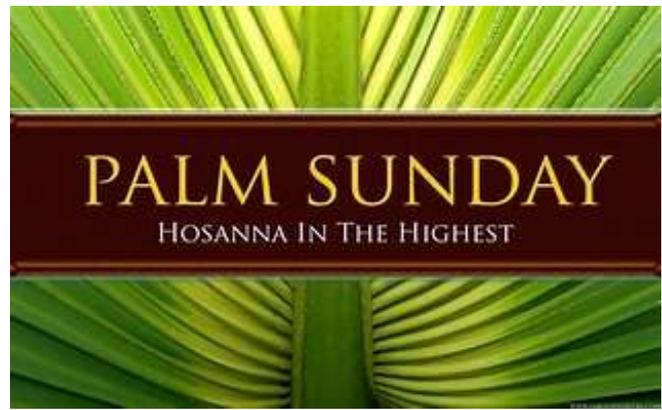


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Year 1 for Weekdays



**Palm Sunday**  
**Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

<b>Saturday 28/03</b>		<b>5pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 29/03</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Emily Sheila Fry, RIP (FM)</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Elizabeth Salter-Ferlaino, RIP</b>
<b>Monday 30/03</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Paul Weller, RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 31/03</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 01/04</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Barbara High, RIP followed by coffee &amp; cake</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday 02/04</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
<b>Good Friday 03/04</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>No Intention</b>
	<b>Passion of Our Lord's Supper</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Frances Norah Hare, RIP (FM)</b>
<b>Holy Saturday 05/04</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil &amp; First Mass of the Resurrection</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Northiam</b>	<b>Joanna Rowan, RIP</b>
		<b>11am</b>	<b>Battle</b>	<b>Leslie Bradshaw, RIP</b>

**There will be a Retiring Collection for Holy Places of Palestine on Good Friday**

## **Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday**

- **First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

- **Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

- **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

He must rise from the dead.

**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, 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, Gretta Johnson RIP, Brian Le Gassick, RIP, Elizabeth Salter RIP.

- **Battle Foodbank needs this week:** Tins of fruit (not peaches); Tins of fish (not Tuna); Packets of Sweet Biscuits; Small jars of Instant Coffee and also Boxes/Jars of Decaf Tea and Coffee - 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](mailto:info@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk) Website: [www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](http://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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk)
- **Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association invite you to a talk by Kathryn Anderson on 'The Women of Nigeria and the World Day of**

**Prayer ' . Monday 13th April, 7pm, the Parish Room, Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4EU:** For World Day of Prayer, 6th March, the women of Nigeria created a service of worship that spoke of our need of peace and solace, drawing on their experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. They talked about their experiences of the burdens of poverty and despair, religious persecution. The World Day of Prayer is an annual powerful demonstration of global solidarity. It begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. Truly world wide. Kathryn Anderson is secretary of the Eastbourne World Day of Prayer committee. She will explain more about the WDP with a focus on the 2026 theme.

For more information contact Alex 07957 632208; Barbara 01424 219788.

- 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](mailto:battle@abdiocese.org.uk).



**The office will be closed over Easter from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and will reopen on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.**  
**For anything urgent please contact Fr Richard direct on 07746 223651 or e-mail [Richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk).**  
Usual opening hours Monday and Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

### **Diocesan run events/news**

The Diocese has created three short films to accompany people across our family of faith through Holy Week. The films are presented by Canon Kieron O'Brien from the Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove; Canon Jonathan Martin, Diocesan Administrator and parish priest of St Pancras, Lewes; and Fr Jonathan How, Moderator of Guildford Catholic Parish.

- In the first film – which can be shared on parish websites and Facebook feeds before Holy Week begins - Canon Kieron O'Brien introduces Holy Week, highlighting the importance of reflection and prayer and the invitation to contemplate, at a deep level, the foundational mysteries of our Faith. You can watch an introduction to Holy Week here: [vimeo.com/1176144932](https://vimeo.com/1176144932)
- In the second film, Canon Jonathan Martin explores the Good Friday Liturgy; Jesus' self-offering on the Cross for the love of us, the "immense goodness of God", and the veneration of the Cross as an act and expression

of our love. You can watch Good Friday's film here: [vimeo.com/1176142344](https://vimeo.com/1176142344)

- The third film, presented by Fr Jonathan How, explores the wonder of the Easter Vigil as the greatest celebration in the Church's year, highlighting that we are made in the image of God, and are not only witnesses to the Resurrection but also, "sharers in The Word Who is Life." You can watch film 3 on the Easter Vigil here: [vimeo.com/1176140606](https://vimeo.com/1176140606)

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 sign up, it's a great way to stay in touch! You can click on the link to sign up [mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist](https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist)

## Our New Deanery

The New Deanery will be overseen by a Clergy Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. The team will work closely with Hub Secretaries, Hub Leadership Groups and lay representatives to support pastoral planning, governance and the shared mission of the Parish. The West Hub covering Eastbourne, Polegate, Hamden Park, Hailsham and the East Hub; St Leonards, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

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**New Parish Website: [www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk](http://www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk)**

## New Deanery Updates

One of the really fruitful areas of work in recent months has been that of small Focus Groups, bringing together reps from the larger Hub Leadership Groups. We have Focus Groups looking at: Prayer & Worship, Formation & Mission, Communications, Pastoral Care, Finance & Stewardship. They are identifying lots of tangible ways we can work across our churches to enhance the service we want to provide to parishioners and to reach out to those who are not (yet) part of our communities. Soon you will all be invited, through ministries you're already exercising or as brand-new volunteers, to help in rolling out the fruits of the work of these Focus Groups. We are also just about to launch a new quarterly Deanery Magazine spotlighting good news from across all our churches.