



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



25th Sunday, Year C - 21st September 2025

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Our Churches	The Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY Our Lady of England, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LN Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush, Arundel, BN18 9PJ		
Live Stream	Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website www.arundelcathedral.uk or https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel		
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Nothing changes! The prophet Amos in today's first reading was writing nearly 2800 years ago about people who thought that one day per week devoted to the Lord and occasional religious feast days were boring: "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale?" Nowadays people still complain that Sunday Mass is "boring"!

But Amos has spotted a deeper problem behind this boredom with religion—injustice: "dealing deceitfully with false balances". People who are unwilling to give time to God, will also be unwilling to give others their rights. If we cannot be generous with God, we won't be generous with our neighbour either.

If we are ever tempted to think that Mass is "boring", I wonder what lies behind it? Do we actually (unconsciously?) want the Mass to entertain us without our having to put any effort in? Do we want the Mass to be like the telly? If we lose interest for a few moments, do we just want to zap casually onto another channel?

Maybe we can grow in our friendship with Jesus by investing a little bit more of ourselves in preparing for Mass. You could read over the readings in advance, and ponder over what God might be saying to you through them today. What intentions do you want to bring to Mass, which you could focus on at the end of the bidding prayers and at other silent moments? What areas of your life do you want Jesus to transform or heal through receiving Holy Communion? How could you show your love for Him in the coming week?

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Mass times this coming week: Mass on Tuesday will be in Arundel at 10am. Mass on Wednesday will be in Storrington at 10am to celebrate the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of England, all are welcome to come and celebrate and to join together for coffee in the hall afterwards.

2nd Collections: This weekend 20/21 September for the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate for **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**. This year, the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary – it is 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. The creed begins with a profound proclamation, "I believe..." This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* 2025. You can find more information including a reflection from Abbot Hugh Allen O'Praem, Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference. at [Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) A [second collection](#) will also be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

A huge thanks to all those who made the BBQ so successful last Sunday. To Chemin Neuf for so generously allowing us to use their space, to the team who organised everything, and the many people who helped on the day, as well as all those who came along and made it such an enjoyable event.

Pilgrimage Day in honour of St Philip Howard Saturday 27 September to pray and reflect on his life and witness and our own journey through life. Join the Friends of Arundel Cathedral to walk along the west bank of the River Arun from Littlehampton, where St Philip Howard was arrested, to his shrine at Arundel Cathedral. Mass at St Catherine's Littlehampton at 9am, Prayers at St Andrew's Ford at 12.15, Benediction at the Cathedral at 3pm. Walk from Littlehampton (6.5 miles) or from Ford (2.5 miles). Lifts back to Littlehampton or Ford can be arranged. All welcome for all or any part of the day. Booking needed for the walk. Contact Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or email aruncathfriends@btconnect.com to book.

Vespers and Benediction takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month at Our Lady of England Church in Storrington at 4pm. Next date: Sunday 28th September. All are welcome.

Please pray for George Sutherland (Arundel) who died recently. His funeral service will take place on Friday 26th September at 12 noon in the Cathedral. Also for Cathy McAllister (Storrington) who died on Monday. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 30th September at 11.30am.

Secondary School Supplementary Information Forms Any parishioners needing a form signed for their child, please come to the Cathedral Sacristy on Wednesday 15th October between 2-4pm. If you are unable to come on this date, please e-mail the parish office as soon as possible.

Arundel and Storrington Offertory Summary		
	August 2025	Special collections in August
Standing Orders (Gift Aid)	£5,922	There were no additional collections this month.
Envelopes and card transactions (Gift Aid)	£866	
Cash	£2,235	
Total	£9,023	
Monthly Offertory Budget	£9,000	Thank you all for your continuing generosity.



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.

Dates for your diary: 4th October 2.30pm Animal Blessing Service—Cathedral; 7th October 2-4pm Drop-In at the Cathedral Centre; 16th October Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees 10-12 Cathedral Sacristy.

Screening of 'The Letter: A Message for Our Earth'. This film, which follows frontline activists from around the world as they travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis and discuss with him the vision of his letter 'Laudato Si' on care for our common home will be shown at The New Park Cinema in Chichester at 6pm on Monday 22nd September. The screening will include a Q & A session with the film's director Nicolas Brown. More details at [The Letter: A Message for our Earth - Chichester Cinema at New Park](#)

French for All Whether you would like to start speaking French, build on your rusty knowledge or improve your fluency, come and join our friendly Monday group from 2 - 3pm in the sacristy at Our Lady of England, Storrington. Starting date 22nd September. All proceeds to CAFOD.

