

The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



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“The voice of one crying in the wilderness; prepare the way of the Lord.” The wilderness or desert is a disconcerting place, barren and unpromising. But it’s also a special place—a place where people find God. In the Old Testament the People of Israel wandered for forty years in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. And it was there, in the desert, that they were led by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night; there that they received the gift of manna from heaven; there that they received the ten commandments to guide them through life. The desert was the place where John the Baptist lived, waiting for the Messiah. And it was in the desert that Jesus won the victory over the temptations of the devil.

We could say that our secular world is a spiritual desert. Never was it so important to cry, “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.” And our souls can also become a desert by sin—by the catastrophe of mortal sin, or by the gradual drought of our venial sins. (There can be climate change in our hearts too!) Here too we can hear the cry, “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.” Let’s use the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent to make the desert bloom. (Our deanery Reconciliation Services are on Wed 11 and Sun 15 Dec. See inside for details.)

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Mass times this week: Mass on Monday is in the Castle Chapel (see note below); Mass on Tuesday is at **9.30am** in the Fitzalan Chapel and Wednesday at 10am in Storrington. Saturday 14th 5pm Mass will be in the Cathedral Centre due to a concert in the Cathedral.

Mass in the Castle Chapel on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will take place on Monday 9th December at **10am**. Entry on foot via the High Street Gate. Anyone who needs to drive due to mobility problems, please leave a message for Louise in the parish office. There will be a buggy at the Castle.

Advent Reconciliation Services in the deanery will take place in St Richard's Church in Chichester on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm and Our Lady of England in Storrington on Sunday 15th December at 3pm. All welcome to either. The sacrament is available in the Cathedral every Saturday after 10am Mass, and Thursdays in Storrington after 10am Mass.

CAFOD World Gifts We are collecting this Advent for Cafod World Gifts, this year for "Education - Teach someone to read" costing £10. Reading opens up so many doors: education, work, pleasure, self-improvement and more. This empowering gift can pay for someone's literacy classes. We also want to help students and young people go "Back to school" costing £60 where a child can fulfil their potential as it supports them in overcoming poverty and increases their employability. This gift also supports training in skills such as carpentry and sewing etc for those who missed out on school, so they can earn a living. Please give what you can—the figures are just a guide. Any questions please speak to Stephanie Hawkey - Arundel Cathedral Cafod Rep.

Christmas Flowers collection will be taken next Sunday 15th December.

Christmas in Memoriam An opportunity to remember your loved ones this Christmas by bringing a poinsettia to help decorate the Cathedral. Please leave your poinsettia in the baptistery.

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

Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees Our next get-together for general cleaning, polishing and repairs is **this week on Wednesday 11th December** in the Sacristy 1-3pm. Please join us - tea, coffee, chats and laughter guaranteed!

Parish Proclaimer is now available on the website, and in printed form. Thanks to our editors Melinda for and Bryden, and all the contributors.

First Reconciliation & First Communion Application Forms for 2025 are available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch at Storrington. Parents of children in school year 3 or above who wish to begin receiving Holy communion in 2025 should complete a form and return it to the parish office **by 8 December**. Meetings are scheduled to begin in January on Thursday afternoons. If you have any questions, please contact the Cathedral Office on arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297.

Storrington MISSIO "Red Box" collections: MISSIO is the Pope's charity for World Mission: "MISSIO ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief." Your collector will contact you to arrange collection in the next few weeks. There are alternative ways of donating - details from Pat East 01903 741127 or 07547 088675 or pateast24@btinternet.com

Cathedral Shop – Christmas cards, Nativities, Advent calendars, 2025 diaries all now available in the shop. Open 10.30am – 4pm Monday – Friday; Sat & Sun after Mass until 4pm.

The Convent of Poor Clares Advent group continues as follows: Dec 12th Thurs 3pm – 4.15pm; Dec 19th Thurs 3pm – 4.15pm. All are welcome.



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.

