

# The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

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“Ephphatha,” said Jesus as He touched the deaf man’s ears—“Be opened.” It is one of the few occasions when we hear the actual Aramaic words spoken by Jesus. Others include *Talitha, kum* (Get up, little girl) as He raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead; *Abba* (loving Father) as He prayed in agony to His Father in the garden of Gethsemane; and *Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?* (My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?) as He died on the Cross. Almost certainly they indicate real eyewitness (ear-witness!) reports. Undoubtedly they indicate moments of great importance.

*Ephphatha*—Be opened. It’s not just about the miracle of curing a deaf man. It’s the attitude Jesus wants us all to have. So often after teaching something important Jesus concludes, “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” What’s the point of teaching if your pupils are not listening? And of course, it’s not just physical ears that need to be open; most of all it’s the ears of our hearts. We need to let Jesus’ teaching penetrate to the depth of our being with all of its power to convert and transform.

When a baby is baptised, the minister touches the ears and mouth of the child, saying, “The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith.” The ceremony is called *Ephphatha*. May it be true for each of us, today and every day.

*God bless, Fr Stephen*

**No changes to Mass times this week.**

**Education Sunday** is marked today, 8 September. It is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. The theme for 2024 is, "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak", taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37). There will be a second collection for Catholic Education. Education Sunday [Education Sunday Prayers and Resources - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Liturgy of the Word with Children** We are delighted that Liturgy of the Word with Children will be available at the 5pm Mass in Arundel on the following dates: 21 Sept; 12 Oct; 9 Nov; 14 Dec. as well as weekly at the 9am Mass in Storrington. Children may be accompanied by a parent/carer, or if your child will be coming out alone, please ensure that you have completed a parental consent form, ideally beforehand e-mail: [arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) to request a copy. Forms are available from our leaders on the day as well.

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** takes place next week **15 September**. A [second collection](#) will also be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. More next week.

**Fr Michael Gallagher RIP** Please pray for former Norbertine Prior of Storrington Fr Michael who died on 27th August. He was the Prior from 1986 to 1992 and again in 2002.

**Know your Faith** A programme is proposed in Storrington to explain the faith and answer any questions we might have so that we are better equipped in the work of spreading the faith. Already half a dozen people are interested, would you like to attend? Please contact Anthony Davy after the 9.00am Sunday Mass or by email on [davyanthony.f@gmail.com](mailto:davyanthony.f@gmail.com) or the parish office on [arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01903 882297. All are welcome.

**Parish Proclaimer** we are currently putting the next edition of the Proclaimer together (Arundel Magazine), and welcome new articles of a faith, personal or news nature from anyone in Arundel or Storrington. The copy date by which we would like articles in is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. This may sound a long way away – but in fact it is only 9 weeks.

**Adoremus Hour of Prayer** On Sunday 15 September, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes across our countries to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion. For our communities this will take place in Storrington at 3.30pm. All are welcome.

**Animal Blessing Service at Arundel Cathedral, Saturday 5 October at 2.30pm** Pets, animals and people are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral for our popular annual Animal Blessing Service. There is no need to book - tea will be available at the Cathedral Centre after the service.

**Storrington CAFOD Coffee Supporters - 9am Mass** Very many thanks for your donations at Sunday coffee. This has allowed us to make a donation of £251 to CAFOD recently. A letter of grateful thanks has been received from Jenny Finlayson, Community Participation Coordinator CAFOD A&B, together with the request that I pass them on to your good selves. Thank you, one and all. *Trevor Stauss*

**Thanks** to all who have contributed to the "Red Box" collection for **Missio**. Bishop Richard recently received a letter expressing gratitude for the sum of £250,028 collected in 2023 in our diocese.

**Arundel Ministry of Consolation Group** will meet for coffee monthly on a **Wednesday**. Dates for the next meetings are: September 11<sup>th</sup>; October 9<sup>th</sup>; November 13<sup>th</sup>; December 11<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are preceded by 10am Mass or prayers. All are welcome. If you need to talk to someone from the group at any time please make contact through the Cathedral Office.



There are SVP Groups in Arundel and Storrington who meet regularly. If you would like to know more, please contact the parish office.

