



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

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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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When Jesus comes to the apostles, walking on the water, why does Peter say, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to You on the water”? It doesn’t seem to make logical sense.

He can’t logically be asking Jesus to work a miracle to prove that He’s not a ghost, because Jesus is already working a miracle by walking on the water Himself. And how do you suppose Peter felt when Jesus responded by saying, “Come”? If he was anything like me, he’d have been suddenly afraid and wished he’d never made the suggestion in the first place. Then, having started to walk on the water—and not sink in!—why did Peter panic when he felt the wind?

But even if this scene doesn’t quite make *logical* sense, it certainly makes *psychological* sense and *spiritual* sense. It is true to our hearts and souls.

By walking on the water Jesus is revealing His divinity, and inviting Peter—and us—to grow in faith. And Peter knows it. “Command me to come to You” is the perfect response. To come to Jesus is the meaning and fulfilment of every human heart. Yet we cannot get to Jesus by ourselves; we can only ask Him to give us the command and the supernatural grace to do it. When He does, it’s scary and exciting all at the same time, and we often panic and have a sinking moment. But His hand is always there to save.

God bless, Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

No changes to Masses this coming week.

Please pray for Irena Ray Crosby who died this week and remember her friends and family in prayer. Funeral details to come.

Men's Breakfast Gatherings—Arundel Cathedral Centre Our next breakfast is this Saturday 8 August starting at 8.30am. Suggested donation of £5.00. Future dates for your diaries: 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December. If you would like to be involved in the preparation of the food and drink, contact Deacon Roger
Stone: roger.stone@abdiocese.org.uk See the posters for more details.

Safeguarding Co-ordination Storrington Theresa Byrne wishes to thank the Storrington Community for their generous gift, beautiful flowers & homemade cake. Being safeguarding representative for nearly three decades has had its challenges but also enormous rewards. The protection of our children and vulnerable adults is so important. Everyone should feel safe and welcome in our community. Please support David Rowland as he takes on the role.

COMING SOON

The Tuesday Drop In No meetings during August. Next meeting Tuesday 1 September at the Cathedral Centre 2 to 4pm.

Arundel Mothers Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 11am in the Cashman Room at the Cathedral Centre. All are welcome.

Fundraising Walk Adam Vernon successfully completed his first fundraising walk on the 1st of August, taking 12 hours and 50 minutes to do the 31 miles. He is now preparing for his 100km (62 miles) on the 5th and 6th of September. He is raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity, as he and Betsy have two friends with brain tumours, one of whom is an Arundel Cathedral parishioner. If you would like to support his fundraising please go to his Just Giving page to donate. - Thank you. [Adam Vernon is fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity](#)

DIOCESAN

Bishop-elect Stephen Please keep Fr Stephen Wang in your prayers as he prepares for his move to our diocese.

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese - standard ticket price £20 Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme for our year of Young Adult retreats is *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me"* (Jn 15:27). From Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day. Booking for retreat days is available through the events page of the Diocesan website at the following churches:

- **St Wilfrid's Parish, Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September 2026** [Young Adults' Retreat Day \(26-Sep-2026\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)
- **St Richard's Parish, Chichester on Saturday 7th November 2026** [Young Adults' Retreat Day \(07-Nov-2026\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)
- **Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23rd January 2027** [Young Adults' Retreat Day \(23-Jan-2027\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

The day will include guest speakers, discussion groups, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Lectio Divina, Spiritual Direction and Scripture art. Any questions about these events should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 3 October at Arundel Cathedral Whether you are you celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Mass at 11.30am will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome. The Cathedral and Centre are wheelchair friendly. Any questions to simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your free place, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: [Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(03-Oct-2026\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

New WhatsApp channel for news from the Diocese Created especially for members of our family of faith who don't use other social media but would like to stay up to date with news from the Diocese, a new WhatsApp channel has been launched. News is shared there regularly and WhatsApp channels don't have comments or replies so are very safe spaces. No one who isn't in your phone's address book can see your membership or activity there. Click here to subscribe:

whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0Vyff0E

GENERAL

Assisted Dying A Private Members' Bill has been reintroduced to parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide - the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. There will be a crucial vote on Friday, 11 September. Please contact your MP to make your voice heard to oppose this Bill. See more at [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) and on the poster at the back of the Cathedral/porch in Storrington.

CELEBRATE summer family faith resources, created to equip and encourage families in sharing faith with their children. [Online Family Activity Packs — CELEBRATE Trust](#) [Get your FREE Celebrate@Home Summer Psalm walk!](#) - designed to help families explore Psalm 139 whilst they walk together.

Come to the CELEBRATE festival - a faith-filled event for all the family. Runs from 15-19 August, at Worth School, West Sussex. Hear inspiring speakers such as Fr Roberto Pasolini (Preacher to the Pope), David Wells and Johannes Hartl, experience beautiful Masses, pray in Worth Abbey, fun and formation for children and young people aged 3-24 each day of the festival, and relax in the beautiful Sussex countryside. Camp in our festival field, stay in school accommodation or travel each day from home. For more information and to get your tickets visit [CELEBRATE festival](#)

National Board of Catholic Women latest newsletter can be viewed here: [AUGUST 2026 Newsletter from Arundel & Brighton NBCW Diocesan Link](#)

Adoremus 2026, the next Eucharistic Congress, 10 October in London, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark and Westminster Cathedral

Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and includes a gathering in London, as well as parish events. If you wish to be part of the 'representative group' which will attend Mass at noon and join in the Eucharistic Procession from Southwark to Westminster during Adoremus, please visit the Diocesan website events page or click here to find out more and reserve your place: W:

[Adoremus \(10-Oct-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Places are very limited. Those attending will travel to London independently and meet at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

'ABRAHAM' (A course for those over 70ish) A series of 5 days with the Chemin Neuf Community to look at the possibilities as we age at The Priory, Storrington, RH20 4LN 10am – 4pm Thursday 24 September, 8 October, 22 October 5 November and 19 November 2026. Explore your life now and in the future. It's never too late. God called Abraham when he was 75! Contact: Felicity Hadley email storrington@chemin-neuf.org or for more details: [Abraham - Chemin Neuf UK](#)

Pilgrimage Walk in the Steps of St Wilfrid: Saturday 19 September 11am to 4pm All welcome for a reflective pilgrimage walk from Selsey to the medieval church at Church Norton, where St Wilfrid set up his mission to the people of Sussex. Walk and pray through beautiful shoreline countryside. Meet at 11am at Our Lady and St Wilfrid Church, 12 Church Road Selsey PO20 0LS. The walk is about 5 miles over uneven footpaths. Please bring a packed lunch. The day concludes with tea, refreshments and discussion in the church hall in Selsey. See [Sussex Pilgrimage – Discover pilgrimages in Sussex](#) for further details or phone Maria on 07413 267267

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK			Rosary
Saturday 8th		19th Sunday, Year A	Wednesdays 7.00pm (Storrington) Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 9th			
Storrington	9.00am	Dr Aires Carvalho RIP	Music at Mass 9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
Cathedral	11.00am	Nuala Vokes RIP	
Monday 10th		St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	
Cathedral	10.00am	Robert & Winifred Ronchetti RIP	Liturgy of the Word with Children Both Arundel & Storrington teams are taking a break in August, watch for new dates in September.
Tuesday 11th		St Clare, Virgin	
Storrington	10.00am	Christopher Gore RIP	
Wednesday 12th		St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	Coffee & Tea After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
Cathedral	10.00am	Blessing Dowle RIP	
Thursday 13th			
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish	Requiem in Aeternum Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11.30am	
Friday 14th		St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration to 9.45am	Sacrament of the Sick Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343
Cathedral	10.00am	Canon Peter Turbitt RIP	
Saturday 15th			
Cathedral	10.00am	Joseph & Angela Witchalls recently married	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.
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration	
		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 16th			
Storrington	9.00am	People of the Parish	
Cathedral	11.00am	For Arundel Catenians & Associates	

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in Church (<u>not in August</u>) Mon, Wed & Fri Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in Church (<u>not in August</u>) Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group (<u>not in August</u>) 01903 742150 storrington@chemin-neuf.org

Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm
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