

# The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent, Year C — 30th March 2025

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“My son, **you are with me always**, and all I have is yours.” These are the loving father’s words to his elder—non-prodigal—son in Jesus’ parable. The son shares everything that is the father’s, and most especially his presence. There is no more wonderful expression of love than to be with the beloved.

This is really important to Jesus and to His heavenly Father, for the idea crops up again and again in the Scriptures. It is the answer in the book of Job. After all his sufferings (losing all his possessions, children and health) the righteous Job encounters God, and all his complaints give way to reverential silence as he says, “I knew you then only by hearsay; but now I have seen you **with my own eyes**.” Psalm 73 gives the same answer when the righteous man complains about how well the wicked do. He finally reflects, “Even so **I stayed in your presence**; you held my right hand; my joy lies in being close to God.”

It is the heart of the message of Christmas: Jesus is Emmanuel, which means ‘**God is with us**’. It is Jesus’ deep desire at the Last Supper: “I have longed to eat this Passover **with you** before I suffer.” It is His earnest plea to His disciples in Gethsemane: “Could you not keep awake **with me** one hour?” It is His reassuring response to the repentant thief from the Cross: “I promise you, today you will be **with me** in paradise.” It is His solemn promise at His Ascension: “I am **with you** always; yes, to the end of time.” It is the meaning of the whole Christian life. It is heaven.

*God bless, Fr Stephen*

**No changes to Mass times this week.**

**Please pray for Rosalie Randle** (Storrington) who died recently. Her Requiem will be on Monday 31st March at 2pm.

**Deanery Reconciliation Service with Bishop Richard** this Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm in the Cathedral. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with priests from the deanery also available.

**Are you searching for God in your life?** Want to explore this a bit more, but not ready for a formal course yet? Come along to Cathedral House on Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm for an informal gathering. Contact the parish office so we know to expect you (but even if you don't you're still welcome!). If you know someone who might be interested, please invite them to come along and come with them.

**Stations of the Cross in Arundel** will take place on Fridays throughout Lent at 7pm as follows: 4th April in the Cathedral; 28th March & 11th April at St Nicholas' Church. In **Storrington** they will be every Tuesday after Mass.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham** one-off collection will be taken this weekend 29/30 March to raise additional funds for the Shrine in the Jubilee Year. For more information about the shrine and plans for the Jubilee year see: [Pastoral Theme for 2025: 'With Mary, We are Pilgrims of Hope' - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady](#)

**Storrington - Holy Week minibus sign-up** We plan to run a minibus from Storrington to Arundel and back on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you would like to reserve a space on the bus, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. The collection/drop-off point will be the church car park, times to be advised. There are 12 spaces available each day on a first come, first served basis.

**Chemin Neuf** will be holding the following Maronite Rite services in Our Lady of England Church during Holy Week: **Maundy Thursday:** Mass at 4:00pm (including the Washing of the Feet), followed by Adoration until 6:00pm. **Good Friday:** Prostration of the Cross at 3:00pm, followed by Taizé prayer with the Cross **Holy Saturday:** Mass at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

**Our Lady of England Children's Liturgy Group Easter Egg Hunt 2025** After 9.00am Mass in Storrington on Easter Sunday as we continue to celebrate the Risen Lord, enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt with other families in the cloister garden. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. All are welcome. Book in by 7<sup>th</sup> April at <https://forms.office.com/e/aAnr2z5qMV>

### **Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees**

Our next get-together for general cleaning, polishing and repairs  
is Thursday 10th April  
in the Sacristy 10am - 12 noon.

Please join us - Tea, Coffee, chats and laughter guaranteed!

**Tuesday Drop-In every Tuesday 2 to 4pm** Come and join together for a cup of tea, games, chat and laughter at the Cathedral Centre. All welcome.

**Storrington Inter-Church Prayers** Monthly meetings on first Tuesday of the month 9.15am – 9.45am Storrington Priory Library. Next meeting Tuesday 1st April.

**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 3rd April. All Mothers and Grandmothers most welcome to come and pray for our children and all children around the world. For more information contact Cecilia 07494 287850.



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.

**Lenten Soup Lunches at Slindon Church** You are warmly invited to join us at St. Richard's Church, Slindon on Wednesdays throughout Lent for soup lunches from 12 noon. This will be preceded by The Stations of the Cross at 11.30am. Monies raised will help 'Breakfasts for the Homeless' provided every Sunday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Bognor Regis.

