



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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5th Sunday of Easter, Year B – 28th April 2024

THIS SUNDAY 28, 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

6pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

8am Mass: Ronnie Page RIP; 10.00am Mass: Teresa Kent-Hayes RIP

MONDAY 29, Feast: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe

8.00am Mass

TUESDAY 30, Tuesday after the Fifth Week of Easter

No Mass (Mass in Arundel at 10am followed by meeting about weekday Mass times)

WEDNESDAY 1, Wednesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass John Patrick McMahon RIP

7.00pm Rosary

8.00pm: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

THURSDAY 2, Mem: St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

2.00pm Requiem Mass for Heather Simpson RIP

FRIDAY 3, Feast: Sants Philip and James, Apostle

9.00am Mass:

SATURDAY 4, Feast: The English Martyrs

9.00am Mass: For peace in the world

(followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am)

6pm Vigil Mass: Celebrant's Intention

NEXT SUNDAY 5, 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

8am Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Heather Simpson RIP

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

London Road, Arundel

Tel: 01903 882115 www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

REFLECTION

What a funny thing pruning is—at least to a non-gardener like me. Cutting a plant back to make it grow goes against everything you would expect. But we know it works.

Today Jesus talks about His Father pruning us by means of the word Jesus has spoken. And I guess we all feel the cut of that pruning knife from time to time. Jesus' teachings challenge us—or, at least, they should. He sometimes calls us to do things we don't find easy or pleasant or convenient, and sometimes calls us to renounce things we might enjoy—to take up our cross daily and follow Him.

And then we can be tempted to do a bit of pruning ourselves—to prune Jesus' teachings! We can be tempted to cut away all the things we find difficult and challenging and just keep the agreeable parts. But then we face a question—who are the better gardeners: you and me, or Jesus and His Father? Who knows best how to make a branch as fruitful as possible? Who knows best how to avoid a branch withering, becoming fruitless and only being fit for firewood?

Jesus loves to think of us as His fruitful branches, remaining in Him and He in us, being His disciples and giving glory to His Father. And we love that thought too. If we keep His word in our lives, it won't be just a lovely thought but a living reality.

Fr Stephen

STORRINGTON & ARUNDEL COMMUNITIES

Please continue to pray for our two communities at this time of change.

WEEKDAY MASS CONSULTATION There will be a meeting in Cathedral House after 10am Mass this Tuesday 30th April to discuss the best way forward for the weekday Mass schedule in Arundel and Storrington. If you are unable to attend but wish to contribute to the discussion, please either e-mail: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or call Louise on 01903 882297.

NEW MASS TIMES FROM 11/12 MAY You should all have received the announcement about the new Mass times last week either on e-mail or paper copy at church. This is also on the website. New times: Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm at the Cathedral
Sunday 9am Mass at Storrington
Sunday 10.45am Mass at the Cathedral
Just to note that due to a concert in the Cathedral on 11th May, the first 5pm Mass will be held in the Cathedral Centre. (any help setting up gratefully received.)

MAY PROCESSION & PRAYER FOR OUR LADY

Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm We will celebrate the month of Our Lady with prayers at the shrine (statue in Matt's Wood) then a procession to the church for Benediction, followed by refreshments in the hall. Do come along and join this celebration. E-mail storrington@abdiocese.org.uk to let us know you're coming and if you need a lift up to the shrine from the church. (*Ensure you have appropriate footwear as the ground around the shrine is uneven.*)

CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your recent offerings.

Parish collections	£284.50
SVP Wallbox	£70.65
CAFOD Wallbox	£30.90
Candles	£31.73

GIFT AID STATEMENTS are available for collection from the narthex from Saturday 20th April.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE, especially in Ukraine, and in Gaza and Israel continues:

Rosary for Peace, Wednesdays 7pm (not Ash Wed)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Saturdays 9.30-10.30am (after 9am Mass).

HEATHER SIMPSON RIP Please pray for Heather who died recently and for her family. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 2nd May at 2pm. (no 9am Mass that day).

