



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
6th 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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Sometimes we have to look hard to find the good news in a passage of Scripture—like today's first reading. "If I say to the wicked: 'O wicked one, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand." Where's the good news in that?

Well, it's the fact that God *didn't* say, "If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die', then serve him right. Let him rot!" He said: You must warn him; you must still care for him; you must help him to see that the way he is behaving is actually hurting himself, and others as well. And Jesus, speaking in the same vein in the Gospel, says "If he listens to you, you have gained your brother." So even when people do things wrong, they don't stop being our brothers and sisters. We should still care for them deeply—precisely as Jesus does for all of us.

Christ's attitude towards us sinners is not to condemn, but to reach out to us in love and compassion, and call us to conversion. When we do something wrong—whatever it is—we are not rubbish. Jesus never writes us off or hates us. We are still His beloved brother or sister; someone He cares about deeply; someone He longs to forgive; someone He is willing to lay down His life for on the Cross. And that's pretty good news!

God bless, Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Changes to Masses this coming week: No Mass at the Convent this Tuesday 8th September.

We welcome into our Church community Harley Elizabeth, who will be baptised in Arundel Cathedral this afternoon. May she always be a faithful follower and witness to the Gospel.

Please pray for Irena Ray Crosby (Arundel) who died recently and remember her friends and family in prayer. Her Requiem will take place in the Cathedral on Friday 25th September at 12 noon.

Also for Sid Wright (Storrington) his funeral service will take place on 15th September at 1pm in Our Lady of England, Storrington.

Assisted Dying A Private Members' Bill has been reintroduced to parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide - the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. There will be a crucial vote on Friday, 11 September. **Please take a card** from the back of the church/porch to send to your MP to make your voice heard to oppose this Bill. See more at [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) and on the poster at the back of the Cathedral/porch in Storrington.

You can pray for the defeat of the Bill at the Shrine of St Philip Howard on **Fridays 4 and 11 September 10.30 to 10.45** or use the prayer below:

Father in Heaven, we praise and glorify you for the gift of life. At this critical time for our nation, fill your holy people with courage and zeal to defend the sanctity of life at every stage, and especially the lives of the elderly and disabled, the terminally ill and the dying.

Grant wisdom to our politicians and law makers, that they may reject the false compassion of assisted suicide and euthanasia. Protect doctors, nurses, carers and all medical professionals, that they may never do anything to undermine the dignity of those entrusted to their care.

And fill those approaching death with your healing and peace, that they may pass from suffering to eternal joy through the saving Passion, Cross and Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we make this prayer. Amen

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (13 September this year) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 178 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. We will have a second collection for the St Philip Howard Catholic Secondary School Mission Fund – more on this next week.

COMING SOON

Storrington Sunday Lunch Club Every 2nd Sunday of the month – next lunch 13th September at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington. Tickets are available in advance at The Village Hub or Louisa Austin shop in Church Street for £4. Help is always needed with cooking, serving, washing-up. If you feel you could offer some time, please contact the parish office.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or just exploring what this entails? If so, please speak to Fr Stephen, Deacon Roger, or e-mail the parish office. The next “Explorers Group” meeting is on **Tuesday 15 September** in the Cathedral Centre at 7.30pm. We will be offering refreshments and conversation about our search for God in our lives in a friendly, open atmosphere, with no pressure, and all opinions and ideas welcome. No commitment is required to begin this - only a desire to discover a little more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. All welcome. Do come along, and why not invite a friend?

Fundraising Walk Adam Vernon is undertaking his 100km (62 miles) on the 5th and 6th of September. He is raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity, as he and Betsy have two friends with brain tumours, one of whom is an Arundel Cathedral parishioner. If you would like to support his fundraising please go to his Just Giving page to donate. - Thank you. [Adam Vernon is fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity](#)

The Tuesday Drop In Next meeting next on Tuesday 15 September at St Wilfrid's Priory, London Road 2 to 4pm.

DIOCESAN

Bishop-elect Stephen Please keep Fr Stephen Wang in your prayers as he prepares for his move to our diocese.

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17 October 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. The training is being highly subsidised, at just £40 per delegate (usual price £120). If you have 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](#)

Mass for Altar Servers at Arundel Cathedral, Saturday 12 September at 12 noon all diocesan altar servers are invited to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral. An opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. All those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve are all very welcome to attend. Please bring a cassock/cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk

GENERAL

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](#) Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

'Pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Beyond' a talk by Fr Con Foley, Wed 9 Sept 7.30pm (follows 7pm Mass), St Richard's Church, Chichester, lower parish room. The illustrated talk will be followed by Q & A. All welcome.

Arundel Pilgrimage Walk - Saturday 26th September 10am to 4pm in honour of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, starting and finishing at the Cathedral, and stopping at the remains of the ancient religious foundations of Arundel for short prayers. For full details see [Arundel Cathedral Friends – The Friends Of Arundel Cathedral](#) To book please phone Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or email: admin@arundelcathedralfriends.uk

Year of St Francis This year has been proclaimed by Pope Leo as a Special Jubilee Year of St Francis, who died 800 years ago on October 3rd. To celebrate this year The Church of Our Lady and St Francis, Midhurst has invited Fr Michael O'Grady OFM to speak to us about the message of St Francis for the world of today, on Saturday September 19th. Mass at 10.30am in the Church (Bepton Road, Midhurst GU29 9HD) will be followed by coffee and the talk in the adjacent hall. All welcome.

SVP Toiletries Collection Point – Our Lady of England At the back of the church, you will find a wicker basket where you can donate new or unused toiletries. We are seeking to help vulnerable families and individuals, including women escaping domestic violence, refugees, and those affected by homelessness. Items needed: hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, body wash, deodorant, shaving foam and wash cloths (flannels). Thank you for your support in helping care for some of the most vulnerable in our community.

Are you new to the parish or been here a while and never registered? Click on the QR code below and let us know you're here. This form is for Arundel and Storrington parishioners.



HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK			Rosary
Saturday 5th		23rd Sunday, Year A	Wednesdays 7.00pm (Storrington) Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
Cathedral	5.00pm		
Sunday 6th		Intentions of Olivia Wijetunge Dr Aires Carvalho RIP	Music at Mass 9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
Storrington	9.00am		
Cathedral	11.00am		
Monday 7th		John Hennon RIP	Liturgy of the Word with Children Storrington 9.00am Mass every week from 6 th September. Arundel 5.00pm Mass 12 th & 26 th September, 10 th & 24 th October.
Cathedral	10.00am		
Tuesday 8th		The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish	
Wednesday 9th		Peter Anthony John Rimmer RIP	Coffee & Tea After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
Cathedral	10.00am		
Thursday 10th		Heather Anscombe RIP Confessions and Adoration to 11.30am	Requiem in Aeternum Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Storrington	10.00am		
Storrington	10.30am		
Friday 11th		Adoration to 9.45am Serena Gore RIP	Sacrament of the Sick Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343
Cathedral	9.15am		
Cathedral	10.00am		
Saturday 12th		The Most Holy Name of Mary	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.
Cathedral	10.00am	Nuala Vokes RIP	
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration	
		24th Sunday, Year A	
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 13th		Intentions of Olivia Wijetunge Dr Aires Carvalho RIP	
Storrington	9.00am		
Cathedral	11.00am		

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in Church (<u>not in August</u>) Mon, Wed & Fri Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in Church (<u>not in August</u>) Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group (<u>not in August</u>) 01903 742150 storrington@chemin-neuf.org

Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm
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