

The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



15th December 2024

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I baptised you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

I wonder what John the Baptist imagined Jesus' power would be like? It probably didn't turn out the way he expected. (So nothing new there. I think Jesus is always surprising us by how He chooses to act.) Most of all, Jesus showed His might by dying! - by His Cross, seemingly the ultimate act of weakness. John the Baptist preached to the people to leave behind their sins by conversion of life; Jesus actually takes away our sins by His redeeming death. John used a mere symbol of his conversion, symbolic washing in water; Jesus gave us the Sacraments of Baptism and Confession, which really have the power—Jesus' power—to take away sin. And that offer of forgiveness is a totally free gift. All we need to do is ask for it with authenticity and honesty.

That offer is available at any time we want. And that means we can so easily put it off to another day! But there is a special opportunity this Sunday afternoon at our Reconciliation Service. Jesus is longing to work a mighty transformation in our hearts by His unimaginably gentle power. Have we really got anything better to do than come and say "Yes, please"?

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Mass times this week: This Saturday 14th 5pm Mass will be in the Cathedral Centre due to a concert in the Cathedral.

Advent Reconciliation Service this Sunday 15th 3.00pm at Storrington all are welcome.

Confirmation 2025 Application forms for the Parish Confirmation programme are now available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch in Storrington. If you are in Year 10 or above and want to embark on the course to learn more, please complete a form and return it to the Cathedral or to Fr Stephen by **5th January 2025**.

Christmas Flowers collection will be taken this Sunday 15th December.

CAFOD World Gifts We are collecting this Advent for Cafod World Gifts, this year for “Education - Teach someone to read” costing £10. Reading opens up so many doors: education, work, pleasure, self-improvement and more. This empowering gift can pay for someone's literacy classes. We are also want to help students and young people go “Back to school” costing £60 where a child can fulfil their potential as it supports them in overcoming poverty and increases their employability. This gift also supports training in skills such as carpentry and sewing etc for those who missed out on school, so they can earn a living. Please give what you can—the figures are just a guide. Any questions please speak to Stephanie Hawkey - Arundel Cathedral Cafod Rep.

Christmas in Memoriam An opportunity to remember your loved ones this Christmas by bringing a poinsettia to help decorate the Cathedral. Please leave your poinsettia in the baptistery.

Christmas Mass times—Tuesday 24th December 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in the Cathedral—children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the nativity and will have the opportunity to participate; Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm (carols from 11pm) Night Mass of Christmas in the Cathedral; Wednesday 25th December 9.00am Mass in Storrington; 11.00am Mass in the Cathedral.

The 'Spontaneous Nativity', performed for the past few years at Our Lady of England RC Church Storrington on Christmas Eve, during the Vigil Mass, is moving to the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass at Arundel Cathedral! There is an opportunity for **all** the children in the congregation to be involved – come dressed as angels and shepherds! We do need a small group of confident readers to be Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Innkeeper and a couple of other characters. They will have one or two lines to read from a card! If your child or grandchild would like to be one of these characters from the Nativity story, please could you contact arundel@abdiocese.org.uk ASAP (ideally by end of Sunday 15th).

Christmas Offering for the priest. Please use **the Gift Aid Envelopes** in the pews/back of the church (or from your box if you have one) for your offerings. If you are away over Christmas, these (or a donation in a clearly marked envelope if you do not Gift Aid) may be placed in the collection from this Sunday. If you are not a taxpayer, you can just pop your offering into the collection basket on Christmas Day. If you wish to make a **bank transfer**, please include the word ‘Christmas’ in the description. Bank details: Bank: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London, Account Name: Arundel Cathedral, Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account No.: 41076566. You can also donate via the **devices** in the Cathedral or the ‘Click here to donate’ button at the top of the Cathedral **website**. This (and Easter) are Fr Stephen’s main source of income each year—priests don’t get a salary. Thank-you.

Tuesday Drop-In every Tuesday 2 to 4pm Come and join together for a cup of tea, games, chat and laughter. This week 17th December— festive food and music! Lower Hall at the Cathedral Centre. All welcome.

Cathedral Shop – Christmas cards, Nativities, Advent calendars, 2025 diaries all now available in the shop. Open 10.30am – 4pm Monday – Friday; Sat & Sun after Mass until 4pm.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

There are SVP Groups in Arundel and Storrington who meet regularly and can offer help and support. If you, or someone you know, would like a friendly visit or help in any way or you would like to know more, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Missals still some available in Arundel from the Cathedral Shop and in Storrington from Louise after Mass. If you would like a missal, but would find paying for it difficult, please speak to Fr Stephen or Deacon Roger, as we can offer some assistance.