St Philip Howard Catholic Secondary School Open Evening - Thursday, 25 September 2025 (5.00pm – 8.00pm) Prospective students, their parents and carers are welcome. Please come and discover all that SPH has to offer, meet our wonderful children and hardworking, committed and caring staff. In order to manage numbers, we'd kindly ask you to complete a booking form in advance to indicate when you hope to arrive (booking via link on website: [St Philip Howard Catholic School](#)). Talks by the Headteacher, Mr Hulse, will take place at 5.15pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm. During your visit you'll be treated to a tour of the school by our wonderful children. School tours will also be available on three mornings per week from **Monday 29 September - Friday 24 October** for you to see the school in action. Please call the school office to make an appointment (01243 552055).

Young Adults' Kickoff! All young adults (18–30) are warmly invited to our first Mass of the new academic year on Sunday 28 September at 5.30pm at St Richard's Church in Chichester. Come celebrate, then stick around for pizza and a chance to hang out with friends old and new. Want to stay in the loop? Join our WhatsApp group using the QR code to the right.



Ever wondered about what Catenians are all about? Here's a chance to find out! There will be a social/information afternoon on Sunday 28th September at 3pm in the Cathedral Centre in Arundel. All are welcome to come and meet the Arundel Circle Members and their families to find out more about who we are and what we do for the Church and the local community. Refreshments available. To help with catering number please contact: Nigel Corby on 01903 784051 nigel.corby@outlook.com More information at: <https://thecatenians.com/>

"Our Faith" A brief introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church by Deacon David Clifton. The book has grown out of more than twenty years' experience of being involved with the parish RCIA group. It attempts to answer some of the questions raised at these sessions, and includes much other material. Catholics attending RCIA as sponsors or helpers often expressed a wish that such a course was available as a 'refresher course' for Catholics. This book is an attempt to fulfil that wish. It sets out a rational exposition of the Catholic faith in simple, straightforward language, and aims to fill a gap between very erudite, academic theological works and more popular presentations of the faith. 138 pages for £9.50. Available from the Cathedral Shop.

Monthly Lectio Divina at the Poor Clares, Crossbush Praying/reflecting on the Gospel of the following Sunday. 3pm – 4pm on the following dates: Mon 29th Sept; Mon 27th Oct; Mon 24th Nov. (During Advent we will have weekly Lectio). All Welcome.

Diocesan Events coming up in the autumn:

Building the Domestic Church – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

Eucharistic Adoration The Diocese is renewing and developing its Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Thursday 2nd October at 8pm in Crawley. Registration from 7.15pm, light refreshments available. For further details contact eastpreston@abdiocese.org.uk

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th		25th Sunday, Year C
Cathedral	5.00pm	Deceased of the Corcoran Family, William & Sylvia Colegrave RIP
Sunday 21st		
Storrington	9.00am	Wellbeing of Donny Coughlan
Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd		
Cathedral	10.00am	Cathy McAllister RIP & the consolation of her family
Tuesday 23rd		St Pius of Pietrelcina, 'Padre Pio'
<u>Cathedral</u>	10.00am	The Wammes Family
Wednesday 24th		Feast: Our Lady of England
<u>Storrington</u>	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday 25th		
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration to 11.30am
Friday 26th		Ss Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration to 9.45am
Cathedral	10.00am	Mary Corbyn RIP
Cathedral	12 noon	Funeral Service of George Sutherland
Saturday 27th		St Vincent de Paul, Priest
Cathedral	10.00am	Bernard & Beatrice Eustace RIP
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11am
		26th Sunday, Year C
Cathedral	5.00pm	Paula Starkey RIP
Sunday 28th		
Storrington	9.00am	Graham Linfield RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington

Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in 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

Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush

Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm

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.

Coffee & Tea

After 9.00am Mass at Storrington
 After 11.00am Mass at Arundel

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington.
 At Arundel this will take place at **5.00pm Mass** twice a month from September, as follows: 27 Sept; 11 & 25 Oct; 8 & 22 Nov; 6 & 20 Dec.

Music at Mass



9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.

Rosary

Wednesdays 7.00pm - Storrington
 Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel
 First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel

Finance

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.

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