



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

Baptism of the Lord, Year A

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Our Churches

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Our Lady of England, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LN
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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>

Catholic Schools

St Philip's Catholic Primary School 01903 882115	office@st-philips.w-sussex.sch.uk	London Road, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9BA Headteacher: Mrs Therese Pullan
St Philip Howard Catholic School 01243 552055	office@sphcs.co.uk	Elm Grove South, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0EN Headteacher: Mr Tim Hulse

This Sunday's Reflection is written by Fr Peter Coxe of the L'Arche Community in Bognor.

January for many is tough: "Blue Monday," darkness, cold, financial shortfall. Some feel like bruised reeds, smouldering wicks, fainthearted, discouraged. Others, unable to afford lawyers, have been lawbreakers' victims, unfairly treated...

In this final Christmastide weekend, we remember Bethlehem occupied, impoverished by the Roman superpower, low-status shepherds, an unmarried Mother's social stigma, giving birth in a stable, not to mention murderous Herod's suspicion towards both Baby and clever foreign astronomers...

While Isaiah encourages oppressed Israelites of a different era, he rings true for Baby Jesus and people with whom He grows up. After 30 quiet years, He queues alongside broken people seeking reconciliation and strength to respond to hard truths proclaimed by the charismatic prophet John. They humble themselves to be washed like the notorious past Syrian Naaman in the muddy Jordan, not for leprosy cure, but seeking deeper inner healing...

When Jesus reaches the front of the queue, John feels unqualified to give Him anything. Instinctively John knows Jesus needn't change the direction of His perfectly love-centred life. Jesus knows He needs to come down to the lowest level to be truly alongside us in our miserable condition. (In just over a month, we'll witness Jesus going even lower as we move into Lent)...

As soon as Jesus rises from the dirty water we see Him connect with both Father and Spirit. (At Easter catechumens' will rise from Baptism and receive the Holy Spirit)...

Another breakthrough occurs as Peter enters a pagan house for the first time and baptises Cornelius' household. The mysterious Servant of Isaiah's promise is there not only for His own race and culture but for the world...

Today as we face our struggles, we each need to hear God's voice: "This is my beloved son (daughter), with whom I am well pleased"...

Changes to Mass times this coming week: There are no changes in the coming week.

Please pray for Richard Millen (Storrington) who died recently, his funeral takes place next week. Also for Brian Maher (Storrington) who died recently, his Requiem will take place in Storrington on Thursday 20th January at 11.00am and for Kate Osgood (Storrington) who died recently. Funeral details to come.

Tuesday Drop In Next meeting: 20 January at St Wilfrid's Priory, London Road, 2 to 4pm. All welcome for tea/coffee, friendly chat, board games. Lifts available, please contact Maria on 07413 267267.

Diocesan Mass of Farewell to Bishop Richard. This will be an opportunity to celebrate with Bishop Richard on **Friday 30th January at 6.30pm in the Cathedral**, followed by a reception in the Castle. All welcome. – You are probably aware that our Bishop, Richard Moth, has been appointed as the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, to succeed Cardinal Vincent Nichols. He will be installed on 14th February. We congratulate him on his appointment. We are very sad to see him leave this diocese, thank him for his ministry in Arundel and Brighton and particularly in our Cathedral, and we pray for God's blessings on him in his future ministry.

Welcome and Congratulations to Mrs Therese Pullan who began as the new headteacher at St Philip's Catholic Primary School in Arundel this week. Her Mass of Induction will take place at the 11am Mass on Sunday 18th January. All are welcome. There will be refreshments in the Cathedral Centre afterwards.

Baptism We pray for Matylda who will be baptised in Arundel Cathedral this Sunday, 11th January and for her parents, Anna and Kris.

Winter 2025 Edition of The Proclaimer is on sale at £5 each in Storrington and the back of the Cathedral after 11am Mass this Sunday or in the Cathedral Shop. Payment can be made in cash or on the donation devices. If you would like to sign up for a standing order to receive two copies a year, please take a form or contact the parish office. The Digital Edition is available to view from the Cathedral website: <https://arundelcathedral.uk/arundel-cathedral-proclaimer-2025-digital-edition>

Christian Unity Week (Storrington) 18 – 25 January

Sunday 18 Jan, 3-4pm, St Mary's Parish Church, Storrington

'A Celebration of Our United Christian Witness'

With fizz and nibbles

Wednesday 21 Jan, 10.30-11.30am, Storrington Village Hall

'That they may all be one' : John 17.21 – Praying Christ's call to all Christians

With coffee and cake

Friday 23 Jan, 6-8pm, OLE Priory (Chemin Neuf Community)

Fish & Chip Supper with inter-church Quiz, preceded by prayers

Book supper by 18 Jan at your church, or email: charles.felicity@gmail.com

All are welcome to any of these events.

Ecumenical Representatives (Storrington) – Do you have a heart for Christian Unity? We are looking for 2-3 people who can represent our parish in Storrington on a new churches group. Talk to Fr Stephen, Deacon Roger or contact the office if you think you might like to explore this further.

Accessible parking (Storrington) Please note that three parking places nearest to the church wall in the car park have been marked with 'disabled parking' signage this week (thanks to our volunteers). These are intended for those drivers/passengers who need space to get in and out of their vehicles. Please only park 3 vehicles here on a Sunday morning to allow people space.



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

Exploring the vocation to teaching in our diocesan schools Online event - Tuesday 13 January – 5.30pm to 6.30pm. If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running this online information event. This event would be suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please use the link: [Exploring the vocation to teaching \(13-Jan-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Arundel Ministry of Consolation Group - for those experiencing loss in any way, now or in the past. If you want to contact a member of the team you can e-mail them at: MOC@arundelcathedral.uk or call the Cathedral office.

If anyone is interested in joining the Consolation team, a new **diocesan training course** is beginning later this month. Expressions of interest to Fr Stephen or Deacon Roger in the first instance.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 24 January 2026 11-4pm at St Michael's church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL. Led by Archbishop Elect Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. On the weekend of the [Sunday of the Word of God](#), this day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. To book a place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website or use this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(24-Jan-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you have any questions about this day, do not hesitate to contact Catherine Christmas at E: catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk

Posters/Notices Anyone wishing to put up a poster or notice in either Arundel or Storrington is kindly asked to check with Fr Stephen, Deacon Roger or the parish office beforehand.

Diocesan Directories are now available in the shop in Arundel and the porch in Storrington for £5.00.

Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297 if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk Thank you for your support!

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 7 February 10am—3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley 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, the diocese is 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. Tickets are now £40 per delegate (usual price £120). To register scan the QR code above or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk



New Parishioners Are you new to the parish? Have you filled in a form to let us know you're here? The form for both Arundel and Storrington is here: [Register With The Parish – Arundel Cathedral](#) Maybe you've been with us a while but haven't sign up to the database? If you already receive the newsletter by e-mail, contact the parish office, otherwise register on the link above.

