



# The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



The Presentation of the Lord—2nd February 2025

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Today's feast—the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple—has also been known since medieval times as “Candlemas” because of the blessing of candles on this feast day.

Candles are a powerful and popular Christian symbol. Today they remind us of Simeon's words, that Christ is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” We always light candles on the altar at Mass. We light the great Paschal Candle each Eastertide, and at Baptisms and funerals too, to remind us of the Resurrection of Jesus. We often light votive candles when we make a prayer of petition. And a candle is kept perpetually burning near the tabernacle to remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Candles are eloquent symbols of Christ: firstly, of course, because they give us the light of truth, but also because they give the warmth of love. They are also “self-sacrificial”—they give themselves away and are consumed as they give out their light and warmth, just as Jesus laid down His life for us on the Cross. Finally, their flame can be shared, setting light to other candles, just as the truth and love of Jesus enkindles in our hearts the flame of faith—a flame we want to pass on to others too.

*God bless, Fr Stephen*

**No changes to Mass times this week.** Mass on Monday (St Blaise's day) will be followed by the traditional blessing of throats for anyone who would like that.

**Crib Offering 2024** TODAY is the last chance to make an offering at the crib for the Catholic Children's Society's A & B Crisis Fund. Thank you for your donations so far.

**Please pray for Jacqueline Moremon** (Storrington) who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be in Storrington on 11th February at 11am. Please also pray for **Fiona Reidy** (Storrington) who died peacefully at Hillside Care Home in Pulborough on 1st January. Her Requiem will be Thursday 20th February at 11am. Also for **David Howell** (Arundel) who died recently, funeral details to come.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas).** This Sunday, 2 Feb, we celebrate this lovely feast, which only occasionally falls on a Sunday. All Masses will begin with a lighting and blessing of candles to remind us that Jesus is the light to enlighten all peoples.

**Tuesday Drop-In every Tuesday 2 to 4pm** Come and join together for a cup of tea, games, chat and laughter at the Cathedral Centre. All welcome.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** Applications for this summer's pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website: [Lourdes Pilgrimage](#) Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual Diocesan calendar. Pope Francis has declared 2025 is a Jubilee year, the Lourdes theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. We are invited to set out on our pilgrimage journey with our Lady and St Bernadette, in the 'hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ.' (Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit 2025) Lourdes is a place of renewal, unlike tourists, visiting a popular attraction, we are pilgrims, making the journey together, we laugh together, break bread together, and we enter a space in which we can be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in ways that, perhaps, we would never have thought possible before.

**Diocesan Directories** available from the shop in Arundel and porch in Storrington £5.00 each.

**Storrington** – no coffee after Mass this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February as Chemin Neuf have a group in.

**Storrington Mothers Prayer Group** meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Our Lady of England church on 1st Thursday of each month at 2pm – next meeting **6th February**. All Mothers and Grandmothers most welcome to come and pray for our children and all children around the world. We also pray for the intentions in the Parish Book. For more information contact Cecilia 07494 287850.

**Arundel Consolation Group Coffee** will meet on every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Cathedral Centre from 2-3pm, dates as follows: **13<sup>th</sup> February**; 13<sup>th</sup> March & 10<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome.

**Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service** Friday 7th March 2.00pm at Our Lady of England, Storrington.

**Do you have any ring-binder folders gathering dust?** They make a massive difference to GCSE students preparing for exams. St Philip Howard School is collecting unwanted ring-binders to support their students' revision. Please drop off any you may have to the Parish Office. Every folder donated will be greatly appreciated.

**March for Life – Rethink Abortion Event** Talking about the difficult and emotive topic of abortion brings many challenges and concerns. The diocese invites you to join on 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.00a.m-5.00p.m at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (RH10 6RP). when **March for Life** will be helping and guiding us to "Rethink Abortion". How we can better listen and accompany those who are considering abortion as a reality in their life and consider other alternatives. To register go to: [Rethinking Abortion \(08-Feb-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)



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.

**Diocesan Youth Project Worker - Part time** Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new P/T Youth Project Worker. The successful applicant will be responsible for two major projects - coordination of the CYMFed Faith in Action Awards across the Diocese, and the newly developing Young Adults programme. They will also be required to assist with engaging young people from across the Diocese in the ASCENT process (a three-year discipleship process for young people) and offer support to the Youth Adviser in enabling diocesan attendance at national and international events such as Flame and World Youth Day. E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Diocesan IT Technician – Full Time** based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The IT Department supports a wide range of stakeholders. As a small team, flexibility around tasks is essential to contribute fully to this busy and often reactive service provision. The successful candidate will have experience of a similar role and a willingness to learn further skills as and when required to expand their IT knowledge. Due to the nature of the role all hours are worked onsite at our Crawley office, with no scope for hybrid or remote working. To find out more and apply: [SPHC IT Technician | Careers](#)

**Exploring the vocation to teaching in our diocesan schools** 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 an online information event on Wednesday 12th February from 5.30-6pm. 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 in our diocesan schools \(12-Feb-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**Get into Teaching** Bosco Sussex Teacher Training are recruiting applicants to train in a range of primary and secondary subjects. Working with Teach SouthEast and Sussex University, we are looking for recent graduates, career changers or those wanting to re-start their working career to share their knowledge, skills, and experiences with young people in our communities. Would you like to find out a little more? Then why not join one of our 'Get into Teaching Recruitment' sessions. These events are online between 6-7pm on 6 February, 27 February, 27 March, 8 May and 5 June. Meeting ID: 361 666 528 310 and the Passcode is vGiX8C. Looking forward to seeing you there! See more at [Train to Teach – Bosco Catholic Education Trust](#)

**Bishop Robert Barron** is speaking at an 'Evangelisation and Culture' Conference in London 21-22 February. To find out more see [Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible](#)

**Worth Abbey "Come and Sing" Day Saturday, 1st March** Participate in the performance of Vivaldi's renowned Gloria with the Worth Abbey Choir and a professional orchestra. Guest who are keen to sing are invited to arrive for 1.30pm, please register your interest as soon as you are able by emailing Edward Dean (Abbey Director of Music) at [edean@worth.org.uk](mailto:edean@worth.org.uk) and those who wish to enjoy the concert should arrive at 3.15pm for refreshments followed by the performance. Please contact Kelly O'Hara (Assistant to the Abbot) at [kohara@worth.org.uk](mailto:kohara@worth.org.uk) Parking is available and families are welcome.

**Discover the Story Behind Wintershall's Biblical Plays** In a captivating insight into the world of Wintershall's acclaimed biblical plays, the Guildford and District Knights of St. Columba are set to host a revealing talk on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at St Dunstan's Church in Woking. Tickets £5, proceeds supporting Wintershall's work and the Knights of St. Columba's charities. Advance booking is highly recommended at [Sell Tickets Online | Free Event Ticketing with TicketSource](#) (search "Wintershall"): [Guildford & District Knights of St Columba event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

**NBCW February Newsletter** is displayed on the Storrington noticeboard and on the Arundel online Events page on the website.

**Save the Date – Saturday 20 September 2025 Festival of Hope** Celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends this September.

HOLY MASS		
<b>Saturday 1st</b>		<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>		
Storrington	9.00am	Emma Hiles RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Anthony Mervin Peduzzi RIP
<b>Monday 3rd</b>		<b>St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	Serena Gore RIP
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>		
Storrington	10.00am	Moira Swarbrick RIP
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>		<b>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	Fr Wenna Henry Tiku RIP
<b>Thursday 6th</b>		<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
Storrington	10.00am	Deceased of the Ikpoh Family
<b>Friday 7th</b>		
Cathedral	10.00am	Ray Weatherley RIP
<b>Saturday 8th</b>		<b>St Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	John & Valerie McDermott RIP
		<b>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C</b>
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 9th</b>		
Storrington	9.00am	Daniel & Mary Cleary RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Ray Weatherley RIP

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 10.30am - Arundel  
Thursdays 10.30am - Storrington

### 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.

### Liturgy of the Word with Children

Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington.

At Arundel this will take place at **5.00pm Mass** once a month as follows:  
22nd Feb, 22nd March, 26th April.

All are welcome at either place.

### Rosary

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

### Adoration

Thursdays 10.30—11.30am - Storrington  
Fridays 9.15—9.55am - Arundel  
Saturdays 10.30—11.00am - Arundel

### Coffee & Tea

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



### Music at Mass

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

### Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington

Monday - Friday: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in the 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](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

### Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush

Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm

Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website [www.arundelcathedral.uk](http://www.arundelcathedral.uk) or <https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel>