



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B – 25th February 2024

THIS SUNDAY 25, 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B,

6pm Vigil Mass: Dom Stephen Ortiger RIP

8am Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: For the wellbeing of Geoffrey Bowditch

MONDAY 26, Monday in the Second Week of Lent

9.00am Mass: John Roy RIP

TUESDAY 27, Tuesday in the Second Week of Lent

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 28, Wednesday in the Second Week of Lent

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Rosary

8.00pm: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

THURSDAY 29, Thursday in the Second Week of Lent

9.00am Mass

FRIDAY 1, Feast: St David

9.00am Mass: Matilda, Bertha & Dotty Amarasekara RIP

SATURDAY 2, Saturday in the Second Week of Lent

9.00am Mass: For peace in the world

(followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am)

6pm Vigil Mass: Celebrant's Intention

NEXT SUNDAY 3, 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B,

8am Mass: People of the Parish; 10.00am Mass: Celebrant's Intention

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

London Road, Arundel

Tel: 01903 882115 www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

REFLECTION

“Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.” Jesus is clearly seeking a time of intimacy with these three disciples. They were His closest companions during His earthly life; they were there when He raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead; they will be there again, closest to Jesus, in His agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus wants this time of intimacy because He wants to share with them the very depths of His heart, the very depths of who He is—His divinity, and the unfathomable love of His Father. He wants them to see this (“He was transfigured”), and hear it (“Listen to Him”), and enter into the mystery of it (“It is wonderful for us to be here”). But this experience isn’t just for those three. Jesus wants it for all of us. Peter, James and John received a foretaste of Jesus’ heavenly glory, which He has won for each of us through His glorious Cross and Resurrection.

And Lent is a time when He is calling us to deeper prayer—to deeper intimacy with Him. He is longing for us to step aside for a while from the busy, noisy world we live in, and to climb the mountain with Him. He wants to say to US—as we want to say to HIM—“It is wonderful to be here together.”

Fr Stephen

CORPUS CHRISTI AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL Would you be interested in volunteering to help make this event happen? The Carpet of Flowers is on view to the public 29/30 May, but work begins on 27th May. Why not come to an information evening – **Thursday 29th February at 7pm**, in the Cathedral Centre, Arundel. There will be a brief talk about the carpet for this year and a chance to sign up and meet with other volunteers. Come along and find out how you can help.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE If you’re thinking of joining the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this summer, on the 50th Anniversary of the pilgrimage, complete an application at: [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://LourdesPilgrimage(abdiocese.org.uk))

RIGHT TO LIFE Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment ASAP. Although the date of the debate has not yet been confirmed, it is now looking like it will be at the beginning of March.

ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, 1st March at 2.00pm

hosted by Chemin Neuf Priory,
In the Hall

PALESTINE “Bear With One Another I Beg You”

Refreshments afterwards

(Access to Chemin Neuf Priory Hall via O.L of E. Parking and wheelchair access up the concrete ramp to the porch from behind O.L of E church car park in Monastery Lane.)

MEETINGS OF THE STORRINGTON & ARUNDEL COMMUNITIES

Thank you to all who attended the prayers and meeting last Sunday in Arundel. For anyone who was unable to attend and would like to contribute to the conversation, please find attached to this newsletter a response form. Please return these via the Mass Intentions box in the porch **no later than midday on Wednesday 28th February**. For anyone on e-mail, you should have received a link to an online form (contact Louise at the parish e-mail address if you didn’t).

Next meeting - Sunday 3 March, 4.00pm - Prayer at Our Lady of England, Storrington; followed by a meeting to begin discerning practical pathways forwards.

Please do come along. If you can car share with a friend or neighbour, please do.

THE PASTORAL PLAN The Deanery clergy met with Canon Kieron O’Brien and Deacon Nick St John on February 13th. It was a very helpful meeting, and following that gathering some further resources have been produced for us to use. The clergy will be gathering with some members of parish core teams in March to begin the task of identifying areas for early action and addressing ways to involve the lay faithful in the ongoing process. The clergy team have a meeting with Bishop Richard at the end of February to report on progress and share their hopes and anxieties. One clear priority will be developing effective communication across the new parish. More news will be shared with you as and when we have it. Thank you for your continuing prayer for this process.

Canon Peter Newsam, Dean.

THE NEW MASS INTENTIONS BOX IN THE PORCH is situated on the pillar next to the main door. There are some pink forms on the nearby windowsill to complete the details of your intention and post them into the box. Intention enquiries may also be e-mailed to storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your recent offerings: 2 weeks: £309.70; Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund: £184.50 For any Gift Aid queries (or if you want to join the scheme) you can e-mail John Crook on ga.storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

200Km BIG LENT WALK for CAFOD Parishioner Jim Monaghan is taking on this challenge. If you'd like to sponsor him click on this link: [JIMS LENT 24 walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday after 9am Mass from throughout Lent.