Sunday Missals are now available, please collect and pay for your Missal in Arundel at the shop or before or after Mass in Storrington from Louise at the back of the church. The discounted price is £17.00 and can be paid by cash (correct money in Storrington please) or cheque, or in Arundel by contactless payment. If anyone would prefer to pay by bank transfer, here are the bank details (please use the description 'SMissal'): Bank: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London; Account Name: Arundel Cathedral; Sort Code: 40 05 20; Account No.: 41076566. If you would like a missal, but would find paying for it difficult, please speak to Fr Stephen or Deacon Roger, as we can offer some assistance.

Confirmation 2025 Application forms for the Parish Confirmation programme are now available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch in Storrington. If you are in Year 10 or above and want to embark on the course to learn more, please complete a form and return it to the Cathedral or to Fr Stephen by **5th January 2025**.

Arundel Consolation Group Coffee is back in the new year every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Cathedral Centre. See leaflet sent with the newsletter or in the church.

Christmas Mass times—Tuesday 24th December 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in the Cathedral—children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the nativity and will have the opportunity to participate; Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm (carols from 11pm) Night Mass of Christmas in the Cathedral; Wednesday 25th December 9.00am Mass in Storrington; 11.00am Mass in the Cathedral.

The 'Spontaneous Nativity', performed for the past few years at Our Lady of England RC Church Storrington on Christmas Eve, during the Vigil Mass, is moving to the 5pm Christmas Even Mass at Arundel Cathedral! There is an opportunity for **all** the children in the congregation to be involved – come dressed as angels and shepherds! We do need a small group of confident readers to be Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Innkeeper and a couple of other characters. They will have one or two lines to read from a card! If your child or grandchild would like to be one of these characters from the Nativity story, please could you contact arundel@abdiocese.org.uk by 13 December 2024.

Christmas Day Lunch Don't be on your own on Christmas Day, you are warmly invited to lunch and festivities on Wednesday 25th December at the Norfolk Centre, Mill Road, Arundel, BN18 9PA. Cost £5.00, transport available. For more information call 01903 883469.

Mary's Meals In the run up to Christmas, all donations made to our [Double The Love appeal](#) are being matched, up to £900,000. Thanks to a group of generous supporters, your kindness can have double the impact and give more children a chance for a brighter future.

"The Art of Dying Well" is a website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. See www.artofdyingwell.org There are also resources on our Diocesan website at: [Planning a Funeral & Bereavement Support | Our Faith](#)

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group have written to thank us for the generous donations of clothing to support people during and after detention, they write "it is so appreciated to give people the dignity of a change of clothes." The box is always available at the back of the Cathedral.

Turning Tides have written to thank us for the donations of food received by them recently from both churches. A box is always available at the back of the Cathedral for donations.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 25 January 11 - 4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill Led by Bishop Richard. The 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. The booking link can be found here [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(25-Jan-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Worth Abbey : Advent Carol Service will take place on **Sunday, 15th December at 3:30pm**. This wonderful event features an hour of carols, readings, and music, followed by a reception in the Narthex for all guests. For details see [Worth Abbey | An English Benedictine monastery in Crawley, England](#)


HOLY MASS	
Saturday 7th Cathedral 5.00pm	2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C People of the Parish
Sunday 8th Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am	Wellbeing of Rosemary Williams Mary Kathleen Hewitt & family
Monday 9th <u>Castle Chapel</u> 10.00am	The Immaculate Conception Fr Ron Robinson RIP
Tuesday 10th <u>Fitzalan Chapel</u> 9.30am	Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk RIP, and Ladies Anne, Mary & Sarah RIP
Wednesday 11th <u>Storrington</u> 10.00am Chichester 7.00pm	Annie Mary McCleneghan RIP Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday 12th Storrington 10.00am	Wellbeing of Gabrielle Hartley Booth
Friday 13th Cathedral 10.00am	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Vocations to the priesthood in A & B
Saturday 14th Cathedral 10.00am <u>Cathedral Centre</u> 5.00pm	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor Fr Ron Robinson RIP 3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent, Year C People of the Parish
Sunday 15th Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am Storrington 3.00pm	Ronnie Page RIP John Hennon RIP Advent Reconciliation Service

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:
14 Dec, 25th Jan, 22nd Feb.
All are welcome at either place.

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

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

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

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

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