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1st Sunday of Lent

Weekend 21st / 22nd February 2026

Saturday 21/02	1st Sunday of Lent	5pm	Battle	Thanksgiving Mass Bedana Family
Sunday 22/02		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	Fe Chiva, RIP
Monday 23/02	Monday of the 1st Week of Lent	10am	Battle	Constance Cane, RIP (FM)
Tuesday 24/02	Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent	6pm	Battle	Bienvenido Chiva, RIP
Wednesday 25/02	Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent	10am	Battle	Intention of Elizabeth Salter
Thursday 26/02		NO MASS		
Friday 27/02	Friday of the 1st Week of Lent	10am	Battle	No Intention
Saturday 28/02	2nd Sunday of Lent	5pm	Battle	Grace McAdie, RIP
Sunday 01/03		9am	Northiam	Ann Lloyd, RIP
		11am	Battle	People of the Parish
Next Weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day				

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

- **First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.

- **Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10**

God calls and enlightens us.

- **Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

His face shone like the sun.

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

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Helena Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser, Claire and Peter Bates, Helen Ashing.

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:

Jean Douglas RIP, Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Grett Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP.

Please note change to weekday Mass times starting this week

New mass every Monday at 10am at Battle

No mass on Thursday mornings at Battle

- **A Feast For All Peoples a talk by Margaret Guye:**

Margaret will be visiting our Parish on the following dates:

- Saturday 28th February at the 5pm Mass at Battle
- Sunday 1st March at the 9am Mass at Northiam
- Sunday 8th March at the 11am Mass at Battle

The Synod Group in St Leonards invites you all to a 5 session course on an Introduction to Synodality. (Location to be discussed) Let's deepen our faith together as Church, with the help of Lectio Divina and Conversations in the Spirit. See the poster at the back of each church or

email churchgroup33@aol.com (C. Gomez) for further details."

If there is interest locally, the Synod Group at the Parish of the Good Shepherd will organise five one and a half hour sessions.

For further information please email churchgroup33@aol.com (C. Gomez).

- **Road Closure Notice:** The bridge at Newenden will be closing for three consecutive weekends starting next weekend, 28 February – 7am until 7pm for repairs to the bridge. People coming from Kent will have to follow a lengthy diversion so please allow plenty of extra time.

- **CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day next weekend 28th Feb/1st March:** This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



- **Parish 100 Club:** Thank you to those that have already returned their forms for the coming year. If you would like to join this year, please get your applications in as soon as possible. Your £12 subscription is divided, half for prizes and half for Church maintenance. The forms are now available at the back of the Church, I have also attached one to this newsletter as well. Please pop completed forms in the mailbox outside the office marked for the attention of Maggie, or e-mail them back to battle@abdiocese.org.uk and pay your £12 by bank transfer using the following details

Account name: RCD Arundel & Brighton, Our Lady & St Michael

Sort code: 40-05-20

Account number: 71077120

Thank you!

- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of Hot and Cold Meat; Tomato Ketchup and Brown Sauce; and Jars of Coffee please; toiletries, household and baby items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations which are very much appreciated.

Opening times: 1.30pm - 2pm with a referral voucher

- **Battle Pantry:** The pantry is now up and running, members just pay as they turn up to use it. Members can choose to pay £2.50 or £5.00, and for that they get four times the value in food and other essential items. They get to pick what they want, and everything is fresh and in date. Our pantry is not a waste minimisation initiative; it is there to help those struggling with the cost of living.

Opening times - 12noon - 1pm

Venue: St Mary's Church Upper Church Hall (back of the car park).

Foodbank Number: 01424 322541 / 07866 570468

Email: info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

Website: www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10.15am 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
- 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 2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/news

Grandparents' Formation day – Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham: Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website

W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 9 May 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley - Tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120): One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England and to the trainer, we are able to offer this training at a highly subsidised rate, exploring the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. To register go to Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please do encourage parishioners to sign up, it's a great way to stay in touch! Click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist