



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B – 3rd March 2024

THIS SUNDAY 3, 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

6pm Vigil Mass: Celebrant's Intention

8am Mass: Thomas & Agnes Drummond RIP

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

MONDAY 4, Monday in the Third Week of Lent

9.00am Mass: For Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese.

TUESDAY 5, Tuesday in the Third Week of Lent

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 6, Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent

No Mass

7.00pm Rosary

8.00pm: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

THURSDAY 7, Thursday in the Third Week of Lent

9.00am Mass

FRIDAY 8, Friday in the Third Week of Lent

No Mass

SATURDAY 9, Saturday in the Third Week of Lent

9.00am Mass: For peace in the world

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

6pm Vigil Mass: Celebrant's Intention

NEXT SUNDAY 10, 4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent, Year B

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

In today's first reading we hear God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. I wonder how many of those ten you can remember! More seriously, I wonder what our attitude to the Commandments is. Do we think of them as a precious gift from God, or more as an imposition? Do we rejoice that our Lord has shown us the right path to holy and healthy human living, or do we ever slip into secretly thinking He needn't have bothered? Or, for that matter, perhaps we have even largely forgotten about the Commandments altogether and reduced God's call to just "being nice".

But God knows us very well, and loves us beyond all imagining. He knows—and if we're honest, we also know in our heart of hearts—that left to ourselves we can easily go astray, even with the best of intentions. And sometimes our intentions are not the very best. So God gives us commandments to guide us in the right way.

Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament in His own two commandments: to love God with all our heart, and to love our neighbour as ourself. But He didn't just teach them; He lived them. He washed His disciples' feet, and laid down His life for His friends on the Cross. If we let Him live in us—and love in us—then we will wonderfully fulfil every command of God.

Fr Stephen

On the weekends of 9/10 March and 16/17 March

Fr Stephen will be covering Masses at Arundel and the Poor Clares and Canon David will be covering the Masses here in Storrington.

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. For more information contact Louise at: arundel@abdiocese.org.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: [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://LourdesPilgrimage.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.

MEETINGS OF THE

STORRINGTON & ARUNDEL COMMUNITIES

THIS 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, please do.

CATHEDRAL DEANERY NEWSLETTER A new newsletter is attached this week with an update on deanery plans and lots more news.

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

LENT

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 \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Invited|Arundel&BrightonDiocese.abdiocese.org.uk) and there is 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 ST RICHARD'S CHURCH, SLINDON on Thursdays throughout Lent from 12 noon to 2pm. All donations to Stonepillow. Lunch is preceded at 11am by Stations of the Cross.

TAKING A TOWEL: A Lenten Retreat Day

Wednesday 13 March 10am to 4pm at Sussex Heritage Centre, Warningcamp, Arundel, BN18 9QY. As we approach Holy Week there will be space for quiet reflection and input from Roger Hagon who is experienced in Ignatian Spirituality and previously a tutor on the London based Ignatian Spirituality Course. Cost £15, please bring a packed lunch. To book contact Maria on 01903 413606 or info@sussexheritage.co.uk. Also Individually Guided Residential Retreat 20 to 23 March see website for details

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB IN MARCH is not on the 10th March but the 17th March. Tickets available from: Louisa Austin shop in Church Street or call 01903 446808. The lunch takes place at The Old School, School Lane, Storrington.

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. Although the date of the debate has not yet been confirmed, it is now looking like it will be at the beginning of March.

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

THANK YOU for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk

200Km BIG LENT WALK for CAFOD Parishioner Jim Monaghan is taking on this challenge. If you'd like to sponsor him click on this link: [JIMS LENT 24 walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

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.

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).

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, March 14 at 12 noon in the church. New friends are always welcome. For more information contact Rev Doug Hopwood on 01903 297087.

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>

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 e-mail 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.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) are keen to set up groups in parishes where a group doesn't already exist. CWL members enjoy a mixture of social, charitable, educational and spiritual activities and each group sets their own programme of activities. Apart from local meetings (normally once a month), there are opportunities to attend Diocesan and National events, both in-person and online and to be part of a global network of women's organisations. At the moment, membership costs each member £26 per year, but you can fundraise as a group to cover the cost if they so wish. If you're interested, have a look at their website; [Home - The Catholic Women's League \(catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk\)](http://Home-TheCatholicWomen'sLeague(catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk)). and contact **Ann Campbell** at atjcampbell@sky.com who would be able to supply further information.

"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.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/>

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)

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: storrington@chemin-neuf.org or call 742150 for an queries.

Other opportunities:

Quiet Day on Thursday 29th February

Contact: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

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

CELEBRATE NATIONAL CONFERENCE "The JOY of the Lord is our strength", Nehemiah 8:10 Birmingham, 21-22 Sept. 2024. A weekend that you will want to bring your friends and family to, where you will be refreshed in the love and joy of God! Inspirational guests to reawaken our faith and encourage us to go deeper. For more information see: [JOY - National Weekend — CELEBRATE Trust](#)

THE BOSCO CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST, which exists to serve Catholic schools in Sussex, invites you to **consider taking on the wonderful role of being a governor**. You could do this to help your local Catholic school or support the strategic development of the Trust itself. To register your interest, join our 'talent pool' and find out if this could be the role for you, please visit www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/. You have something unique to offer and we'd love to hear from you.

ROTARY FILM NIGHT at Sullington Parish Hall, Wednesday 13th March, 7:30pm. This months film "Past Lives" with Greta Lee, Teo Yoo & John Magaro. There will be an interval and bar and raffle. Tickets £5 from The Card Shop in Storrington. Unsold tickets available on the door on the night. For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745. Rotary Club Members can provide transport to the Film Night for local residents who are unable to make their own arrangements. Anyone needing transport should contact John Ollerton on 07523 322554
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