



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27th September 2026

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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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We live today very much in the culture of the “photo opportunity” and the “sound bite”. The crucial thing is to be able to give a good impression of yourself, your ideas or your policies in the space of a few seconds—before people lose interest and move on.

We tend to think of this as a rather modern phenomenon, but it would seem that the second son in today's Gospel parable was alive to the possibility 2000 years ago. When his father asked him to work in the vineyard he said, “Certainly, sir”—great sound bite—but did not go. And this flags up something more. We tend to be cynical and suspicious of such sound bites. We expect them to be masking a less than honest underlying attitude.

However, Jesus was also a Master of the good sound bite, and in His case with complete integrity. How about, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand”, or “Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and unto God what is God's”, or “Love your neighbour as yourself”, or, “Forgive your brother seventy times seven times”, or “I am the way, the truth and the life”.

If we want to draw others to Christ, we will need to be good communicators. We will need the snappy, memorable phrases to catch people's attention. But it will only be our honesty and integrity which will have a lasting and spiritual effect.

God bless, Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Changes to Masses this coming week:

No Mass on Monday 28th

On Tuesday 29th Mass in Storrington will be at 6pm.

On Thursday 1st October there will not be confessions or Adoration in Storrington.

On Saturday 3rd October there will not be Benediction due to a Diocesan Mass at 11.30am. However, Confessions will be available as normal.

Adult Formation in Storrington Is reconvening this autumn to read and discuss *The Sign We Give*, the report on collaborative ministry published by the Bishops of England and Wales in 1995. This document is particularly relevant now at a time of priest shortages and of growing awareness, in a synodal church, that laypeople are being called to play a full part in the Church's mission and life. The first of 5 sessions will be on Saturday 26 Sept 10-11.30 am. Meetings will be in the sacristy. All are welcome. Any queries to Michael O'Shea (Storrington) tel. 07730 096 181, or Bernard Phillips (Arundel) tel. 07842 214 596.

Men's Breakfast Gatherings—Arundel Cathedral Centre Our next breakfast is next Saturday 3rd October starting at 8.30am. Suggested donation of £5.00. Future dates for your diaries: 7th November, 5th December. If you would like to be involved in the preparation of the food and drink, contact Deacon Roger Stone roger.stone@abdiocese.org.uk See the posters for more details.

The Proclaimer magazine is now available at the Cathedral and in Storrington porch at £5. Payment can be made on the donation devices in both places. The magazine can also be viewed online at: [Final Proclaimer Version - 27-08-26 by bji12341 - Issuu](#)

COMING SOON

The Tuesday Drop In Next meeting Tuesday 6 October at the Cathedral Centre 2 to 4pm. All are welcome for tea/coffee, chat, games and more.

Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees will next meet on **Thursday 8th October, 10am – 12noon** in the Cathedral Sacristy to prepare for the Ordination of our new bishop. Coffee and biscuits, chats and laughter too! It would be good to see as good number so people this time, certainly more than last time when there were only three of us!

DIOCESAN

The Episcopal Ordination of Fr Stephen Wang has had to be an invitation only event due to seating and fire risk capacity (otherwise the cathedral would be dangerously full). Regretfully therefore if you have not received an invitation, you won't be admitted on the day (it will be live-streamed), however there is an opportunity to join our newly ordained bishop on 24th October at Worth Abbey – see below.

Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen -

Following his Ordination on 19 October, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome followed by a Reception at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October at 11.30. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks. Free coach travel is being arranged as parking is restricted at the Abbey - please go here to book: [Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen Wang - Cathedral Deanery coach travel \(24-Oct-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is coming up on Friday 2 October. This Harvest, CAFOD are inviting parishes to help children have the food and safe water they need to learn.

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and



safe water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, or call 0303 303 3030.

