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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



7th Sunday of Easter
Weekend 16th / 17th May 2026

Saturday 16/05	7th Sunday of Easter	5pm	Battle	No Intention
Sunday 17/05		9am	Northiam	Intention of the Family of the late Russell Tyner
		11am	Battle	People of the Parish
Monday 18/05	Monday of the 7th Week of Eastertide	NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK		
Tuesday 19/05	Tuesday of the 7th Week of Eastertide			
Wednesday 20/05	Wednesday of the 7th Week of Eastertide			
Thursday 21/05	Thursday of the 7th Week of Eastertide			
Friday 22/05	Friday of the 7th Week of Eastertide			
Saturday 23/05	Pentecost	5pm	Battle	No Intention
Sunday 24/05		9am	Northiam	People of the Parish
		11am	Battle	No Intention

There will be Second Collection for World Communications Sunday this weekend

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Pentecost

- **First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

- **Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

- **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

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

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

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:

Margaret Thunder RIP, Rowena Bennett RIP, Pauline Fraser RIP, Stuart Austin RIP, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP, Philippe Bedford, RIP

- **Next weekend please welcome Fr Louis Ezeilo to our Parish.** Fr Louis will be celebrating the Masses at both Battle and Northiam for Pentecost. I know you will all make him feel very welcome.
- **Funeral of the late Philippe Bedford:** Philippe's funeral will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Magdalen Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET, on Thursday 21st May at midday. Any of our parishioners that knew Philippe, and would like to attend, are very welcome.
- **Christ the King Church, Eastbourne are organising a seven-day pilgrimage to Poland** in the autumn, which will include the shrine in Czestochowa and the Divine Mercy Basilica in Krakow as well as visits to Auschwitz, Wadowice and the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Masses will be celebrated by Fr Neil in different churches each day. The cost is expected to be around £1000–£1200, which includes return flights, airport duty and taxes, one suitcase, six nights' half-board (dinner, bed and breakfast), excursions and a travel representative. If you are interested, please speak to Ilona on 07904 680885 for more details or to sign up.

- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of Fruit; Tins of Fish (Not Tuna); Packets of sweet biscuits; Satchets or pots of Jelly and Packets of Cream Crackers please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for all your donations they are very much appreciated.
Opening times: 1.30pm - 2pm with a referral voucher.
- **Battle Pantry:** 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, and 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 or battle@abdiocese.org.uk.
- The Parish Office is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Diocesan run events/news

Financial Support for Young Lourdes Helpers: Are you or your child 15 to 25 and already booked to go on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this July as a red shirt, purple shirt or young helper? The Knights of St Columba have generously provided some funds to support your costs. To apply, please email eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk, providing your name, age and contact phone number, deadline 20th June 2026.

Mass for Jubilarian Priests of the Diocese, Thursday 28 May at noon at Arundel Cathedral: All are welcome to join the priests of our Diocese who are celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of priestly ordination, to give thanks for their years of service at this special Mass in Arundel Cathedral. No booking is required

Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Saturday 3 October, 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral: Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome.

To book your free place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website

W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events



This parish is part of

The Catholic Deanery of Eastbourne and St Leonards

working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan

Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. Isaiah 43:5

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE: In recent days we had a 2-day meeting of the Deans and Diocesan Pastoral Team, reviewing progress towards all our Deaneries becoming new (multi community) large parishes. Already, before Bishop Richard left us, 3 of the 11 Deaneries have become New Parishes (Brighton & Hove, Weybridge, Guildford). Their feedback is that generally all is going well in getting new working structures in place and people are engaging with the good work to be done. Most of us, the remaining 8 Deaneries, are also actively working to help prepare for change, but nothing can formally happen until we have our new Bishop. In our own Deanery you can follow progress and development steps via our Deanery Website: www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk. Let us keep all this work in prayer, as well as praying for a new Bishop!