



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



26th Sunday, Year C - 28th September 2025

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Live Stream	Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website www.arundelcathedral.uk or https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel		
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In our second reading today St Paul says to Timothy—and to all of us—“Fight the good fight of the faith.” But why is faith a fight? Who are we fighting against? Well, the famous trio of “the world, the flesh and the devil”.

The world has always been opposed to faith. However, in the 21st century the world’s hostility towards faith has reached new heights. Simply believing in anything—apart from science—is dismissed as utterly silly, or at best merely a personal opinion. The idea that Christian faith should have a place in public policy is howled down.

The flesh opposes faith by making us reluctant to respond to what Jesus asks us to do. Self-indulgence always seems more attractive: having a lie-in rather than getting up for church; hanging onto our money rather than giving anything to the poor. When we hear Jesus’ challenge to change our lives for the better, it’s so much easier to make the excuse that we don’t actually believe in Him, or to say, “La, la, la, not listening!”

And the devil, of course, is the number one enemy of faith. One of his common temptations is to suggest to us that we don’t “feel” the faith is true. We don’t feel anything when we pray. We don’t feel we’re good enough for God. But feelings aren’t the measure of truth in science: famously it doesn’t feel like the earth is spinning round on its axis every day, but we know it is. So why should feelings be the measure of the things of God?

Instead, we rely on the unbroken chain of witness in the Church from those who knew Jesus face to face, saw Him crucified for love of us, and saw Him risen from the dead.

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Mass times this coming week: Mass on Tuesday in Storrington will be at the later time of 11.30am and will be the Requiem Mass for Cathy McAllister. Mass on Friday will be at 6.00pm. No Adoration on Friday morning.

2nd Collections: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection on Sunday 5th October. PACT collection on Prisoners Sunday—12th October; Missio on Sunday 19th October—World Mission Sunday.

Vespers and Benediction takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month at Our Lady of England Church in Storrington at 4pm. Next date: THIS Sunday 28th September. All are welcome.

Please pray for Cathy McAllister (Storrington) who died last week. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 30th September at 11.30am in Storrington.

Secondary School Supplementary Information Forms Any parishioners needing a form signed for their child, please come to the Cathedral Sacristy on Wednesday 15th October between 2-4pm. If you are unable to come on this date, please e-mail the parish office as soon as possible.

Animal Blessing Service takes place next Saturday 4th October at 2.30pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome, bring your pet along for a blessing then join everyone in the Cathedral Centre for refreshments afterwards.

There will be a Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing for those who are experiencing significant ill health or frailty of old age on Sunday 5th October at 2.30pm in Arundel Cathedral followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. If you or a family member or someone you know who is Catholic would like to attend, please let the parish office know.

Tuesday Drop In Next meeting Tuesday 7 October 2 to 4pm, Lower Hall, Cathedral Centre. All welcome for tea/coffee, friendly chat, board games. Lifts available, please contact Maria on 07413 267267.

Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees Our next get-together for general cleaning, polishing and repairs is Thursday 16th October in the Sacristy 10am - 12 noon. Please join us - Tea, Coffee, chats and laughter guaranteed!

Advent Small Groups Would you like to lead or host a small group during Advent? The groups will begin in the week leading up to the 1st Sunday of Advent (30th November) and continue weekly for the season. Materials are being sourced. Do you have space to **host** a group of 6-8 people? Could you offer refreshments or a simple shared meal? Perhaps you don't have space to host but would be happy to **lead** a group? Contact the Parish Office if you would like to offer for either role, letting us know the day and time that suits you. Group sign up will take place in a few weeks time once we know where and when groups can be offered.

Ready to pass on Paperback or Hardback books? During the month of October there will be a box at the back of the Cathedral where you can place unwanted books in good condition. These will be sold in aid of Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust). Pact is a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions and their families. The annual collection for Pact takes place on Sunday 12th October. Thank you for your support.

2026 diaries now available in the Cathedral shop.

Charity Walk: Adam Vernon is delighted to announce that he successfully completed the 62 miles (100km) walk along the Thames Path from London to Henley last weekend to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It took him 11 hours each day, and he reports that his body is still working fine! So far he has raised £1,535.00 if you would like to support his fundraising please donate at: [Adam Vernon is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support](#) Many thanks to all those who have donated so far.



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.

Ever wondered about what Catenians are all about? Here's a chance to find out! There will be a social/information afternoon THIS Sunday 28th 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 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 29th Sept; Mon 27th Oct; Mon 24th Nov. (During Advent we will have weekly Lectio). All Welcome.

Storrington Mothers Prayers at 2pm this Thursday 2nd October in the church. All are welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Friday 3rd October. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

Diocesan Events 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.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration – information evening on Thursday 2 October at the St Francis School hall, Crawley The Diocese is renewing and developing the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration which has as its primary purpose 'prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life'. The Apostolate encourages Parishioners to commit themselves to One hour's Adoration every week for this intention. You are welcome to attend an information evening on Thursday 2 October starting promptly at 8pm (to finish by 9pm) at the St Francis School Hall (immediately behind the St Philip Howard centre) Crawley, RH10 6RP. Please note registration is from 7:15pm (not 7pm as in the poster).

St Philip's Catholic Primary School, Arundel are seeking a Foundation Governor. You don't need to be an education expert, the most effective governors listen, think and ask questions. You do need to be: A Catholic who attends Sunday Mass regularly and gives true witness to the teachings of the Church; prepared to work with discretion as a member of the full governing body and attend training events to help build up a body of knowledge and expertise; bring a wider skill set to enhance the wider Governing Body in undertaking its collective duties to lead the school and meet the contemporary requirements of the Department for Education and Ofsted. If you want to know more please contact: the clerk to governors, Austine akeane@spcpsarundel.co.uk or call 01903 882115.

Love in a Box The annual shoebox appeal is underway. If you can fill a shoebox with gifts for a child in a country where delight is in short supply, please take a leaflet from the back of the Cathedral /porch in Storrington. The boxes will be collected from the Cathedral on **Sunday 2nd November**. The scheme is run by Mustard Seed Charity which has been operating since 1992 and sends out much needed aid to disadvantaged children and young persons in Eastern Europe.


HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Saturday 27th		26th Sunday, Year C
Cathedral	5.00pm	Paula Starkey RIP
Sunday 28th		
Storrington	9.00am	Graham Linfield RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 29th		Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Cathedral	10.00am	Jessica Aviss RIP
Tuesday 30th		St Jerome, Priest, Doctor
Storrington	<u>11.30am</u>	<u>Requiem Mass of Cathy McAllister</u>
Wednesday 1st		St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Cathedral	10.00am	Fr Ron Robinson RIP
Thursday 2nd		The Holy Guardian Angels
Storrington	10.00am	Frances Akah RIP
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration to 11.30am
Friday 3rd		The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex
Cathedral	<u>6.00pm</u>	Peter, James, Francis & Henry Sherlock RIP
Saturday 4th		St Francis of Assisi
Cathedral	10.00am	Intentions of Jim & Marie Coeur-de-Lion
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11am
Cathedral	2.30pm	Animal Blessing Service
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Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th		
Storrington	9.00am	Elizabeth Underwood RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Minnie Paradine RIP
Cathedral	2.30pm	Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing

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	

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: <u>27 Sept</u> ; 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 Martin can help with queries in both Arundel & Storrington.

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