OUR LADY OF ENGLAND



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Easter Sunday, Year B – 31st March 2024 & 2nd 'Low' Sunday of Easter, Year B – 7th April 2024

SUNDAY 31, Easter Sunday, Year B 8.00pm Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection: Celebrant's Intention 8.00am Mass: People of the Parish 10.00am Mass: Margot, Edward & Maurice Crew RIP

MONDAY 1, Easter Monday 9.00am Mass: Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY 2, Easter Tuesday 9.00am Mass: Jane & Henry Glynn RIP 10.00- 10.30am Ecumenical Prayers

WEDNESDAY 3, Easter Wednesday

9.00am Mass: Celebrant's Intention7.00pm: Rosary for Peace in Ukraine8.00pm: 10am Mass Music Group rehearsal

THURSDAY 4, Easter Thursday

9.00am Mass: Celebrant's Intention 2.00pm Mother's Prayers

FRIDAY 5, Easter Friday 9.00am Mass: Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY 6, Easter Saturday 9.00am Mass: Peace in the world. (followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.15am) 6.00pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish NEXT SUNDAY 7, 2nd 'Low' Sunday of Easter – 'Divine Mercy Sunday', Year B 8.00am Mass: Celebrant's Intention 10.00am Mass: Nancy & Maurice Carroll RIP

MONDAY 8, Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord 9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 9, Tuesday after 2nd Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 10, Wed. after 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass: Mary & Robert Gallipeau RIP7.00pm: Rosary for Peace in Ukraine8.00pm: 10am Mass Music Group rehearsal

THURSDAY 11, Mem: St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

9.00am Mass: For the family of Bob & Nuala Stoker

FRIDAY 12, Friday after 2nd Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 13, Saturday after 2nd Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass: Peace in the world (followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.15am) 6.00pm Mass: Intention TBA

NEXT SUNDAY 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B 8.00am & 10.00am Mass: Intentions TBA

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School London Road, Arundel Tel: 01903 882115 <u>www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk</u> St Philip Howard Catholic School Elm Grove South, Barnham Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

REFLECTION

The Resurrection of Jesus brings us great joy and wonder. Each year our celebration calls us to deepen our faith in Him, and our praise and thanksgiving. But perhaps most needed just now is that Jesus' Resurrection brings us renewed hope. Hope isn't wishful thinking; it's trusting in God's goodness and faithfulness to His promises. He has raised Jesus from the dead to everlasting life—and He has promised the same for all of us who love Him.

Throughout the liturgical year we recall the wonders God has done for love of us: Jesus' birth at Bethlehem to be Emmanuel, God-with-us; His Baptism in the Jordan to stand alongside repentant sinners and open heaven to us; His forty days in the desert to endure and conquer temptation; His public life and ministry to teach us and heal us; His gift of Himself in the Eucharist and His great commandment of love at the Last Supper; His agony in Gethsemane and His Crucifixion, endured in unfathomable compassion to share even suffering and death with us and to win us forgiveness. All of this should give us great hope. But most of all, Jesus' Resurrection shines as a beacon of light in the fears and struggles of our lives and our world. Jesus is victorious over sin and death. His life and love for us is for ever and ever.

May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

A blessed and peaceful Easter to all of you and your families.

Fr Stephen

STORRINGTON & ARUNDEL COMMUNITIES

Thank you to all who attended the meetings and to those who responded online or on paper. A team from both parishes will now work through these responses with Fr Stephen. We will update via the newsletter when there is further news. In the meantime, please pray for our two communities at this time of change.

GIFT AID DONORS in order to save costs on envelopes and postage, if you have an e-mail address and have not previously received your end of year statement by e-mail, please send your email address to John Crook on

ga.storrington@abdiocese.org.uk Your details will not be passed on or used for anything other than Gift Aid.

EASTER OFFERING. Your offerings to the priest at Christmas and Easter are his main source of income. Thank you for your generosity. If you are a Gift Aid member, please use one of your special envelopes; if not and you can Gift Aid, please use one of the envelopes at the back of the church.

GOOD FRIDAY collection for Holy Places Please respond generously to this annual collection which is not only used to maintain the Holy Places but also for the needs of the local Christian communities who require our assistance.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for

your recent offerings.	
4 weeks Church collections:	£561.70
CAFOD	£170.00
CAFOD wallbox	£28.51
SVP wallbox	£20.40
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	

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN takes a break after Easter Sunday, re-commencing on Sunday 21st April at the 10am Mass.

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).

GIFT AID ENVELOPE BOXES are now available for collection From the Narthex.

200Km BIG LENT WALK for CAFOD Parishioner Jim Monaghan has undertaken this challenge and raised over £500.00. You can still sponsor him, click on this link: <u>JIMS LENT 24 walk is fundraising for CAFOD</u>

ST PETER'S CHURCH IN WEST WITTERING (PO20 8PS) are celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy this year on Sunday 7th April from 2pm. The programme will include: Adoration; Rosary; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Blessing of the Image; Veneration of the Image; confessions. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jaron who is preparing for his First Holy Communion in the summer. He has already started preparing for his First Reconciliation - which will be taking place soon.

REX NORTHOVER RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rex and for his family. Rex' ashes will be buried in our cemetery 12 noon on 3rd April.

ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently recruiting for both teaching and support roles. To learn more about these exciting opportunities being advertised, please visit the vacancies page on the school website: www.sphcs.co.uk

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE If you're thinking of joining the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this summer, on the 50th Anniversary of the pilgrimage, complete an application at: <u>Lourdes Pilgrimage</u> (abdiocese.org.uk) Some categories are already fully booked but there are still some transport and accommodation spaces for Helpers / Clinicians / Chaplains (especially those who can push wheelchairs to help our male assisted pilgrims), and accommodation space for (able) Pilgrims who are able to make their own way to Lourdes.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of Peter Bernard Glover formerly of this parish (married here to Mary on 5th May 2006) who died 13th March. His funeral will take place here after Easter. He leaves his wife, two sons (Ben & Tom), three stepchildren and 11 grandchildren.

PILGRIMAGE DAY SATURDAY 13 APRIL in the Steps of St Cuthman. A meditative pilgrimage day reflecting on the life of St Cuthman and walking to Cobnor Point (car option available). Meet at St Mary's Chidham at 11am. Bring a packed lunch. See <u>www.sussexheritage.co.uk</u> or phone Maria on 01903 413606 to book.

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, April 11 at 12 noon in the church. New friends are always welcome. For more information contact Rev Doug Hopwood on 01903 297087.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Lenten Soup Lunches in St. Richard's Church in Slindon. £891.00 was raised for Stonepillow. A further £245.45 was raised at a joint Slindon Churches Palm Sunday Service, bringing the final figure to £1,145.45. Particular thanks to our wonderful team for providing soup, serving, washing up and tidying.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMPETITIONS sponsored by the Knights of St Columba:

<u>Easter Photo Competition:</u> entries by 2nd April, submit photographs of Paschal Candles and or parish backdrop.

<u>Lent Painting Competition:</u> entries by 2nd April <u>A scene from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday</u>, include a related bible passage

<u>Prayer Composition</u> Competition: entries by 8th April. Prayer for our priests as they lead their parishioners and for all our religious as they work in the Lord's vineyard.

<u>Essay Writing Competition</u> entries by 22nd April. How do we keep the faith of our fathers and mothers in these days of artificial everything? Nationwide competitions with cash prizes for winners and their schools. Submit entries to <u>trevor.stauss@hotmail.co.uk</u> Please see posters in the porch for more information

CATENIAN PUB LUNCH is on Friday 12 April at The George, Burpham; 12.30 for 13.00.

If you would like to come along and meet other Catholics in a relaxed setting. Please contact John Crook(<u>jrc6789@gmail.com</u>). He will then be able to send you a menu choice for a pre-order.

"THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER" is an exciting new course for Arundel and Brighton Diocese in support of The Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan. The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is held over seven sessions, each with a well renowned speaker and small group discussions and starts just after Easter, on the 10th April 2024 and will run to the 23rd May. The Promise of the Father promises to be an exciting, enriching and God willing, a life-changing experience for everyone. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential, so please book now using the link below to avoid disappointment. You can find more information on the course and book your place here:

https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.c o.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/

CHEMIN NEUF

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: <u>storrington@chemin-neuf.org</u> or call 742150 for an queries.

FROM THE DIOCESE

A Parish Community? One of the aspects of the Pastoral Plan and the components that give us encouragement and affirmation in our faith journey is the strength and inclusive heart of our Parish Community. Building this sense of belonging and welcome to all, founded in our faith, is something we can help and support you with over the coming months. To find out how you can build "Our Parish Community, a family for all" contact E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Youth Council The Diocesan Youth Adviser is creating a new Diocesan Youth Council. The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide the Diocesan Youth Adviser with current and relevant information about young people. Members will offer insight into the joys and challenges of practicing the Catholic faith as a young person, and work with the Youth Adviser to create innovative and effective strategies to affirm and encourage other young adults from across the Diocese. Members must be aged 18-35. Contact E: <u>lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk</u> for info.

Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024

A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% by booking with this link <u>https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-bigchurch-festival</u>

Adoremus 2024 – Cost £40 per person Join Bishop Richard at Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott, Birmingham and the place where the first Eucharistic procession took place after the restoration of the Church in Britain. The day will include a keynote address, Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including an Acutis presentation, Rosary walk and Adoration in the Chapel. Parking is available at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley but please arrive in good time to board the coach which will depart promptly at 6.45am. The coach will depart Birmingham at 6pm.Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your ticket please see the attached link Adoremus 2024 (14-Sep-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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR – A choice

of two dates. Saturday 13 April in Crawley or Saturday 15 June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese). Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK. The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links Mental Health Awareness Seminar (13-Apr-2024) · ChurchSuite Events or Mental Health Awareness Seminar (15-Jun-2024) · ChurchSuite Events or use the QR code below to take you to the registration page.



If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: <u>simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk</u>

THE FRIENDS OF ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL Invite you to join them in the Cathedral Centre (London Road, Arundel) on Thursday 11 April 2024 for a talk at 12 noon followed by a light lunch Speaker: Baroness Caroline Cox, founder President of the Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust Subject: The Pain and the Passion: The Privilege of Making A Difference Tickets: £15; Friends £10 Available at: www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk or from Lindsey Stratford: aruncathfriends@btconnect.com

ROTARY FILM NIGHT, at Sullington parish Hall, Wednesday 10th April 7:30pm. "Scrapper" starring Lola Campbell, Alan Uzun and Gary Crankson. Tickets £5 from The Card Shop in Storrington. For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745