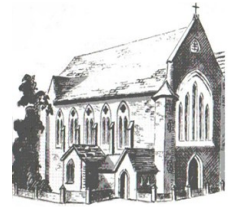


**The Catholic Community of
Arundel & Storrington**
4th ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday of Easter, Year A
26th April 2026



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The fourth Sunday of Eastertide is commonly called “Good Shepherd Sunday”, as the Gospel is always from Jesus’ teaching about Himself as the Good Shepherd. It is also a day set aside throughout the Church to pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood, since it is Jesus’ will to share His shepherding work with His chosen disciples—as He says to Peter: “Feed my lambs ... tend my sheep ... feed my sheep.” (John 21:15-17)

We usually think about a vocation as a choice God has made from all eternity—and we are right to do so. For example, when God called the prophet Jeremiah He said, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.” (Jer 1:5) However, this doesn’t mean that God’s choice is simply random! He doesn’t choose non-Christians, or people who don’t care two hoots about religion. He chooses people who will be able to hear His call—people He knows will have a real, living faith and a real, personal relationship with His Son Jesus Christ. Anything else would be contrary to His wisdom.

What this means practically is that if we want God to bless His Church with good priests—and surely we do!—then as well as praying for vocations, we need to do all we can to help our young people to have a deep, lively and committed faith. This is a role and a privilege for our families, our schools and our parishes. It is often nourished by movements like Youth 2000, by events like World Youth Day, by school and university chaplaincies, and by our own diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage. Vocations emerge where the liturgy is celebrated with reverence and beauty, and where the fulness of Christ’s teachings are never watered down but courageously believed and preached with joy.

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Masses this coming week: On Tuesday Mass will take place in **Arundel** and on Wednesday Mass will be in **Storrington**. Also, please note there is no 8.30am Mass at the Convent on Tuesday.

This Sunday, 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for our seminarians and those considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. There will be a **second collection** for the Education of Future Priests in our diocese (this can be Gift Aided and donations made on the donation device).

Confirmation Please pray for the young people of our communities and the deanery who will be Confirmed in the Cathedral this Saturday 25th April.

We welcome into our Church community Olivia who will be baptised in Our Lady of England Church this afternoon. May she always be a faithful follower and witness to the Gospel.

Tuesday Drop In Next meeting: Tuesday 5 May, in the Cathedral Centre, lower hall 2 to 4pm, All welcome for tea/coffee, friendly chat, board games. Lifts available, please contact Maria on 07413 267267.

Storrington Ecumenical Prayers – 1st Tuesday of the month 9.15am – 9.45am in the Priory Library: Next meetings 5 May; 2 June; 7 July.

Parish Course on Pope Francis's encyclical Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). This encyclical is being read through and discussed over the coming five Saturday mornings at Our Lady of England, Storrington and began last week. Sessions will be from 10-11.30 am with tea and coffee available. Everyone is welcome.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or just exploring what this entails? If so, please speak to Fr Stephen, Deacon Roger or e-mail the parish office. We will soon be beginning our **"Explorers Group"** again, running roughly once a month on Tuesday evenings in the Cathedral Centre at 7.30pm. We will be offering refreshments and conversation about our search for God in our lives in a friendly, open atmosphere, with no pressure, and all opinions and ideas welcome. No commitment is required to begin this - only a desire to discover a little more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Dates for the forthcoming meetings are: **12 May, 9 June, and 7 July**. We very much look forward to seeing you then. Why not invite a friend?

Men's Breakfast Gatherings We are excited to launch a new, monthly Men's Breakfast Gathering at Arundel Cathedral Centre. The idea is to create a relaxed environment which provides an opportunity for us to grow in our faith by getting to know others better and building friendships. There is no agenda and no pressure but men 18 years+ will be very welcome to come along. Join us for our inaugural meeting on Saturday, 4th July, 2026 at 8.30am. Bring a friend! If you would like to be involved in the preparation of the food and drink, please contact Deacon Roger Stone: roger.stone@abdiocese.org.uk See the posters for more details.

Storrington MISSIO "Red Box" donations during 2025 amounted to £1,467.75. (including Direct Debits, cheques, online & direct giving.) We are part of a worldwide network of people assisting missionaries overseas who rely on our support through prayer & financial assistance. See: [Home - Missio](#) for more information. Ask Pat East: pateast24@btinternet.com / 07547 088675 - if you would like to contribute. Latest "Mission Today" Magazine available in Porch.

Corpus Christi —The Carpet of Flowers will be laid week commencing 1st June and open to the public on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th, with Mass at 5.30pm on 4th June followed by the procession to the Castle for Benediction and back to the Cathedral (weather permitting!). Work takes place all week and we could always use more help, particularly with stewarding during the open days (Wed: 9.30am—7pm & Thu: 9.30am—after the Mass and Procession). Contact arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01903 882297 letting us know what days/times you might be able to offer. Thanks so much.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

There are SVP Groups in Arundel and Storrington who meet regularly and can offer help and support. If you, or someone you know, would like a friendly visit or help in any way or you would like to know more, please contact the parish office.