**Storrington** No coffee after Mass next weekend as Chemin Neuf have a group in.

**Chichester Catholic Young Adults group have asked for 24 hours of Adoration on 4/5 April.** All young adults are welcome. The more the merrier! See the calendar item on the Cathedral website.

**Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website: [Lourdes Pilgrimage](#)

**Storrington SVP** would like to sponsor somebody to go to Lourdes this year as a helper. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

**Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer** (Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. Dating from around 1061, the [Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham](#) was once one of the four principal shrines of Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Today, the Shrine attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season, with about 35 major pilgrimages from Catholic dioceses, parishes, societies and associations. Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place, please click here: [Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham \(06-Jun-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**Religious Heritage in an Age of Persecution - 9 April at 3pm, The Cathedral Centre, BN18 9AY (Cost: £15)** A talk by architectural historian Dr John Robinson, Join Dr Robinson for a compelling talk exploring the impact of the Reformation in Sussex, organised by The Friends of Arundel Cathedral. In the social, political, and religious turbulence of the Tudor period, the role of faithful families across the kingdom, particularly in Arundel, was unique. At great risk to themselves, they ensured that proscribed religious artefacts were safely hidden and secured, with priceless vestments, devotional items, and manuscripts preserved for the benefit of future generations. To book your place visit;

w: [Please pay £15 to The Friends of Arundel Cathedral](#) or E: [aruncathfriends@btconnect.com](mailto:aruncathfriends@btconnect.com)

**Finding God in the Everyday by Fr Martin McGee** Saturday, 5th April 10:30am Spencer Building, Worth School. Fr Martin will discuss how to meet Christ in daily life, drawing on the Rule of St Benedict and the lives of the Algerian martyrs. To reserve a place contact Kelly O'Hara [kohara@worth.org.uk](mailto:kohara@worth.org.uk) or 01342 710370.

**Young Adults' Easter Retreat at Worth Abbey.** Maundy Thursday 17th April - Easter Sunday 20th April 2025 (Plus Holy Week Walking Pilgrimage: 14th - 17th April). Cost: £200 (£100 places available - please enquire at [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk)) For more info or to book, visit: [Young Adults Retreat and Cross Walk | Worth Abbey](#) [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) / 01342 710318

**Old Way Arundel Loop Walk** A Guided pilgrim Walk organized by members of St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 5 April departing St Nicholas' church at 10.30am, arriving at North Stoke for lunch. Limited transport back from North Stoke or guided walk. See poster at the back of the Cathedral for more information. Please let St Nicholas' Parish Office know if you plan to attend 01903 882262 [office@stnicholas.uk](mailto:office@stnicholas.uk)

**Celebrate festival - Witness to hope** 16 - 20 August 2025 at Worth School. A relaxed faith filled festival situated around a big top! Inspirational speakers; groups for children and young people; Masses and worship; prayer; fun and fellowship. Come and camp in our festival campsite, or book into our residential school accommodation. Book now at: [CELEBRATE festival — CELEBRATE Trust](#)


**Arundel Ministry of Consolation Group** - for those experiencing loss in any way, now or in the past. We meet **EVERY 2nd THURSDAY** of the month, in the Cathedral Centre 2-3pm for a cuppa and a chat. Next date next Thursday **April 10th**.

HOLY MASS	
<b>Saturday 29th</b>	<b>4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent, Year C</b>
Cathedral 5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	
Storrington 9.00am	William & Susan Bradley RIP
Cathedral 11.00am	Glenys Margarita Strudwick RIP
<b>Monday 31st</b>	
Cathedral 10.00am	Julie Field RIP
<b>Tuesday 1st</b>	
Storrington 10.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	
Cathedral 10.00am	Ann Coll RIP
<b>Thursday 3rd</b>	
Storrington 10.00am	Intentions of Renée Prior, Kiara, Moses, Heleina & Elijah Ikpoh
<b>Friday 4th</b>	
Cathedral 10.00am	John Hennon RIP
<b>Saturday 5th</b>	
Cathedral 10.00am	Rowland Driscoll RIP
	<b>5th Sunday of Lent, Year C</b>
Cathedral 5.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	
Storrington 9.00am	Teresa Kent-Hayes RIP
Cathedral 11.00am	Florence Eames RIP

**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:  
26th April, 10th May.  
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

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