MOTHERS PRAYERS FOR MAY will now be on second Thursday of month 9th May as it would otherwise clash with the Requiem Mass for Heather.

JIM'S FUNDRAISER FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP ENGLAND AND WALES)

Parishioner and SVP Member Jim Monaghan has walked 115 kilometres of the famous Camino route in Spain in aid of our local SVP conference in Storrington. Hiking over hill and dale for 6 days to Santiago. Please donate what you can spare to help them help us to help the needy and recognise his achievement. [Jim Monaghan is fundraising for SVP](#)

LONDON MARATHON (In memory of Rowena Currie)

In memory of our beloved sister Rowena, we (Alex and Catriona) ran the London Marathon last Sunday with the goal of raising funds for St. Barnabas Hospice and the Royal Brompton Hospital, charities that were instrumental in supporting Rowena throughout her lifetime. Running the marathon was an incredibly rewarding experience, although certainly challenging, and we cherished every moment of it. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who offered their support, whether through well wishes, prayers, or donations. We completed the marathon in a time of 4 hours and 26 mins and your kindness gave us the strength and belief we needed to carry us through to the end. Thank you again. Alex and Catriona.

CORPUS CHRISTI AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL NEEDS YOU

Volunteers are needed to help bake cakes in advance and/or offer your time with the happy team of caterers in the Cathedral Centre to help serve visitors tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes on Wed 29th and Thur 30th May 2024

If you would like to know more, please contact: Adam Vernon 07845 404 801 or e-mail arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or come to a meeting next Thursday 2nd May at 7pm in the Cathedral Centre.

FIRE EXITS To improve safety, hooks and chains have now been fitted to all fire exit doors. Fire Marshals must ensure that these are utilised before any emergency evacuation.

MASS INTENTIONS there is a box in the porch situated on the pillar next to the main door. There are some pink forms on the nearby windowsill to complete the details of your intention and post them into the box. These are usually collected on a Wednesday and Sunday. Intention enquiries may also be e-mailed to storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jaron who is preparing for his First Holy Communion in the summer.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes. In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. The Group's origins come from partnerships between religious sisters and police in London, and a meeting at a Hertfordshire Church Parish Hall. Places can be booked through the attached link [Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation \(29-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Details from: Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Mass for Engaged Couples

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please book here [Mass for Engaged Couples \(05-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE The diocesan Communications Team produces a free, weekly, online E-Bulletin newsletter. You can sign up to it using this link: <https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist>

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL SUMMER CAMP for young people in School years 7-11
The Lay Community of St Benedict are running a residential event for young people. With opportunities for inspiring talks, uplifting prayer, fun activities and space to just be this Summer camp will help your faith soar! 20-24 August at Worth Abbey. Contact Pete for more information E: lcsb.pete@gmail.com. Early bird prices available before 30th June

WORTH ABBEY JUNE GATHERING

The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1st June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and enjoy the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. www.worthabbeypilgrims.com

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people?
Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice?
Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school?
Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists.
Contact the CAFOD A&B office at:-
St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Mew, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448
Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk
Website: www.cafod.org.uk

THE CATHOLIC UNION will be holding its annual Summer Gathering on Saturday 6 July 2024 at [Worth Abbey](#) in West Sussex.
The day will include an address from our President, Baroness Hollins and a talk by Abbot Christopher Jamison who is currently Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation. If you would like to attend, please contact the Catholic Union office at info@catholicunion.org.uk or telephone 020 8749 1321 and give your name and any dietary requirements. For more information see: [Catholic Union Summer Gathering 6 July 2024 - The Catholic Union of Great Britain](#)

CHEMIN NEUF

QUIET DAY

at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN

Thursday 16th May

led by The Chemin Neuf Community

10am-4pm

Speaker: The Rev Paul Seaman, Rector of Pulborough

A day with a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch.

Enquiries or Registration : storrington@chemin-neuf.org

Regular opportunities:

Monday - Friday: Adoration at 6pm-6:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group, access via the front door or kitchen door.

E-mail: storrington@chemin-neuf.org or call 742150 for an queries.