



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 14th September

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At the heart of Christianity stands the Cross—uncompromising, unavoidable, unmistakably brutal and devastating. It's there at the climax of all four Gospels. It's there at the centre of all our churches. It's there as the beginning and end of all our prayers: the Sign of the Cross. It's our great sign of blessing. Christianity just wouldn't be Christianity without the Cross.

But if the Cross stands at the heart of Christianity, it's because at its heart there is a person, the person of Jesus Christ. Christianity is not an idea, not an ideology (although it obviously involves ideas). It is not just a way of behaving, a set of moral values (although it obviously involves laws and commandments which are hugely important). First and foremost, Christianity is an inter-personal relationship—Jesus Christ knowing and loving us, and us knowing and loving Him in return.

It makes all the difference in the world. Because the deepest need of every human person is love. We need someone to be there for us—and ideas can't be there for you, but Jesus can. Especially we need someone to be there for us when we hurt: in times of sickness, grief, anxiety, loneliness, at the hour of death. And then Jesus Crucified is there with us, closer than ever before. Supremely, we need someone to be there for us when we fall, when we mess up, when we sin. No ideas or ethos or moral principles can help us then. They can't forgive us or give us another chance, they can't save us. But Jesus can, and did, and still does—through the triumph of His Cross.

God bless, Fr Stephen

There are no changes to Mass times this coming week.

2nd Collections: For the Catholic Education Service (see below) this weekend. Next weekend 20/21 September for the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

This weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales will observe Education Sunday. The Catholic Church has played a pivotal role in establishing education in this country and has become the country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools, along with four universities. Catholic schools continue to be true to their historical mission, in educating substantially more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds than other state-funded schools. This success, however, continues to be dependent on the support of the Catholic community. There are many ways to do this, for instance in prayer for vocations to Catholic education; asking your diocese about becoming a school foundation governor; or encouraging a young person to become a teacher in a Catholic school. You can also support the work of our Catholic Education Service with a contribution to the second collection.

Congratulations to Billy Burns who was baptised in Our Lady of England Church last Sunday afternoon.

Festival of Hope: You are invited to the South of England Showground to celebrate 60 years of the Diocese, in this Jubilee Year of Hope. We will have inspiring speakers, uplifting music and Mass with Bishop Richard. It will be an opportunity to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ from across all of our communities to explore how we can be beacons of hope for others in this world, at a time when it is so desperately needed. Details here: [Festival of Hope \(20-Sep-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Coach transport may be available: please contact your parish office for details of how to reserve a seat, if you would like to travel with the deanery group.

Pilgrimage Day in honour of St Philip Howard Saturday 27 September to pray and reflect on his life and witness and our own journey through life. Join the Friends of Arundel Cathedral to walk along the west bank of the River Arun from Littlehampton, where St Philip Howard was arrested, to his shrine at Arundel Cathedral. Mass at St Catherine's Littlehampton at 9am, Prayers at St Andrew's Ford at 12.15, Benediction at the Cathedral at 3pm. Walk from Littlehampton (6.5 miles) or from Ford (2.5 miles). Lifts back to Littlehampton or Ford can be arranged. All welcome for all or any part of the day. Booking needed for the walk. Contact Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or email aruncathfriends@btconnect.com to book.

Liturgy of the Word with Children runs every Sunday in term time in Storrington at 9am Mass, and now in Arundel on two Saturdays a month at the 5pm Mass. The dates are on the final page of the newsletter. Parents are welcome to come out to the sessions with their children, but if your child is confident and would like to come out without a parent, please ensure that you have completed a **Parental Consent Form**, available from the Cathedral Office arundel@abdiocese.org.uk (or download the form [HERE](#))

Vespers and Benediction takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month at Our Lady of England Church in Storrington at 4pm. Next date: Sunday 28th September. All are welcome.

Please pray for George Sutherland who died recently. His funeral service will take place on Friday 26th September at 12 noon in the Cathedral. Also for Rosemary Grove, her funeral is on Tuesday 16th September at 11.00am.

New Parishioners Are you new to the parish? Have you filled in a form to let us know you're here? The form for both Arundel and Storrington is here: [Register With The Parish – Arundel Cathedral](#)

Dates for your diary: 4th October 2.30pm Animal Blessing Service—Cathedral; 7th October 2-4pm Drop-In at the Cathedral Centre; 16th October Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees 10-12 Cathedral Sacristy.



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.

Pro Life Group Meeting Monday 15 September 7pm Upper Parish Room at St Richard's, Catholic Church, Cawley Road, Chichester PO19 1XB. Find out more about how to bring about a culture of life in today's challenging world. All welcome. We are a local Pro-Life group for Chichester and surrounding areas. Please contact Maria on 07413 267267 with any queries.

