



# The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



## 23rd Sunday, Year C - 7th September 2025

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Live Stream	Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website <a href="http://www.arundelcathedral.uk">www.arundelcathedral.uk</a> or <a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel">https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel</a>		
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Dear Sisters and Brothers

O Dear! Some more of those “hard sayings” of Jesus today! What to make of them?

I suppose the first thing to say is that Jesus really did mean them. He said those things and said them in that way to confront us with our lazy listening and pre-conceived ideas about things. He wanted us to listen, to be outraged, to be challenged and then think deeply about these things. For us, today, of course, we have heard them before and so, to some extent they have lost their power to shock and challenge in quite the same way. But if we place them alongside the words of the opening prayer “that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance” we may begin to perceive the key to unlocking their meaning.

If you read someone like Thomas Merton in his book *Seeds of Contemplation* you will notice that he bangs on constantly about detachment – all the spiritual masters do. Detachment isn't to think of everything as unnecessary or as rubbish, or as corrupting but, instead to hold everything in its right context and relationship. To see everything as a gift and not my possession which can end up meaning “possessing me”. To be truly detached from worldly things is to hold them in gratitude and to be able to say to our God and Father “Thank you – all things come from you, and of your own do we give you”. (1 Chronicles 29:13-15). Yes, even our mothers and fathers, our wives and children are all gifts of a generous God. We don't possess them, and neither should they possess us, but all are gifts of a generous and loving God to be accepted with gratitude. Enjoy Mass today and give thanks for all those who make it happen and beautify it for us.

*With my love and prayers  
Fr David Benedict Osborne  
Bognor and Slindon*

**There are no changes to Mass times this coming week.**

**Storrington & Arundel Communities Barbecue**

at Our Lady of England, Storrington

Sunday 14th September 1-3.30pm

**Final ticket sales this weekend** - £5.00 each,

free for under 18's (but please take a ticket so we cater for enough people!).

If you want to pay via a donation device, please add a £0.25 processing fee after collecting a physical ticket. Bring your own drinks, some soft drinks will be available.

Can you help on the day? Contact the parish office, there will be lots to do!

**\*\*If you are coming with young children, please do bring a picnic rug.**

**If you have a mobility challenge, please contact the Parish Office, there are steps on the main access.\*\***

**2nd Collections:** Next Sunday, 14th September we celebrate Education Sunday. Governors from St Philip's School will speak at Masses and there will be a collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**Enquirers group – next meeting on Wednesday 10 September, 7.30pm in the Cathedral Centre**

Following successful meetings in April, May & July there will be a further event for anyone who has an interest in discovering more about the Catholic faith / becoming Christian / returning to the practice of their faith etc. Open to anyone with an interest, you don't need to have attended before. We will be offering refreshments and conversation about our search for God in our lives in a friendly, open atmosphere, with no pressure, and all opinions and ideas welcome.

**Festival of Hope:** You are invited to a once in a lifetime opportunity at the South of England Showground to celebrate 60 years of the Diocese, in this Jubilee Year of Hope. We will have inspiring speakers, uplifting music and Mass with Bishop Richard. It will be an opportunity to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ from across all of our communities to explore how we can be beacons of hope for others in this world, at a time when it is so desperately needed. Details here: [Festival of Hope \(20-Sep-2025\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#) Coach transport may be available: please contact your parish office for details of how to reserve a seat, if you would like to travel with the deanery group.

**Pilgrimage Day in honour of St Philip Howard Saturday 27 September** to pray and reflect on his life and witness and our own journey through life. Join the Friends of Arundel Cathedral to walk along the west bank of the River Arun from Littlehampton, where St Philip Howard was arrested, to his shrine at Arundel Cathedral. Mass at St Catherine's Littlehampton at 9am, Prayers at St Andrew's Ford at 12.15, Benediction at the Cathedral at 3pm. Walk from Littlehampton (6.5 miles) or from Ford (2.5 miles). Lifts back to Littlehampton or Ford can be arranged. All welcome for all or any part of the day. Booking needed for the walk. Contact Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or email [aruncathfriends@btconnect.com](mailto:aruncathfriends@btconnect.com) to book.

**Liturgy of the Word with Children** runs every Sunday in term time in Storrington at 9am Mass, and now in Arundel on two Saturdays a month at the 5pm Mass. The dates are on the final page of the newsletter. What is Liturgy of the Word with Children? The adult volunteer leaders help the children to listen to the Gospel, pray, sing and take part in activities that explore the readings of the day in a fun and engaging way. The material used is aimed at children up to First Communion age (7-8 years). Parents are welcome to come out to the sessions with their children, but if your child is confident and would like to come out without a parent, please ensure that you have completed a **Parental Consent Form**, available from the Cathedral Office [arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) (or download the form [HERE](#))

**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](#)



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.