**Corpus Christi – needs you!** The Planning Team for Corpus Christi needs assistance with two roles. Do you have any marketing experience and would be willing to help us review our strategy on a voluntary basis? The team would also be pleased to find someone to recruit and co-ordinate volunteers. 3-4 meetings a year maximum. Contact Louise in the Cathedral Office if you can help.

**Harvest Lunch - Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> after Mass at 12 noon** In this Season of Creation, we would like to invite the parish community of Arundel and Storrington to a shared lunch in the Cathedral Centre to celebrate the bounty of creation through a socially inclusive buffet style Harvest Lunch. To ensure that we have an appropriate quantity and variety of food could you please be prepared to bring along one plate of savoury food and one plate of sweet. If you or your family have any allergies, please bring suitable food for yourselves to avoid any potential hazards. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you all. Further details from Adam & Betsy 07749 187028

**Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral** Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please use the link [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website.

**Arundel Catenians** Monthly pub lunch at The George, Eartham Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact John Crook if you wish to attend on [jrc6789@gmail.com](mailto:jrc6789@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience. The landlord has requested a pre-order and your choices are required by the evening of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**The Season of Creation** continues to 4<sup>th</sup> October. Have you looked at the resources at: [home - The Journey to 2030](#) and [Environment - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#) or things you can get involved with locally like the Arundel Bee Project: [Blog - VisitArundel.co.uk](#)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next non-residential retreat is from 21-22 September 2024 at Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ. Why not find out more at [wwme.org.uk](#)



**Mary's Meals**—last chance to drop in your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure this weekend. Many thanks to those who have already contributed. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. \*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.

**Wednesday 2 October Retreat Day** at Sussex Heritage and Retreat Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY: 'Day by Day, a day looking at a variety of ways we might use the Ignatian 'Examen' to deepen our daily walk with God'. Led by Roger Hagon, an experienced spiritual director and retreat leader. From 10am to 4pm, please bring a packed lunch. Cost £15. To book please phone Maria on 07413 267267 or email [info@sussexheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@sussexheritage.co.uk)

**Catholic Singles – Games Night with a Difference! Saturday 5 October 7.30 to 11pm in Crawley** The Diocese is hosting a singles event for young adults (20-40 somethings) where you can meet like-minded people, chat and mingle over food, and play some giant games as a way to break the ice!. E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more details.


**Storrington 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, September 12th at 12 noon in the church. New friends are always welcome. For more information contact Rev Doug Hopwood on 01903 297087.

HOLY MASS		
<b>Saturday 7th</b>		<b>23rd Sunday, Year B</b>
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8th</b>		
Storrington	9.00am	People of the Parish
Cathedral	10.45am	Intentions of the Starkey Family
<b>Monday 9th</b>		
Cathedral	10.00am	John Hennon RIP
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>		
Storrington	10.00am	Heather & Dennis Anscombe RIP
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>		
Cathedral	10.00am	Dansie & Joan Reddan RIP
<b>Thursday 12th</b>		<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>
Storrington	10.00am	Judith Sill RIP
<b>Friday 13th</b>		<b>St John Chrysostom</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	Eugene McGing RIP
<b>Saturday 14th</b>		<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	Barbara Tepeder RIP
		<b>24th Sunday, Year B</b>
Cathedral	5.00pm	William & Sylvia Colgrave RIP
<b>Sunday 15th</b>		
Storrington	9.00am	Olivia Wijetunge birthday blessings
Cathedral	10.45am	People of the Parish
Storrington	3.30pm	Adoremus Hour of Prayer/Adoration

**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**  
resumes at 9am Mass in Storrington this Sunday — 8th September.  
At Arundel this will take place at **5.00pm Mass** once a month as follows:  
21 Sept; 12 Oct; 9 Nov; 14 Dec.  
All are welcome at either place.

**Coffee & Tea**  
After 9.00am Mass at Storrington  
After 10.45am 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

**Financial Matters**  
Thank you for your donations to the weekly collections.  
**Gift Aid**  
If you are a taxpayer and don't already Gift Aid your donations please speak to or e-mail Martin Hall on [ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) or the Cathedral Office. Martin looks after Gift Aid for Arundel and Storrington.

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

**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](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

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