Charity Walk: Parishioner Adam Vernon, is going to walk 62 miles (100km) along the Thames Path from London to Henley on the weekend 13th & 14th September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you are a UK taxpayer you can Gift Aid so your donation is worth even more. Donate at: [Adam Vernon is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

Screening of 'The Letter: A Message for Our Earth'. This film, which follows frontline activists from around the world as they travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis and discuss with him the vision of his letter 'Laudato Si' on care for our common home will be shown at The New Park Cinema in Chichester at 6pm on Monday 22nd September. The screening will include a Q & A session with the film's director Nicolas Brown. More details at [The Letter: A Message for our Earth - Chichester Cinema at New Park](#)

French for All Whether you would like to start speaking French, build on your rusty knowledge or improve your fluency, come and join our friendly Monday group from 2 - 3pm in the sacristy at Our Lady of England, Storrington. Starting date 22nd September. All proceeds to CAFOD.

Young Adults' Kickoff! All young adults (18–30) are warmly invited to our first Mass of the new academic year on Sunday 28 September at 5.30pm at St Richard's Church in Chichester. Come celebrate, then stick around for pizza and a chance to hang out with friends old and new. Want to stay in the loop? Join our WhatsApp group using the QR code to the right.



Ever wondered about what Catenians are all about? Here's a chance to find out! There will be a social/information afternoon on Sunday 28th September at 3pm in the Cathedral Centre in Arundel. All are welcome to come and meet the Arundel Circle Members and their families to find out more about who we are and what we do for the Church and the local community. Refreshments available. To help with catering number please contact: Nigel Corby on 01903 784051 nigel.corby@outlook.com More information at: <https://thecatenians.com/>

"Our Faith" A brief introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church by Deacon David Clifton. The book has grown out of more than twenty years' experience of being involved with the parish RCIA group. It attempts to answer some of the questions raised at these sessions, and includes much other material. Catholics attending RCIA as sponsors or helpers often expressed a wish that such a course was available as a 'refresher course' for Catholics. This book is an attempt to fulfil that wish. It sets out a rational exposition of the Catholic faith in simple, straightforward language, and aims to fill a gap between very erudite, academic theological works and more popular presentations of the faith. 138 pages for £9.50. Available from the Cathedral Shop.

Monthly Lectio Divina at the Poor Clares, Crossbush Praying/reflecting on the Gospel of the following Sunday. 3pm – 4pm on the following dates: Mon 29th Sept; Mon 27th Oct; Mon 24th Nov. (During Advent we will have weekly Lectio). All Welcome.

Diocesan Event coming up in the autumn:

Building the Domestic Church – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

Eucharistic Adoration The Diocese is renewing and developing its Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Thursday 2nd October at 8pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP. Registration from 7pm, light refreshments available. For further details contact eastpreston@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 785091.

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th		
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th		The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Storrington	9.00am	Judith Sill RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Leslie William Strudwick RIP
Monday 15th		Our Lady of Sorrows
Cathedral	10.00am	For the intentions of Cathy McAllister
Tuesday 16th		Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs
Storrington	10.00am	Intentions of Olivia Wijetunge
Cathedral	11.00am	Funeral Service—Rosemary Grove RIP
Wednesday 17th		St Robert Bellarmine, Doctor
Cathedral	10.00am	Izolda-Rita Geniene RIP & Domas Vitonis RIP
Thursday 18th		
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration to 11.30am
Friday 19th		
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration to 9.45am
Cathedral	10.00am	Eugene A. McGing RIP
Saturday 20th		St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs
Cathedral	10.00am	Fr John Ryan MBE RIP
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11am
		25th Sunday, Year C
Cathedral	5.00pm	Deceased of the Corcoran Family,
Sunday 21st		
Storrington	9.00am	Wellbeing of Donny Coughlan
Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington

Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in 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

Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush

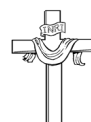
Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm

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.

Coffee & Tea

After 9.00am Mass at Storrington
 After 11.00am Mass at Arundel

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Takes place weekly at 9am Mass in Storrington.
 At Arundel this will take place at **5.00pm Mass** twice a month from September, as follows: **13** & 27 Sept; 11 & 25 Oct; 8 & 22 Nov; 6 & 20 Dec.

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

Finance

If you have any questions about setting up standing orders or Gift Aid, please contact Martin Hall on ga.arundel@abdiocese.org.uk
 Martin can help with queries in both Arundel & Storrington.

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