The Convent of Poor Clares Advent group continues as follows: Dec 19th Thurs 3pm – 4.15pm. All are welcome.

Carols in the Square at Storrington (just in front of Henry Adams) on Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm, all welcome.

Please pray for Tony Maton, Michael Hembrey (Storrington) and Julie Pallant (Arundel) who have all died recently. Funeral details to be confirmed.

Opening of the Jubilee Year On Sunday 29th December Bishop Richard will celebrate the 11am Mass in the Cathedral to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year of 2025. The opening rite will begin at the Cathedral Centre and will be followed by a procession to the Cathedral.

Parish Proclaimer is now available on the website, and in printed form. Thanks to our editors Melinda for and Bryden, and all the contributors.

Arundel Consolation Group Coffee is back in the new year every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Cathedral Centre.

Christmas Day Lunch Don't be on your own on Christmas Day, you are warmly invited to lunch and festivities on Wednesday 25th December at the Norfolk Centre, Mill Road, Arundel, BN18 9PA. Cost £5.00, transport available. For more information call 01903 883469.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 25 January 11 - 4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. The booking link can be found here [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(25-Jan-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Save the Date – Saturday 20 September 2025 Festival of Hope Join us for a Diocesan Celebration of the Jubilee year and the 60th Anniversary of Arundel & Brighton. More to come in the new year.

Storrington MISSIO "Red Box" collections: MISSIO is the Pope's charity for World Mission: "MISSIO ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief." Your collector will contact you to arrange collection in the next few weeks. There are alternative ways of donating - details from Pat East 01903 741127 or 07547 088675 or pateast24@btinternet.com

Arundel and Storrington Offertory Summary		
	Nov. 2024	Special collections in November: Retired Priests: £390 Cathedral Maintenance: £468 Thank you all for your continuing generosity. Gift Aid: if you are a tax payer you can gift aid your donations and benefit the parish by a further 25% at no extra cost to you. The process is very simple so please contact Martin Hall who looks after the gift aid for both Arundel and Storrington ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or speak to the parish office.
Standing Orders (Gift Aid)	£5,819	
Envelopes and card transactions (Gift Aid)	£842	
Cash	£1,414	
Total	£8,075	
Monthly Offertory Budget	£9,000	


HOLY MASS	
Saturday 14th Cathedral Centre 5.00pm	3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent, Year C People of the Parish
Sunday 15th Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am Storrington 3.00pm	Ronnie Page RIP John Hennon RIP Advent Reconciliation Service
Monday 16th Cathedral 10.00am	Ciara Heneghan
Tuesday 17th Storrington 10.00am	'O Sapientia' People of the Parish
Wednesday 18th Cathedral 10.00am	'O Adonai' Carmel Coyne RIP
Thursday 19th Storrington 10.00am	'O Radix Jesse' Teresa Kent-Hayes RIP
Friday 20th Cathedral 10.00am	'O Clavis David' For the people of Sardhana
Saturday 21st Cathedral 10.00am	'O Oriens' Private Intention
	4th Sunday of Advent, Year C
Cathedral 5.00pm	'O Rex Gentium' People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am Storrington 4.00pm	John Loftus RIP For the people of Sardhana Vespers

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 10.30am - Arundel
Thursdays 10.30am - Storrington

Prayers For The Sick
Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please contact Fr Stephen
Tel 01903 882297

Other local parishes:
Petworth: 01798 342169
Bognor: 01243 823619
Chichester 01243 782343

 **Requiem in Aeternum**
Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington.
At Arundel this will take place at **5.00pm Mass** once a month as follows:
14 Dec, 25th Jan, 22nd Feb.
All are welcome at either place.

Coffee & Tea
After 9.00am Mass at Storrington
After 11.00am Mass at Arundel

 **Music at Mass**
9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church

Rosary
Wednesdays 7.00pm - Storrington
Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel
First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
Adoration
Thursdays 10.30—11.30am - Storrington
Fridays 9.15—9.55am - Arundel
Saturdays 10.30—11.00am - Arundel

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington
Monday - Friday: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in the Church
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in the Church
Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group
01903 742150 storrington@chemin-neuf.org

Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush
Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm

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