



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



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Live Stream	<p>Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website www.arundelcathedral.uk or https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel</p>												
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Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Thus she brings together four of the central people in St Luke's infancy narrative: Mary, Elizabeth, John the Baptist and, of course, Jesus—two women and two unborn babies. It's a real family gathering, full of tenderness and joy, praise and wonder. And it's totally focused on the real meaning of Christmas!—the fact that Jesus our Saviour is coming into the world precisely to heal the wounds of sin and division, and to bring people together in love of one another and of God. As soon as Mary knows her vocation to be the Mother of God she sets out on this journey to bring her Son to others, and to bring them to Him.

Many of us or our loved ones will be setting out on similar journeys very soon, to be united in love of one another and sharing our love of God and our joy at the closeness of Jesus. And we will be journeying to church for the same reason. It's an important time to remember those who cannot make such journeys because of sickness, frailty, poverty or persecution. It's a time for visiting those in need, and for phoning, and for praying—journeying in our hearts to Jesus, in the manger and just as truly in the poor and marginalised.

*Wishing you all a very joy-filled and Christ-filled Christmas,
Fr Stephen*

No Changes to Mass times this week except the addition of Christmas Masses (see below). The Cathedral will close after the 11.00am Mass on Christmas Day. Storrington church will also close after 9am Mass on Christmas Day. There will be no Adoration or Confessions on Boxing Day.

Christmas Mass times—Tuesday 24th December 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in the Cathedral—children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the nativity and will have the opportunity to participate; Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm (carols from 11pm) Night Mass of Christmas in the Cathedral; Wednesday 25th December 9.00am Mass in Storrington; 11.00am Mass in the Cathedral.

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 2024 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.

Opening of the Jubilee Year On Sunday 29th December Bishop Richard will celebrate the 11am Mass in the Cathedral to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year of 2025. The opening rite will begin at the Cathedral Centre and will be followed by a procession to the Cathedral.

Storrington Responsible Car Parking Please remember when parking for Mass that there is plenty of space in the car park (2 cars between each tree) and that should you need to park on the road, please be mindful of the safety of road users and the space required for emergency vehicles to pass by.

Congratulations to Maria & David Randall (Storrington) who celebrated 55 years of marriage this week.

Confirmation 2025 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 a form and return it to the Cathedral or to Fr Stephen by **5th January 2025**.

CAFOD World Gifts Thank you for your donations so far, this is the last week for donations to our Advent collection.

Cathedral Shop – Christmas cards, Nativities, Advent calendars, 2025 diaries all now available in the shop. Open 10.30am – 4pm Monday – Friday; Sat & Sun after Mass until 4pm.

Tuesday Drop-In every Tuesday 2 to 4pm returns on Tuesday 7th January.

Arundel Consolation Group Coffee is back in the new year every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Cathedral Centre from 1-3.30pm, dates as follows: 9th January; 13th February; 13th March & 10th April.

Access the daily (including Sunday) readings at [Universalis: Mass](#) for free (and the daily office).

Diocesan Directories available from the shop in Arundel and porch in Storrington £5.00 each.

The parish office will be closed Tuesday 24th December, re-opening on Friday 3rd January.



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.

Please pray for Tony Maton whose funeral service will take place on Monday 30th December at 11.30am in Storrington. Please also pray for **Julie Pallant** whose funeral will be on Monday 6th January 11.30am in Arundel and for **Michael Hembrey** (Storrington) whose funeral service will be on Monday 6th January 2.30pm in Storrington.

Sunday Missals still a few available at the reduced price of £17.00 in Arundel from the Cathedral Shop and in Storrington contact Louise in the office. If you would like a missal, but would find paying for it difficult, please speak to Fr Stephen or Deacon Roger, as we can offer some assistance.

Liturgy of the Word with Children in Storrington will take a break on Christmas Day and 29th December, returning for the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Sunday 5th January.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 25 January 11 - 4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill Led by Bishop Richard. The 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. The booking link can be found here [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(25-Jan-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

CCRS – South – beginning Tuesday 14 January 2025 – Fee payable The CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) will be run at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.45pm. Each module (5 sessions) will be delivered over a term and the course will complete in 2 academic years. There is a £20 registration fee which enables us to register you with the national administrator of this course. Additionally, £30 is charged for each of the 8 modules. This may be paid by the student, or they may be sponsored by their school/parish. Teachers, TAs, Catechists and anyone wishing to develop their understanding of the Faith are welcome. Register your place here [CCRS - South \(14-Jan-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Save the Date – Saturday 20 September 2025 Festival of Hope Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends this September. We pray that this inspirational and uplifting event will ignite a spiritual renewal in our own lives and across our communities. Put the date in your diary now, because tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year! The event is taking place at Ardingly South of England Event Centre, tickets will be free of charge, with talks and activities suitable for all ages.

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, Lesley-Anne on lscorgie@spcpsarundel.co.uk

Many thanks from CAFOD to both Our Lady of England Parish and Arundel Cathedral for our Harvest Fast Day collection for the Democratic Republic of Congo. There is a video regarding this on You Tube at [Harvest Thank You Message | CAFOD](#)
Storrington also recently donated £250 from the Sunday coffee for 2024, in support of Ukraine.

Mothers Prayer in Storrington will take a break in January, returning in February.

HOLY MASS	
Saturday 21st	4th Sunday of Advent, Year C 'O Rex Gentium'
Cathedral 5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd	
Storrington 9.00am	John Loftus RIP
Cathedral 11.00am	For the people of Sardhana
Storrington 4.00pm	Vespers
Monday 23rd	'O Emmanuel'
Cathedral 10.00am	Fr John William Bradley RIP
Tuesday 24th	Christmas Eve
Storrington 10.00am	People of the Parish
Cathedral 5.00pm	Vigil Mass— For peace in the world
Cathedral 11.30pm	Midnight Mass—Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 25th	The Nativity of the Lord
Storrington 9.00am	People of the Parish
Cathedral 11.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday 26th	St Stephen, First Martyr
Storrington 10.00am	Intentions of William Mortimer
Friday 27th	'St John, Apostle & Evangelist
Cathedral 10.00am	Vocations to the Priesthood in A & B
Saturday 28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Cathedral 10.00am	Jean-Marc Fritz RIP & Im Yvonne RIP
Cathedral 5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th	The Holy Family, Year C
Storrington 9.00am	Keith Hamson RIP
Cathedral 11.00am	Deceased of the Eames, Strudwick & Paradine Families

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

Adoration
Thursdays 10.30—11.30am - Storrington
Fridays 9.15—9.55am - Arundel
Saturdays 10.30—11.00am - Arundel

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington
Monday - Friday: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in the 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 10.30am - Arundel
Thursdays 10.30am - Storrington

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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington.
At Arundel this will take place at **5.00pm Mass** once a month as follows:
14 Dec, 25th Jan, 22nd Feb.
All are welcome at either place.

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

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

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