**St Mary's C of E Church, Storrington** invite you to their 'Day of Prayer for the Middle East' on Thursday, 11 September, from 10.00 am until 8.00 pm. Anyone is welcome to drop in at any time between those hours to pray for the situation that has developed and we are planning that there will be short periods of led prayers every hour, on the hour.

**Assisted Dying Bill** Please write or email Members of the House of Lords asking them to oppose the Bill to legalise Assisted Dying at the vote on 12 September, The Right to Life website has details of how to do this. See [Ask Peers to oppose the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill](#) The Litany of the English Saints and Martyrs will be prayed in the Cathedral at the Shrine of St Philip Howard at **10.30 on Friday 12 September** for the defeat of this Bill and for respect for all human life from conception to natural death. All welcome to join in this prayer.

**Sussex Historic Churches Trust (SHCT)** can anyone in either Arundel or Storrington spare an hour or two to welcome participants in this year's Ride + Stride event next Saturday 13 September? Please let Louise know in the parish office.

**Pro Life Group Meeting** Monday 15 September 7pm Upper Parish Room at St Richard's, Catholic Church, Cawley Road, Chichester PO19 1XB. Find out more about how to bring about a culture of life in today's challenging world. All welcome. We are a local Pro-Life group for Chichester and surrounding areas. Please contact Maria on 07413 267267 with any queries.

**Charity Walk:** Parishioner Adam Vernon, is going to walk 62 miles (100km) along the Thames Path from London to Henley on the weekend 13th & 14th September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you are a UK taxpayer you can Gift Aid so your donation is worth even more. Donate at: [Adam Vernon is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

**Screening of 'The Letter: A Message for Our Earth'.** This film, which follows frontline activists from around the world as they travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis and discuss with him the vision of his letter 'Laudato Si' on care for our common home will be shown at The New Park Cinema in Chichester at 6pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The screening will include a Q & A session with the film's director Nicolas Brown. More details at [The Letter: A Message for our Earth - Chichester Cinema at New Park](#)

**Ever wondered about what Catenians are all about?** Here's a chance to find out! There will be a social/information afternoon on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in the Cathedral Centre in Arundel. All are welcome to come and meet the Arundel Circle Members and their families to find out more about who we are and what we do for the Church and the local community. Refreshments available. To help with catering number please contact: Nigel Corby on 01903 784051 [nigel.corby@outlook.com](mailto:nigel.corby@outlook.com) More information at: <https://thecatenians.com/>

**Our Faith** A brief introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church by Deacon David Clifton. The book has grown out of more than twenty years' experience of being involved with the parish RCIA group. It attempts to answer some of the questions raised at these sessions, and includes much other material. Catholics attending RCIA as sponsors or helpers often expressed a wish that such a course was available as a 'refresher course' for Catholics. This book is an attempt to fulfil that wish. It sets out a rational exposition of the Catholic faith in simple, straightforward language, and aims to fill a gap between very erudite, academic theological works and more popular presentations of the faith. 138 pages for £9.50. Available from the Cathedral Shop.

**Monthly Lectio Divina at the Poor Clares, Crossbush** Praying/reflecting on the Gospel of the following Sunday. 3pm – 4pm on the following dates: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Sept; Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct; Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. (During Advent we will have weekly Lectio). All Welcome.

**Diocesan Event coming up in the autumn:**

**Building the Domestic Church – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley** To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

## HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 6th</b>		
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 7th</b>		<b>23rd Sunday, Year C</b>
Storrington	9.00am	Kathleen Anderson RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Dr Priscilla Noble Mathews RIP
<b>Monday 8th</b>		<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	John Hennon RIP
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>		
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>		
Cathedral	10.00am	Intentions of Cathy McAllister
<b>Thursday 11th</b>		
Storrington	10.00am	Heather & Dennis Anscombe RIP
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration to 11.30am
<b>Friday 12th</b>		
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration to 9.45am
Cathedral	10.00am	Intentions of Anthony Bernard Scott
<b>Saturday 13th</b>		<b>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	Intentions of Cordelia Worsley
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11am
		<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14th</b>		
Storrington	9.00am	Judith Sill RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Leslie William Strudwick RIP

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

Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in 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

### 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.

### Coffee & Tea

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

### Liturgy of the Word with Children

Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington.  
 At Arundel this will take place at **5.00pm Mass** twice a month from September, as follows: 13 & 27 Sept; 11 & 25 Oct; 8 & 22 Nov; 6 & 20 Dec.

### 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

### Finance

If you have any questions about setting up standing orders or Gift Aid, please contact Martin Hall on [ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk)  
 Martin can help with queries in both Arundel & Storrington.

Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website  
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