



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B – 14th April 2024

THIS SUNDAY 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

6pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

8am Mass: Fr Barry Hughes RIP; 10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

MONDAY 15, Monday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 16, Tuesday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 17, Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Rosary

8.00pm: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

THURSDAY 18, Thursday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass

FRIDAY 19, Friday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass: For the intentions of Aine Burke and family

SATURDAY 20, Saturday after the Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass: For peace in the world

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

6pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY 21, 4th 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter, Year B

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

“Peace be with you.” It’s a striking greeting from the Risen Jesus to His disciples. We heard it twice last Sunday, and we hear it again today. Not “Tada! I’ve risen.” Not “I told you so.” Not “Why did you all run away?” Jesus’ greeting isn’t about making a point; it’s a real sharing of Risen, everlasting life.

It’s message our troubled world desperately needs to hear. So often, it seems, we fall into the trap of thinking the only way to achieve peace is—paradoxically and tragically—through war. The world’s logic goes, it would seem, rather like this: Israel’s peace is threatened by Hamas—true enough!—so the only way to achieve peace is by completely eliminating Hamas, at whatever cost to countless innocent civilians. But we can see easily enough that the war against Hamas has only massively increased the threat of war throughout the Middle East, and the whole world.

In the Upper Room Jesus proclaims a very different logic. The route to peace isn’t through war and military defeat of our enemies. It’s through loving our enemies; through forgiveness; through seeming defeat; even through accepting death. It’s every bit as paradoxical as the world’s view—just a different paradox. The world thinks peace only comes through war. Jesus proclaims that victory only comes through defeat. Who’s right? It all depends on whether Jesus is really risen. If He isn’t, then peace is a forlorn hope for humanity. But if He is, then although we may never know lasting peace in this world, it is our real—and realistic—hope for eternity.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your recent offerings.

Good Friday Holy Places	£156.60
SVP wallbox	£16.90
Candles	£25.50

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 re-commences 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).

HEATHER SIMPSON RIP Please pray for Heather who died this week and for family. Funeral details to follow.

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

LONDON MARATHON (In memory of Rowena Currie) In memory of our daughter Rowena who died last year, our eldest and youngest daughters, Alexandra and Catriona, are running in the London Marathon on Sunday the 21st of April. Alexandra is running to raise money for St. Barnabas Hospice, who cared for her in her final hours. Catriona is raising money for the Royal Brompton Hospital who cared for her since she was 5 days old, and as Rowena would say, her second home. If you wish to support Alexandra and or Catriona, please see below for payment details, or simply a thought and a prayer would very much suffice.

Thank you.

John and Georgina Hills.

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/Alex-Bennison>

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/Catriona-hills-a4558>

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

Parishioner and SVP Member Jim Monaghan is walking 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](#)

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>

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

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

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

Essay Writing Competition 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 trevor.stauss@hotmail.co.uk Please see posters in the porch for more information

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 27th April "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker **Kristina Cooper**. Please register for the 9.30-1.00 Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAPR2024 or attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. More information at www.altonrenewal.com

The next Chilworth Abbey Study Morning, is on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, on the concluding Part 8 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible', dealing with The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles: Messianic Fulfillment and The Church. Mass, 9.00am, Video and Talks 10.30am-12.30pm. Bring a friend if possible. See chilworthbenedictines.com, for more details

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, Mellow, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448
Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk
Website: www.cafod.org.uk

Pro Life Group Meeting Thursday 18 April 7pm St Richards Catholic Church, Cawley Road, Chichester, PO19 1XB in the Lower Parish Room. We aim to promote a culture of life from conception to natural death. Please join us, all welcome. Phone Maria on 01903 413606 with any queries. As Pope Francis has said "to defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality that involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human."

CHEMIN NEUF

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.

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](https://www.churchsuite.com/events/grandparents-pilgrimage-to-west-grinstead-26-jun-2024)

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](https://www.churchsuite.com/events/santa-marta-group-modern-slavery-human-trafficking-presentation-29-jun-2024) Details from: Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

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>