



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent, Year B – 10th March 2024

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

6pm Vigil Mass: Celebrant's Intention

8am Mass: For the People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Tony Stiebel RIP

MONDAY 11, Monday in the Fourth Week of Lent

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

TUESDAY 12, Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Lent

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 13, Wednesday in the Fourth Week of Lent

No Mass

7.00pm Rosary

8.00pm: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

THURSDAY 14, Thursday in the Fourth Week of Lent

9.00am Mass

FRIDAY 15, Friday in the Fourth Week of Lent

No Mass

SATURDAY 16, Saturday in the Fourth 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: Daniel & Mary Cleary RIP

NEXT SUNDAY 17, 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

8am Mass: People of the Parish; 10.00am Mass: Luke Manning RIP (4th Anniversary)

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

Jesus talks today about being lifted up: "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert." In fact Jesus uses the phrase three times. (We'll hear another one next Sunday). It's a powerful image. Think how much little children love to be lifted up; think about celebrating with a sports trophy. Being lifted up speaks to something very deeply engrained in our human nature. But being lifted up can also have negative connotations: think about being held up as an example (not to be copied) or being held up to ridicule.

Jesus' being lifted up includes all of this. It's His being lifted up on the Cross to be mocked, to suffer and to die—and to save us from our sins. But it's also His glorious Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.

In the liturgy too Christ is lifted up with powerful symbolism. On Good Friday the crucifix is solemnly lifted up three times for our veneration. At the Easter Vigil the newly lighted Easter Candle is also lifted up three times in honour of the Risen Jesus. And at Mass—most lovely of all—day by day at the consecration Jesus is literally lifted up in the sacred Host and the precious Chalice; and we glory in His Cross and His risen presence among us. We bow down in worship, and He draws us all to Himself.

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://Lourdes Pilgrimage (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

Thank you to all who attended the second meeting of the two communities in Storrington last Sunday.

If you were unable to attend and would like to contribute, please complete the online form (link sent on Thursday) or the form attached to this newsletter hard copy and return by Wednesday 13th March at midday.

A summary of Fr Stephen's talk at the meeting is also attached /was sent by e-mail.

Please continue to pray for our communities at this time.

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 & Brighton Diocese (abdiocese.org.uk)) and there is a group on a **Saturdays at 10.30am in the hall.** All are welcome.

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.

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](#)

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.

NOVENA TO THE VIRGIN MARY Commencing this month, Cardinal Raymond Burke has called on Catholics around the world to join him in prayer to Our Lady until 12th December – the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. See more at [Novena](#) where you can sign up for reflections and videos during this time of prayer. Why not join our parish rosary group on a Wednesday evening at 7pm in the church? This group has been running for 5 years and prays especially for peace in Ukraine and the wider world.

ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 'PALESTINE' Thank you so much to Chemin Neuf Community for hosting this year and many thanks to all who joined in prayer, and for your generous offerings for this world-wide movement. More than 60 people gathered together for the Service and tea and cake afterwards.

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 \(catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk\)](#). 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/>

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.

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

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 month's 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. All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary. registered Charity No. 1029115

CHILWORTH ABBEY STUDY MORNING Saturday 16 March Led by Fr John Seddon OSB, on Part 7 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible', dealing with Ezra and Nehemiah and 1 Maccabees: Return and Maccabean Revolt. Mass 9am, Video and Talks 10.30am-12.15pm. Bring a friend if possible. See W: chilworthbenedictines.com for more details.

TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Spy Wednesday 6pm Diocesan Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral

Maundy Thursday 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, with washing of the feet, and watching before the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday 9.15am Ecumenical Walk of Witness, starting in our church and ending at Trinity Methodist at around 10.15am

Good Friday 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion,

Holy Saturday 9am Office of Readings

Holy Saturday 8.00pm Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday 8am and 10am Mass