

# The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

1st December 2024



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I don't know about you, but I always think there's something lovely about Advent: a sense of entering into something wonderful and filled with new hope. When I was a child, I think it was mainly looking forward to Christmas, but as we get older I think we appreciate Advent more and more for its own sake. It speaks of the nearness of the Lord to us and of our waiting and longing for Him. It reflects the reality of our prayers—quietly and confidently longing to see the Lord's face and experience His love. It reflects the reality of our hopes for the world—yearning and thirsting for Jesus' kingdom to come in justice and peace. That longing speaks of the reality of our love for the Lord, and our need of Him. It is sometimes said that "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia (praise the Lord) is our song"—and that is perfectly true; but I think it's at least as true—and maybe even truer—to say "We are an Advent people, and Maranatha (come Lord Jesus) is our song."

As we enter again into this hope-filled season, what will we bring to the Lord? What experiences from the last twelve months will shape our Advent—what joys or sufferings, hopes, regrets and thanksgivings? What do we want or need to bring to the Lord in Reconciliation? How can we meet Him more fully in the Eucharist? Where do we hope and pray to find Him coming into our world and our hearts in 2025?

*God bless, Fr Stephen*

**Changes to Mass times this week:** no Mass this Thursday in Storrington.

**CAFOD World Gifts** We will be collecting this Advent for Cafod World Gifts, this year for "Education - Teach someone to read" costing £10. Reading opens up so many doors: education, work, pleasure, self-improvement and more. This empowering gift can pay for someone's literacy classes. We also want to help students and young people go "Back to school" costing £60 where a child can fulfil their potential as it supports them in overcoming poverty and increases their employability. This gift also supports training in skills such as carpentry and sewing etc for those who missed out on school, so they can earn a living. Please give what you can—the figures are just a guide. Any questions please speak to Stephanie Hawkey - Arundel Cathedral Cafod Rep.

**Christmas in Memoriam** An opportunity to remember your loved ones this Christmas by bringing a poinsettia to help decorate the Cathedral. Please leave your poinsettia in the baptistery from the end of November for arrangement. It would be wonderful to have some in time for the Vespers this Sunday.

**The Friends of Arundel Cathedral** warmly invite you to Advent Vespers in the Cathedral this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm followed by refreshments at the back of the Cathedral. Please be seated for 6.15pm, and bring your friends along. All are welcome.

**Tuesday Drop-In every Tuesday 2 to 4pm** Come and join together for a cup of tea, games, chat and laughter. Lower Hall at the Cathedral Centre. This coming Tuesday 3rd December the Singing Superstars from St Philip's Primary School will be coming to entertain us. All welcome.

**Parish Proclaimer** The next issue of the Proclaimer is due out soon. It is free to read online on the Arundel Cathedral website. We print a number of each edition, for those who prefer to have a hard copy. The cost of this (for the two annual editions) is £10. Some parishioners have signed a Standing Order for this. If anyone would like a printed copy, who has not already signed up, please contact Louise ASAP. There will be some spare printed copies available on a first come first served basis – but to avoid being disappointed it is best to sign up.

**First Reconciliation & First Communion Application Forms for 2025** are available at the back of the Cathedral and in the porch at Storrington. Parents of children in school year 3 or above who wish to begin receiving Holy communion in 2025 should complete a form and return it to the parish office **by 8 December**. Meetings are scheduled to begin in January on Thursday afternoons. If you have any questions, please contact the Cathedral Office on [arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01903 882297.

**Storrington MISSIO "Red Box" collections:** MISSIO is the Pope's charity for World Mission: "MISSIO ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief." Your collector will contact you to arrange collection in the next few weeks. There are alternative ways of donating - details from Pat East 01903 741127 or 07547 088675 or [pateast24@btinternet.com](mailto:pateast24@btinternet.com)

**CELEBRATE's online family pack for Advent** can be downloaded from this [Online Family Activity Packs — CELEBRATE Trust](#) It's packed full of things to do, pray, read and watch to help families prepare for the Feast of the Nativity.

