

# The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



8th Sunday, Year C — 2nd March 2025

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Today's Gospel gives us a chunk of Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" (St Luke's rather shorter version of the "Sermon on the Mount" which St Matthew records for us). The chunk consists of a number of sayings and parables, which at first sight can appear just a little bit randomly collected together!

However, I think there is a running theme—the theme of integrity. It's pointless trying to be good on the outside if we're not committed to real inner conversion too. A tree can't produce good fruit if it's rotten on the inside. We can't expect to help others who are spiritually blind or hampered by splinters in their eyes if we are spiritually blind ourselves—and hypocrisy never converted anyone. On the other hand, genuine humility and admission of our struggles, and even our failures, can be powerful weapons for good in God's hands.

Ultimately, we are Christians—we want to be disciples of Christ—we want to become more and more like our Teacher. Only His grace can transform us in this way, and that comes through spending time with Him, listening to His words and receiving His sacraments. So ... what do you want Jesus to do for you this coming Lent? How do you want Him to transform you? Why not ask Him for that grace?

God bless, Fr Stephen

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses with distribution of ashes at 10am in Arundel and 7.30pm in Storrington. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence - in other words, we reduce our normal amount of food, and refrain from eating meat.

No other changes to Mass times this week.

Please pray for John Annesley (Storrington) who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 26th March at 12 noon in Storrington. Also for Rosalie Randle (Storrington) who died this week. Funeral details to be arranged.

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.

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays throughout Lent commencing Friday 7th March at 7pm in the Cathedral. This will alternate with St Nicholas' Church, Arundel.

Applications for this summer's Diocesan 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

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service Friday 7th March 2.00pm hosted by Our Lady of England, Storrington and prepared by Christian women in the Cook Islands with the theme 'I made you wonderful.' As we take part in this service we are part of a wonderful wave of prayer which encircles the globe, praying with, and for, the Cook Islands and its people. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall. All welcome.

St Patrick's Day Celebration Monday 17th March at the Cathedral Centre, Arundel, 6pm. Tickets £40.00—welcome drinks, 2 course dinner, Irish dancers and an Irish sing-a-long. Contact: dr.sandrasedgwick@gmail.com

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers Volunteer evening Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm in the Cathedral Centre. If you've never been involved before or even if you have and want to know what's needed this year, come along and hear about this event. Help is always needed with cutting flower heads, preparing greenery, at the shop piety tables, as stewards welcoming people to our Cathedral, preparing and serving teas, sandwiches and cakes, making cakes as well as general help in moving chairs and tables, clearing up etc. If you can't come on 20<sup>th</sup> March but would like to get involved, please contact Louise in the Parish Office.

**Arundel Ministry of Consolation Group** for those experiencing loss in any way, now or in the past. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Cathedral Centre 2-3pm for a cuppa and a chat. Next meeting 13th March, then 10th April. If you wish to contact a member of the team in the meantime you can do this via the parish office or direct on MOC@arundelcathedral.uk

Storrington Inter-Church Prayers Monthly meetings on first Tuesday of the month 9.15am – 9.45am Storrington Priory Library. Next meeting this Tuesday 4th March.

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 March. 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.

Simon Mole update (Storrington) Simon's family have sent the following message: Simon has been put into an induced coma for his health and wellbeing. The medics are unsure at this time what has caused his illness. If anyone wants to send a card, Steve (his son) is reading messages to Simon. Please leave cards in the porch for collection.



There are SVP Groups in Arundel and Storrington who meet regularly and can de Paul Society 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.

**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.

**Free Books** There are a few books at the back of the Cathedral which are free to anyone. They will be there this weekend and will then be removed, please do take them if they are of interest to you.

**Green Energy** did you know that the Cathedral and Centre energy is provided by a National Catholic Energy Buying Group? This scheme has been running for 30 years and strives to uphold the values of stewardship, community and service. Using the collective purchasing power of the Church, competitive rates are secured which helps each parish with the costs. Electricity is 100% renewable from wind, hydro and solar and gas is 88% green certified (biomethane). All of the Catholic Dioceses of England and Wales are part of the scheme.

**Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome** Join our Diocesan pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. E: <a href="mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk">lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk</a> for information

Caritas Social Action Network is launching 'Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction', an online course for staff and volunteers in parishes. The programme will be spread over five one-hour Zoom sessions on each Tuesday in March and on 01 April 2025. To register go to: Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite To get in touch with course administrator Bernadette e-mail bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk

**National Novena to St Joseph** 10-18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Patron with a Novena of Masses and prayers. To find out more see: Novena 2025 - Mill Hill Missionaries

**Hospital or housebound?** If you, or a member of your family, or a friend is unable to come to Mass for any length of time, due to illness or infirmity, please do contact the Parish Office so that a visit can be arranged. If someone is in hospital or a care home, please let the Parish Office know where and ideally which ward. The sooner we are aware of people in the need the better.

**Care not Killing** have launched an urgent petition ahead of the third reading of the Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill following changes made at the committee stage. To find out more and sign the petition go to <u>Care Not Killing – improve care – oppose assisted suicide</u>

Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. Dating from around 1061, the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham was once one of the four principal shrines of Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Today, the Shrine attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season, with about 35 major pilgrimages from Catholic dioceses, parishes, societies and associations. Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place, please click here: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (06-Jun-2025) · ChurchSuite Events

**Joel's Bar** This year Joel's Bar, CELEBRATE Trust's Young Adults ministry serving those aged 18-28, is running a week at Worth School, West Crawley from 6-11 April. JB offers a space for Young Adults to encounter the living God and explore their faith in an environment that is built on community and fellowship. The timetable is made up of various ways to engage both with God and each other. This includes the sacraments, praise and worship, prayer ministry, personal prayer, small group discussion, workshops, sports, evenings of entertainment and lots of time to socialise and build community in our Cafe and Bar! Joel's Bar tickets on sale <u>HOME | Joel's Bar</u>

HOLY MASS		
Saturday 1st		8th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C
Cathedral Centre 5.00pm		Holy Souls
Sunday 2nd		
Storrington	9.00am	Michael Hembrey RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 3rd		
Cathedral	10.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 4th		
Storrington	10.00am	Wellbeing of the Ikpoh Family
Wednesday 5th		Ash Wednesday
Cathedral	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Storrington	7.30pm	People of the Parish
Thursday 6th		
Storrington	10.00am	Frances Akah RIP
Friday 7th		
Cathedral	10.00am	Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday 8th	1	
Cathedral	10.00am	Anthony Mumford RIP
		1st Sunday of Lent, Year C
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 9th		
Storrington	9.00am	People of the Parish
Cathedral	11.00am	John Hennon 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 (not on Ash Wednesday) 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

# Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush

Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm