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Cycle C for Sundays and Solemnities
Year 1 for Weekdays



6th Sunday of Easter
Weekend 9th / 10th May 2026

Saturday 09/05	6th Sunday of Easter	5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 10/05		9am	Northiam	Russell Tyner, RIP
		11am	Battle	Philippe Bedford, RIP
Monday 11/05	Monday of the 6th Week of Eastertide	10am	Battle	No Intention
Tuesday 12/05	Tuesday of the 6th Week of Eastertide	6pm	Battle	No Intention
Wednesday 13/05	Wednesday of the 6th Week of Eastertide	10am	Battle	Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP
	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension	7pm	Battle	No Intention
Thursday 14/05	The Feast of The Ascension of The Lord	10am	Battle	No Intention
		7pm	Northiam	No Intention
Friday 15/05	NO MASS			
Saturday 16/05	7th Sunday of Easter	5pm	Battle	People of the Parish
Sunday 17/05		9am	Northiam	Intention of the Family of the late Russell Tyner
		11am	Battle	Mary Iglinski, RIP

Next weekend there will be Second Collection for World Communications Sunday

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for 7th Sunday of Easter

- **First Reading: Acts 1:12-14**

All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.

- **Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16**

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.

- **Gospel: John 17:1-11a**

Father, glorify your Son.

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.

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

- **Rwanda Action Plant and Craft Sale:** Thank you to everyone who came to our sale last Saturday. It was very well supported by both Northiam and Battle, it was a happy day, and we made an amazing £1,112 ! Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Craft and cards can always be bought online from the Shop at www.rwanda-action.org , but we will hope to do another sale in time for Christmas, in the autumn.
- **Old Girls' Association Annual Reunion – Save the Date:** We are pleased to share an invitation from the Old Girls' Association Committee to all former pupils and teachers of the Convent of Our Lady. This year's reunion will take place on **Saturday 19 September 2026** at the Convent of Our Lady, 120 Filsham Road, St. Leonards on Sea, TN38 0PE. The afternoon begins at **2pm** (for a 2.30pm AGM) and includes a welcome from Sr Lucy, a short AGM, updates from Old Girls, afternoon tea, and plenty of time to catch up with former classmates and teachers. A memory table with archives and photographs will be on display – you are warmly encouraged to bring your own photos or memorabilia. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP by 12 September** via email to Judith Bourne: jbpm08@hotmail.com. Feel free to share this invitation with other Old Girls who may not have seen it directly. We look forward to

welcoming you back.

- **Christ the King Church, Eastbourne are organising a seven-day pilgrimage to Poland** in the autumn, which will include the shrine in Częstochowa 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:** Boxes of Tea Bags 40 or 80; Tins of Custard; Packets of sweet biscuits; Chocolate treats and Bags of Granulated Sugar 500gms or 1 kilo please - any toiletries, baby and household 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:** 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists' Day, Saturday 16 May, 10.30-3.30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham, Leatherhead, Surrey

Join us for our annual formation day for Children's Liturgy Catechists. Fr Chris Bergin who has led the chaplaincy in the Lourdes family group for many years will be talking to us about bringing the Word of Life to a young audience and Claire Fernandes will be sharing with us her years of experience working with young families within "Celebrate Trust" bringing the encounter with Christ alive within the family life. If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser

E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk To book your free place, you can scan the QR code on the poster or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website

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

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

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE: ‘Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan is not a restructuring for survival, but the lens through which we view everything, so that our parishes and communities can thrive in the new situation of the change of era. During this time when the world is becoming ever more polarised and the Gospel itself can be weaponised to support ideology, our parishes, however we configure them, have to become that place of truth and calm, able to respond to the restlessness and curiosity that we see around us. For this we need the courage to nudge us out of our comfort zones and to try something new and Spirit-led. Yet none of this is in our own strength, which is why the first pillar of the Pastoral Plan will always be prayer.’ [Canon Kieron O’Brien, Episcopal Vicar for Implementation of the Pastoral Plan]