



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

4th Sunday of Advent, Year A

21st December 2025



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Our Churches

The Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9AY
Our Lady of England, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LN
Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush, Arundel, BN18 9PJ

Live Stream

Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website
www.arundelcathedral.uk or <https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel>

Catholic Schools

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Joseph's life has changed. Yesterday he was just another Jewish man who loved God and kept His commandments, a man who celebrated God's saving acts in the history of Israel. Today he is *part of* those saving acts! Yesterday he saw himself, as it were, on the outside of God's works, looking in; today he knows he is on the inside, looking out. Yesterday his religion was a central part of his life; today his life is a central part of his religion. Yesterday God was part of his life; today God is the whole of his life. Joseph has grown in holiness.

Well, that's all fine and dandy for St Joseph, but hardly very relevant to us humbler mortals ... until we realise that God calls *everyone* to holiness, and indeed to the same *total* holiness as St Joseph.

It won't necessarily mean a radical change in our way of life (although for some it may). It didn't for Joseph—he remained a carpenter, he still took Mary to his home, he still led a family life. But it will mean our lives will be inwardly transformed. Joseph's work and family life were now quite literally all for God—for his divine foster-Son. And every action in our lives should now be a pure act of service of God, to sanctify ourselves, our families, friends, workplaces and the whole world.

God bless, Fr Stephen

Christmas Mass Times				
Wednesday 24th Dec	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Arundel	*Children welcome to come dressed as nativity characters
*The Spontaneous Nativity will be performed again at the Cathedral during the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. There is an opportunity for all the children in the congregation to be involved - come dressed as angels and shepherds!				
Wednesday 24th Dec	11.00pm	Carols and Readings	Arundel	
Wednesday 24th Dec	11.30pm	Night Mass	Arundel	
Thursday 25th Dec	9.00am	Mass	Storrington	
Thursday 25th Dec	11.00am	Mass	Arundel	
Friday 26th Dec	12 noon	Mass	Arundel	

Collection this weekend in Arundel for Christmas Flowers.

Please pray for Martin Boyle (Arundel) who died recently. His Funeral Service will take place on Friday 9th January at 12 noon in the Cathedral. Please also pray for Mary Lynch who died this week. Her funeral will take place in early January.

Follow the Star – Storrington Monday 22nd December – Join the local churches as we journey through the village. Walk alongside Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Kings to Bethlehem. Choose your starting point: The Long Walk – meet Mary & Joseph at Trinity Methodist church at 6.00pm; The Medium Walk – meet the shepherds at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre at 6.10pm; The short Walk – meet the Kings at Our Lady of England Church at 6.20pm. The journey ends at St Mary’s Church with carols and refreshments to celebrate the season together. All welcome.

Convent of Poor Clares: Christmas Mass is at 8.30am; Office of Readings and the blessing of the crib at 8pm of Christmas Eve.

Closing of the Jubilee Year On Sunday 28th December Bishop Richard will celebrate the 11am Mass in the Cathedral to mark the closing of the Jubilee Year of 2025.

Christmas Offering for the priest. Please use the **Gift Aid Envelopes** in the pews/back of the church (or from your box if you have one) for your offerings. If you are away over Christmas, these (or a donation in a clearly marked envelope if you do not Gift Aid) may be placed in the collection from this Sunday. If you are not a taxpayer, you can just pop your offering into the collection basket on Christmas Day. If you wish to make a **bank transfer**, please include the word ‘Christmas’ in the description. Bank details: Bank: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London, Account Name: Arundel Cathedral, Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account No.: 41076566. You can also donate via the **devices** in the Cathedral or the ‘Click here to donate’ button at the top of the Cathedral **website**. This (and Easter) are Fr Stephen’s main source of income each year—priests don’t get a salary. Thank-you.

Crib Offering 2025 This Christmas our Crib Offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society’s A & B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants. You can see more about the work of the Society at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib



Confirmation 2026 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 and return a form to the Cathedral/Fr Stephen by 5th Jan.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 24 January 2026 11-4pm at St Michael's church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL. Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. On the weekend of the Sunday of the Word of God, this 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. To book go to Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word (24-Jan-2026) · ChurchSuite Events Any questions about this day contact Catherine Christmas at E: catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Directories are now available in the shop in Arundel and the porch in Storrington for £5.00.

Safeguarding Representative Storrington - We owe a huge debt of thanks to Theresa Byrne who has served as the Parish Safeguarding Representative in Storrington for many years and is now stepping down. We therefore need to find a replacement volunteer. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is responsible for: making sure the Parish is aware of the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; promoting good and safe practice, including what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour; working with the Parish Priest and the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator in deciding how to administer the National Safeguarding Policies and Procedures within the Parish. Expressions of interest in the role to Fr Stephen or Deacon Roger. Thank you.

Pastoral Plan Update Bishop Richard issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese Pastoral Plan 2024 Website Copy.pdf in January 2024. The Plan marks an important new stage in the development of diocesan parish structures, with the 11 former deaneries of the Diocese becoming 11 new parishes. Two new parishes have been established this year; Brighton & Hove (14 September) and Guildford (29 November). Weybridge will be inaugurated on 7 December. To find out more about the Pastoral Plan, visit the diocesan website W: Pastoral Plan | Our Diocese

Arundel Ministry of Consolation Group - for those experiencing loss in any way, now or in the past. If you want to contact a member of the team you can e-mail them at: MOC@arundelcathedral.uk or call the Cathedral office.

Posters/Notices Anyone wishing to put up a poster or notice in either Arundel or Storrington is kindly asked to check with Fr Stephen, Deacon Roger or the parish office beforehand.

Tuesday Drop In Next meetings: 6 January in the Cathedral Centre, all 2 to 4pm, All welcome for tea/coffee, friendly chat, board games. Lifts available, please contact Maria on 07413 267267.

Cathedral Christmas Video can be seen on YouTube here: Arundel Cathedral Christmas Video 2025 or on the Cathedral website: View Christmas 2025 Video – Arundel Cathedral It was developed by Bryden Isbister using AI and is based on drone video done by his son James.

CAFOD World Gifts There are catalogues available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch at Storrington. You can also access the World Gifts Collection at CAFOD World Gifts

Winter 2025 Edition of The Proclaimer The Digital Edition is now available to view from the Cathedral website: https://arundelcathedral.uk/arundel-cathedral-proclaimer-2025-digital-edition Printed copies of this edition will be distributed to those people with Standing Orders after the 11:00am Christmas Day Mass. Copies will also be available to purchase at £5 each after the Mass. We hope you will enjoy this edition - it has a broad range of articles produced by our parishioners.

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