



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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1st Sunday of Lent, Year B – 18th February 2024

THIS SUNDAY 18, 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B,

(Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)

6pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

8am Mass: Susan Bradley RIP; 10.00am Mass: John Augustine RIP

MONDAY 19, Monday in the First Week of Lent

(Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46) 9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 20, Tuesday in the First Week of Lent

(Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15) 9.00am Mass: For the intentions of Margot Rendell

WEDNESDAY 21, Wednesday in the First Week of Lent

(Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32)

No Mass

7.00pm Rosary

8.00pm: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

THURSDAY 22, Feast: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

(1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19) 9.00am Mass

FRIDAY 23, Friday in the First Week of Lent

(Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26)

9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 24, Saturday in the First Week of Lent

(Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48) 9.00am Mass: For peace in the world
(followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am)

6pm Vigil Mass: Dom Stephen Ortiger RIP

NEXT SUNDAY 25, 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B,

(Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10)

8am Mass: People of the Parish; 10.00am Mass: Celebrant's Intention

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

Is Lent a happy time? It's tempting to say: No, it should be a miserable time of penance and self-denial. Even the liturgy is darker: purple vestments, no flowers, no Gloria, no Alleluia. Maybe we should be giving up happiness for Lent!

Of course, that can't be right. Lent does involve effort as we set ourselves to the task of repentance. But, as Jesus says, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people who need no repentance." (Luke 15:7) Lent isn't a time of pleasure, but it is a time for joy.

There is a lie built deep into our fallen nature: that I must be the author of my own happiness. I need to hang onto the things that give me pleasure, and try to grab more and more. It's a lie because we are actually made in the image of likeness of God, who is love. Our real happiness—like God's—is in giving ourselves away. Pleasure is rooted in me. Joy is found in love, in others, in giving ourselves away.

That's why Jesus recommends prayer, fasting and almsgiving, because they each turn us away from self-obsession and invite us to focus outwards on others. Prayer, of course, focuses us on God; almsgiving focuses us on our neighbour. And fasting—once you think about it—helps me let go of myself to be open to true love.

Fr Stephen

CEMETERY ACCESS Work to the trees in the Cemetery and Cemetery Lane is due to take place between the 19th February and 10th March and from time to time the gates will be closed and access prohibited for safety reasons.

RIGHT TO LIFE Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment ASAP.

THE NEW MASS INTENTIONS BOX IN THE PORCH is 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. Intention enquiries may also be e-mailed to storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your recent offerings

For any Gift Aid queries (or if you want to join the scheme) you can e-mail John Crook on ga.storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

MEETINGS OF THE

STORRINGTON & ARUNDEL COMMUNITIES

Sunday 18 February, 3.30pm * - Prayer at Arundel Cathedral; followed by social time in the Cathedral Centre, with an introduction to the process of bringing our two communities together, and an opportunity to raise points for consideration.

Sunday 3 March, 4.00pm - Prayer at Our Lady of England, Storrington; followed by a meeting to begin discerning practical pathways forwards.

Please do come along. If you can car share with a friend or neighbour for both events, please do.

* **THE HI LO SINGERS** are giving a free recital in Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 18th February of music for Lent, from 2.15 – 3pm. All are welcome, why not come along before the joint community prayer meeting?

LENT

Began this week

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday after 9am Mass from throughout Lent.

THE DIOCESAN INVITED COURSE runs again in Lent. You can access this online individually or as a group at [Invited | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://abdiocese.org.uk) and there WILL be a group on a **Saturdays at 10.30am in the hall from 24th February**. All are welcome. Drop an e-mail to the parish address so we can print enough resources for everyone attending.

DEANERY LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Sunday 17th March 4pm at Our Lady of England, Storrington
Tuesday 19th March 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis.
All are welcome.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AT SLINDON CHURCH You are warmly invited to join on Thursdays throughout Lent from 15th February for delicious soup lunches at St. Richard's Catholic Church, Top Road, Slindon BN18 ORH from 12 noon to 2pm. All donations to Stonepillow. Lunch is preceded at 11am by Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE to be held at Bosham Catholic Church, Fairfield Road, Bosham, PO18 8JH on Sunday 25th February 2024 at 4.00pm. The theme is 'Come Back to Me', and everyone is very welcome to stay for refreshments after the service.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES are available in the porch priced at £5.00. Money can be left in the marked wall box at the rear of the church.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – Lent Collection at Masses next week This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

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).

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE APPEAL Thank you for your donations to the pilgrimage fund. If you missed the collection last week and you wish to donate to this appeal online, please go to: [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://LourdesPilgrimage.abdiocese.org.uk) and click on the red donate button on the right hand side and follow the instructions. Your support in assisting people on this pilgrimage is much appreciated. If you're thinking of making the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, on the 50th Anniversary of the pilgrimage, check the website for details.

ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, 1st March at 2.00pm
hosted by Chemin Neuf Priory,
In the Hall

PALESTINE "Bear With One Another I Beg You"
Refreshments afterwards

(Access to Chemin Neuf Priory Hall via O.L of E.
Parking and wheelchair access up the concrete ramp to the porch from behind O.L of E church car park in Monastery Lane.)

TRINITY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Road, Storrington. We are part of the WCCM (The World Community for Christian Meditation). Our next meeting is Thursday, February 22 at 12 noon in the church. New friends are always welcome. More information contact Rev Doug Hopwood on 01903 297087.

VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG, 2nd March 2024. For more information email: patsydaniels@gmail.com or see www.olqp.net

SOCIALISING AT A PUB LUNCH: John Crook coordinates Pub Lunches every month for Arundel Catenians in the Storrington and Cathedral Parishes. All are welcome to attend, both couples and singles. The next Lunch is on **Friday 8th March at the Labouring Man, Coldwaltham 12.30 for 13.00**. Please contact John, expressing interest. He will then make a menu available to you for your pre-order (often needed by the publican). Contact John (jrc6789@gmail.com)

FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

BUILDINGS OFFICER: School Buildings & Finance (Part-time: 0.6) Based in Crawley - with travel around Sussex and Surrey, Salary £27,000 (FTE £45,000) The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to recruit a part time Buildings Officer - School Buildings and Finance. The successful applicant will ensure that the diocesan education estate is safe and well maintained, prioritise school building projects, plan the maintenance and development of new and existing school stock and be the first point of contact for schools' capital issues. Closing date: 16 February 2024. To find out more and apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf

THE DEAF SERVICE supports Deaf and hard of hearing adults and children providing catechism so that they can access the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, First Holy Communion, confirmation, and marriage. The service aims to: Create awareness in the Church of the needs of Deaf and hard of hearing people Celebrate Mass in Sign Language once a month Provide support in the Catholic faith Members of the Deaf Service visit the sick at home or in hospital and provide support with the preparation of funerals to help meet communication needs. You can contact the A&B Deaf Service by email; E: peterandmaria.booker@abdiocese.org.uk Or text message only(no telephone calls) M: 07970 428601 and there is a brand new web page <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/deaf-community>

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY Pope Francis has asked us to remember the terminally ill and their family and friends. Please pray for them to find the consoling peace of our Lord. If you are finding the journey through bereavement challenging and would like to speak with someone, the Ministry of Consolation team across the Diocese are here to journey with you. Please ask your Parish Priest for more details or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE
PASTORAL COORDINATOR – WOKING WITH KNAPHILL PARISH Salary £32,000-35,000, Full-time
The Catholic parish of Woking with Knaphill are seeking an energetic, committed worker with a good understanding of Catholic faith to join their pastoral team, to assume responsibility for coordinating and developing catechesis, developing lay leadership and promoting a culture of missionary discipleship. The post is full-time but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be considered. Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024. Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024. For the job-description and application form see: W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphill-parishes

YOUTH WORKER – THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GUILDFORD is searching for a dynamic individual eager to positively impact children's and young people's lives while actively contributing to the Catholic Parish of Guildford's vision. For more information see: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/guildford-youth-worker>

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Regular opportunities:
Monday - Friday: Maronite/Catholic Mass at 9am and 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.
Other opportunities:
Quiet Day on Thursday 29th February
Contact: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

CORPUS CHRISTI AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL Would you be interested in volunteering to help make this event happen? The Carpet of Flowers is on view to the public 29/30 May, but work begins on 27th May. Why not come to an information evening – Thursday 29th February at 7pm, in the Cathedral Centre, Arundel. There will be a brief talk about the carpet for this year and a chance to sign up and meet with other volunteers. Come along and find out how you can help.

THE GOVERNORS OF ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHICHESTER are looking to appoint an exceptional individual to become our Head of School, from September 2024. We are seeking an inspirational leader to drive the school forward, in collaboration with our Executive Headteacher, as it continues its journey to excellence. The successful candidate will be a committed Catholic with positive, dynamic and ambitious vision who has the ability to inspire those around them. The school achieved 'Good' in all areas in Ofsted 2022 and also enjoys an 'Outstanding' Section 48 inspection grade. We can offer you a committed staff, amazing pupils and supportive parents and governors. If you would like to find out more about the post or book a tour, please contact Mrs Hannah Farrands on 01243 784549.

Closing date: Monday 18th March 2024
Shortlisting: Thursday 21st March 2024
Interviews: Wednesday 27th March 2024

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE [As an official provider of the government scheme](#), SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).
At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. More information on the project can be found at the following links
Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>
E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine
YouTube: youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine