	Battle		Paul Weller, RIP
Monday 19/05	NO MASS			
Tuesday 20/05	6.30pm	Battle	Tuesday of the 5 th Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Wednesday 21/05	10am	Battle	Wednesday of the 5 th Week of Eastertide	No Intention
Thursday 22/05	6.30am	Battle	Thursday of the 5 th Week of Eastertide	Danny Overy, RIP
Friday 23/05	10am	Battle	Friday of the 5 th Week of Eastertide	Morgan Ignatius & Jane Finucane, RIP (FM)
Saturday 24/05	6pm	Battle	6 th Sunday of Easter	Intention of Alan & Anne Gavin
Sunday 25/05	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
	11am	Battle		Intention of Elizabeth Salter

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for
 Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter

- **First reading First reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.

- **Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

- **Gospel: John 14:23-29**

The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said 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 Youtlen.

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.

**** NEW PARISH OPEN MEETING - POSTPONED:** this meeting will now be rescheduled to a later date soon, to be advised. Thanks and sorry for any inconvenience. **

- **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 Fish (not Tuna); Tins of Potatoes; Tins of Tomato Soup; Tins of Spaghetti Hoops; 500gm packs of Pasta; Red and Brown Sauce and Mayonnaise please - any toiletries, household and baby items are always welcome - thank you so much for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Rwanda Action Plant and Craft Sale:** Thank you to everyone who supported us on Tuesday 6th. May. We made sales all week and have made a marvellous £1,120! These funds will be used to train young disabled people in Southwest Rwanda in skills such as farming, carpentry, dressmaking, knitting, hairdressing, shoemaking and of course, crafts! Please do visit our website to find out more. www.rwanda-action.org
- **SAVE THE DATE:** There will be a Jubilee of Hope Summer picnic for all the communities of the St Leonards Hub (Rye, Battle, Hastings, St Leonard's and Bexhill,) on SUNDAY 6th JULY, 12 30-4pm, at HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH GARDENS AND HALL. Further details will come in early June. Please put this date in your diaries. Thanks, Ursula Lucas, lay representative of St Leonards.
- 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

Diocesan run news/events

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- **Liturgy of the Word with Children Leaders' Training Event - Saturday 24 May 10-1.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:** Do you support the work and mission of the Church by delivering Children's Liturgy in your parish? Join Lucy Hall for a fantastic free workshop exploring new and exciting ways to explore the liturgy of the word. To find out more and book your place, please click here W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> For more details contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk, M: 07415 306222.
- **Faith In Action moderation is taking place at St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on Saturday 14 June from 10-3pm, with lunch provided. Would you be interested in supporting and championing young people?:** The Faith in Action Award is a national project designed to say a huge thank you to our young people for all the incredible acts of service they have undertaken throughout the academic year both in school and in their local parishes and communities. Currently running in 18 of our Diocesan Schools. the award offers an opportunity for them to reflect on their service in light of Catholic Social Teaching through guided reflection sessions, journaling and creating a final piece of work that encapsulates their journey of service. The Diocese are looking for individuals to be moderators of the Faith in Action work. Full training will be provided, as well as lunch! E: Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest or find out more.

Externally run events

- **Worth Abbey 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey Church - Saturday 12 July, starting with mass at 11am:** You are invited to join this Anniversary of the Consecration which marks five decades of faith, hope, and unity at Worth Abbey. For more details please visit W: worthabbey.net/latest-news

Vatican News

Pope Leo XIV: News media should foster peace and disarm words

After only four days since his election to the papacy, Pope Leo XIV made it a point to hold an audience with the men and women who were in Rome to report on the death of Pope Francis, the conclave, and the first days of his own ministry. He met on Monday with media professionals in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, and thanked reporters in Italian for their tireless work over these intense few weeks.



Fostering peace: The newly-elected Pope began his remarks with a call for communication to foster peace by caring for how people and events are presented.

He invited media professionals to promote a different kind of communication, one that “does not seek consensus at all costs, does not use aggressive words, does not follow the culture of competition, and never separates the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it.”

“The way we communicate is of fundamental importance,” he said. “We must say ‘no’ to the war of words and images; we must reject the paradigm of war.”

Solidarity with persecuted journalists: The Pope went on to reaffirm the Church’s solidarity with journalists who are imprisoned for reporting the truth, and he called for their release.

He said their suffering reminds the world of the importance of the freedom of expression and the press, adding that “only informed individuals can make free choices.”

Service to the truth: Pope Leo XIV then thanked reporters for their service to the truth, especially their work to present the Church in the “beauty of Christ’s love” during the recent *interregnum* period.

He commended their work to put aside stereotypes and clichés, in order to share with the world “the essence of who we are”.

Our times, he continued, present many issues that are difficult to recount and navigate, noting that they call each of us to overcome mediocrity.

Facing the challenges of our times: “The Church must face the challenges posed by the times,” he said. “In the same way, communication and journalism do not exist outside of time and history. Saint Augustine reminds of this when he said, ‘Let us live well, and the times will be good. We are the times’.”

Pope Leo XIV said the modern world can leave us lost in a “confusion of loveless languages that are often ideological or partisan.”

The media, he said, must take up the challenge to lead the world out of such a “Tower of Babel,” through the words we use and the style we adopt.

“Communication is not only the transmission of information,” he said, “but it is also the creation of a culture, of human and digital environments that become spaces for dialogue and discussion.”

AI demands responsibility and discernment: Pointing to the spread of artificial intelligence, the Pope said AI’s “immense potential” requires “responsibility and discernment in order to ensure that it can be used for the good of all, so that it can benefit all of humanity.”

In conclusion, Pope Leo XIV repeated Pope Francis’ [Message](#) for the 2025 World Day of Social Communication.