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese - standard ticket price £20 Young Adults (18-35) are invited to Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme is *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)*. Booking via the Diocesan website events page [Events | Our Diocese](#). Any questions Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

Mental Health Awareness training – Sat 17 Oct 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40 A training day to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Any questions, contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book go to [Events | Our Diocese](#)

GENERAL

The Friends of Arundel Cathedral invite you to join them in the Cathedral Centre on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 2pm for a talk by Deacon Roger (Former Stella Maris Senior Regional Port Chaplain) on People of the Sea: A Hidden World, personal reflections on ministering to seafarers and their families. Talk followed by refreshments. Doors open at 1.30pm. Friends members £10; Non-members £15 Tickets at: [Tickets](#) or contact:



admin@arundelcathedralfriends.uk
01903 884567. Also, on the door – cash or card.

Food Collection There is a box at the back of the Cathedral for food donations for Stonepillow, a local charity supporting people with housing difficulties. You can see what they need most at: [Donate Food - Stonepillow](#)

Clothing Collection there is also a box at the back of the Cathedral for men's clothing needed by the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group.

SVP Toiletries Collection Point – Our Lady of England at the back of the church. Please donate new or unused toiletries.

Storrington Future Planning Group Activity Report Mike Neill writes: The team is now established and actively working on each focus areas. The quinquennial property inspections from 2019 and 2025 have been reviewed. Meetings with the Norbertines and with the Diocese have taken place discussing future options, repair, maintenance and funding. Our intention is to present to the Parish community sometime in the future, options for the church we believe are feasible and realistic and can get your support for recommendation to the Diocese. If you want to provide input or get some information the team photos are at the back of the church so reach out after Mass or write via the parish email address: storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

Hymn Book Amnesty Do you have a hymn book tucked away at home / in the car/ in a handbag or shopping bag? We suffer in both churches with a shrinking number of books and would be please if any strays could be returned.

A Week of Guided Prayer (online) for those Affected by Clergy Abuse Sunday 18th – Friday 23rd October 2026 offered by The Jesuit Institute During the week, we will invite you to commit to 30 minutes of personal prayer each day and up to 45 minutes to speak about your experience in prayer with a spiritual director online at a time that suits you. There is no charge for this retreat. [An Online Week of Guided Prayer for those affected by Clergy Abuse in the Church - Retreats](#)

St Philip Howard Catholic School is currently recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant and a Design & Technology Technician. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit the vacancies page on the school website: www.sphcs.co.uk.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is inspecting safeguarding in Arundel & Brighton and would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding in our Diocese; any information shared with the CSSA will be treated confidentially by one of their expert and experienced team members. To find out more and share your views please visit: abdiocese.org.uk/news/safeguarding-in-the-diocese

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Saturday 26th		26th Sunday, Year A
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th		
Storrington	9.00am	Graham Linfield RIP & Anna Fairburn RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Bernard and Beatrice Eustace RIP
Monday 28th		St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
No Mass		
Tuesday 29th		Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Storrington	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday 30th		St Jerome, Priest, Doctor
Cathedral	10.00am	Wellbeing of Alisha Delaney
Thursday 1st		St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Storrington	10.00am	Intentions of James & Marguerite MacFarlane
Cathedral	12 noon	Diocesan Secondary Schools Mass
Friday 2nd		The Holy Guardian Angels
Cathedral	10.00am	Irena Ray-Crosby RIP
Saturday 3rd		The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex
Cathedral	10.00am	Peter, James, Francis & Henry Sherlock RIP
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions (no Adoration)
Cathedral	11.30am	Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass
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Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th		
Storrington	9.00am	Joanne Denise Claridge RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Minnie Paradine RIP

Rosary
Wednesdays 7.00pm (Storrington)
Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel
First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel

Music at Mass
9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Storrington 9.00am Mass every week from 6 th September.
Arundel 5.00pm Mass 26th September , 10 th & 24 th October.

Coffee & Tea
After 9.00am Mass at Storrington
After 11.00am Mass at Arundel

Requiem in Aeternum
Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297
Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343

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.

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington
Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in Church
Mon, Wed & Fri Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in 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