Thanks to all those who joined the Divine Mercy Vigil a couple of weeks ago. The collection for Mary's Meals raised £192. Thank you for your generosity.

The Storrington SVP Group thank you for your kind donations of toiletries for the basket at the back of the Church at Our Lady of England. The Wholesome Warehouse have expressed their appreciation on behalf of their clients. It makes a big difference. As we head into the summer months, items like **sunscreen** would be very helpful additions. We kindly ask that no unwanted or leftover prescription items are donated, for safety reasons. Again, thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Margot Rendle RIP The family of Margot have let us know that they will be holding a memorial service for her at St Michaels Church Amberley at 11am on May 2nd and afterwards at Oaktree House next to the church. Her church friends are more than welcome to attend.

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 9 May 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley - Tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120) One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. To register go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: [Events | Our Diocese](#) Any questions contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

House of Prayer, East Molesey for retreat opportunities this spring see: [Programme | Retreats and Events at the House of Prayer – The House of Prayer](#)



Confident parenting in a world of screens' webinar - 29 April, 8pm. Hardly a day goes by without headlines highlighting the impact of smartphones and social media on our teenagers. They face a whole new level of complexity as they grow up in a digital world, but as parents and carers there are so many things we can do to help them navigate it well. CELEBRATE Trust has invited a speaker from *Care for the Family*, a national UK charity, to share how we can best support our teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, and offer practical advice and principles to apply in our own unique families. This is the first of 2 webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. The second webinar will be on 'Raising teenagers in a Catholic Family' with the *Messy Family Project*, a Catholic family ministry from the US on 2 June 2026, 8pm. To book on, go to [Faith Parenting – CELEBRATE Trust](#)

Saying Goodbye, (part of Mariposa International) are returning to Chichester Cathedral with a Baby loss remembrance and support service on the 9th May at 3pm, all are welcome. Mariposa International's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. To read more on the charity, please see: [Saying Goodbye - Global Baby Loss Support and Services](#)

Table Top Sale for the regional SVP Saturday 9th May at the former St Charles Borromeo Church, located at the junction of Ham Road and Chesswood Road, Worthing. Doors open at 10am. Please come along, find some bargains, and support a great cause!

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. To find out more please visit: [Relationship Counselling | Marriage Preparation | Marriage Care](#) or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) - Discerning God's Call in your life 15th - 17th May, Liverpool, organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? More information from Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or at [Home - Faithful Companions of Jesus](#) To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Saturday 25th		4th 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter
Cathedral	5.00pm	For the wellbeing of Christie Moore
Sunday 26th		
Storrington	9.00am	Mary Kalaher RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish
Storrington	2.30pm	Scouts St George's Day Service
Monday 27th		
Cathedral	10.00am	Mark Francis Stuart Douglas RIP
Tuesday 28th		
Cathedral	10.00am	Helena Stepien RIP
Wednesday 29th		Feast: St Catherine of Siena
Storrington	10.00am	Gerard Stephen Allardyce RIP
Thursday 30th		
Storrington	10.00am	Lauren McFarlane RIP
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11.30am
Friday 1st		Mem: St Josph the Worker
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration
Cathedral	10.00am	Judith RIP
Saturday 2nd		Mem: St Athanasius
Cathedral	10.00am	Anne Dacre RIP
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration
		5th Sunday of Easter
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd		
Storrington	9.00am	Mary & Mark Gallipeau RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Deceased of the Hutchinson & Clancy Fmly
<p align="center">Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington</p> <p>Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in Church Mon, Wed & Fri Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in the Church Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group 01903 742150 storrington@chemin-neuf.org</p>		
<p align="center">Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush</p> <p>Monday - Saturday: 8.30am (not this Tue); Sunday: 6.00pm</p>		
<p align="center">Prayers For The Sick</p> <p>Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.</p>		
<p align="center">Sacrament of the Sick</p> <p>Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619</p>		
<p align="center"> Requiem in Aeternum</p> <p>Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.</p>		
<p align="center">Coffee & Tea</p> <p>After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel</p>		
<p align="center">Liturgy of the Word with Children</p> <p>Every week at 9am Mass in Storrington . At Arundel this will take place at 5.00pm Mass twice a month as follows: April 25th, 16th & 30th May</p>		
<p align="center">Music at Mass</p> <p> 9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.</p>		
<p align="center">Rosary</p> <p>Wednesdays 7.00pm - Storrington Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel</p>		
<p align="center">Finance</p> <p>If you have any questions about setting up standing orders or Gift Aid, please contact Martin Hall on ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk Martin can help with queries in both Arundel & Storrington.</p>		

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