**Mass in the Castle Chapel** on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will take place on Monday 9th December at **10am**. Entry on foot via the High Street Gate. Any one needs to drive due to mobility problems, please leave a message for Louise in the parish office.

**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.



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.

**Sunday Missals** are now available, for those who pre-ordered please collect and pay for your Missal either before or after Masses this weekend. The discounted price is £17.00 and can be paid by cash (correct money in Storrington) or cheque, or in Arundel by contactless payment. If anyone would prefer to pay by bank transfer, here are the bank details (please use the description 'SMissal': Bank: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London; Account Name: Arundel Cathedral; Sort Code: 40 05 20; Account No.: 41076566

**The Convent of Poor Clares are running an Advent group** as follows: Dec 3rd **Tues** 3pm – 4.15pm; Dec 12th Thurs 3pm – 4.15pm; Dec 19th Thurs 3pm – 4.15pm. Please note that this coming week is on a Tuesday, the rest are Thursdays. All are welcome.

**Storrington Ecumenical Prayers** meet once a month on the first Tuesday at 9.15am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Our Lady of England Church. Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All are welcome.

**Storrington Mothers Prayer Group** meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Our Lady of England church on 1st Thursday of each month at 2pm – next meeting 5th December. All Mothers and Grandmothers most welcome to come and pray for our children and all children around the world. We also pray for the intentions in the Parish Book. For more information contact Cecilia 07494 287850.

**Storrington SVP** has had a request for a large frame man's bicycle free if possible, but some finance may be available.

**Parking in the Cathedral Precinct:** Please consider those who are elderly and frail, and only park in the Cathedral precinct if you have a mobility problem. There is not enough space for everyone and spaces are on a first come, first served basis. The area behind the garages is reserved for our clergy. Please also keep in mind that an emergency vehicle such as an ambulance may need to have access to the area.

**Advance notice:** Christmas Mass times—Tuesday 24th December 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in the Cathedral; 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 Day Lunch** Don't be on your own on Christmas Day, you are warmly invited to lunch and festivities on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at the Norfolk Centre, Mill Road, Arundel, BN18 9PA. Cost £5.00, transport available. For more information call 01903 883469.

**New Cathedral Interior Drone Video** has been produced. There is a link to it near the top of the front page of the website. The video can also be viewed on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jsjbfusCB0>

**St Philip Howard Catholic School** is currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators and a Cover Supervisor. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit the vacancies page on the school website: [Vacancies – St Philip Howard Catholic School](#)

**“The Art of Dying Well”** is a website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. See [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org) There are also resources on our Diocesan website at: [Planning a Funeral & Bereavement Support | Our Faith](#)

**Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group** have written to thank us for the generous donations of clothing to support people during and after detention, they write “it is so appreciated to give people the dignity of a change of clothes.” The box is always available at the back of the Cathedral.

**Turning Tides** have written to thank us for the donations of food received by them recently from both churches. A box is always available at the back of the Cathedral for donations.


**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](#)

HOLY MASS		
<b>Saturday 30th</b>		<b>1st Sunday of Advent, Year C</b>
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 1st</b>		
Storrington	9.00am	For the intentions of Indra
Cathedral	11.00am	Alfred George Eames RIP
Cathedral	6.30pm	Advent Vespers
<b>Monday 2nd</b>		
Cathedral	10.00am	For the people of Sardhana
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>		<b>St Francis Xavier, priest</b>
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>		
Cathedral	10.00am	Chris Colgan RIP
<b>Thursday 5th</b>		
No Mass		
<b>Friday 6th</b>		<b>St Nicholas, Bishop</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	Walter and Anne Stone RIP
<b>Saturday 7th</b>		<b>St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor</b>
Cathedral	10.00am	Fr Ray Matus RIP
		<b>2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C</b>
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8th</b>		
Storrington	9.00am	Wellbeing of Rosemary Williams
Cathedral	11.00am	Mary Kathleen Hewitt & family

**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

**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](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

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

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