THE DIOCESAN INVITED COURSE runs again in Lent. You can access this online individually or as a group at [Invited | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#) and there is a group on a **Saturdays at 10.30am in the hall from 24th February**. All are welcome. Drop an e-mail to the parish address so we can print enough resources for everyone attending.

DEANERY LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Sunday 17th March 4pm at Our Lady of England, Storrington

Tuesday 19th March 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis.

All are welcome.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AT SLINDON CHURCH You are warmly invited to join on Thursdays throughout Lent from 15th February for delicious soup lunches at St. Richard's Catholic Church, Top Road, Slindon BN18 ORH from 12 noon to 2pm. All donations to Stonepillow. Lunch is preceded at 11am by Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE to be held at Bosham Catholic Church, Fairfield Road, Bosham, PO18 8JH on Sunday 25th February 2024 at 4.00pm. The theme is 'Come Back to Me', and everyone is very welcome to stay for refreshments after the service.

TAKING A TOWEL: A Lenten Retreat Day
Wednesday 13 March 10am to 4pm at Sussex Heritage Centre, Warningcamp, Arundel, BN18 9QY. As we approach Holy Week there will be space for quiet reflection and input from Roger Hagon who is experienced in Ignatian Spirituality and previously a tutor on the London based Ignatian Spirituality Course. Cost £15, please bring a packed lunch. To book contact Maria on 01903 413606 or info@sussexheritage.co.uk. Also Individually Guided Residential Retreat 20 to 23 March see website for details

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB IN MARCH is not on the 10th March but the 17th March. Tickets available from: Louisa Austin shop in Church Street or call 01903 446808. The lunch takes place at The Old School, School Lane, Storrington.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – Lent Collection at Masses this week This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

CEMETERY ACCESS Work to the trees in the Cemetery and Cemetery Lane is due to take place between the 19th February and 10th March and from time to time the gates will be closed and access prohibited for safety reasons.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE, especially in Ukraine, and in Gaza and Israel continues:

Rosary for Peace, Wednesdays 7pm (not Ash Wed)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Saturdays 9.30-10.30am (after 9am Mass).

VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA and the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG, 2nd March 2024. For more information email: patsydaniels@gmail.com or see www.olqp.net

SOCIALISING AT A PUB LUNCH: John Crook coordinates Pub Lunches every month for Arundel Catenians in the Storrington and Cathedral Parishes. All are welcome to attend, both couples and singles. The next Lunch is on **Friday 8th March at the Labouring Man, Coldwaltham 12.30 for 13.00**. Please contact John, expressing interest. He will then make a menu available to you for your pre-order (often needed by the publican). Contact John (jrc6789@gmail.com)

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE The diocesan Communications Team produces a free, weekly, online E-Bulletin newsletter. You can sign up to it using this link:

<https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist>

CHEMIN NEUF

Regular opportunities:

Monday - Friday: Maronite/Catholic Mass at 9am and Adoration at 6pm-6:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group, access via the front door or kitchen door.

E-mail: storrington@chemin-neuf.org or call 742150 for an queries.

Other opportunities:

Quiet Day on Thursday 29th February

Contact: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

CELEBRATE NATIONAL CONFERENCE “The JOY of the Lord is our strength”, Nehemiah 8:10 Birmingham, 21-22 Sept. 2024. A weekend that you will want to bring your friends and family to, where you will be refreshed in the love and joy of God! Inspirational guests to reawaken our faith and encourage us to go deeper. For more information see: [JOY - National Weekend — CELEBRATE Trust](#)

THE GOVERNORS OF ST RICHARD’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHICHESTER are looking to appoint an exceptional individual to become our Head of School, from September 2024. We are seeking an inspirational leader to drive the school forward, in collaboration with our Executive Headteacher, as it continues its journey to excellence. The successful candidate will be a committed Catholic with positive, dynamic and ambitious vision who has the ability to inspire those around them. The school achieved ‘Good’ in all areas in Ofsted 2022 and also enjoys an ‘Outstanding’ Section 48 inspection grade. We can offer you a committed staff, amazing pupils and supportive parents and governors. If you would like to find out more about the post or book a tour, please contact Mrs Hannah Farrands on 01243 784549.

Closing date: Monday 18th March 2024

Shortlisting: Thursday 21st March 2024

Interviews: Wednesday 27th March 2024

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE [As an official provider of the government scheme](#)

SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).

At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. More information on the project can be found at the following links

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

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Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

YouTube: youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine