

# OUR LADY OF ENGLAND



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **THIS SUNDAY 4, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B,**

(Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39)

6pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

8am Mass: People of the Parish; 10.00am Mass: Dom Stephen Ortiger RIP

### **MONDAY 5, Mem: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

(1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56) 9.00am Mass

### **TUESDAY 6, Mem: St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan**

(1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13) 9.00am Mass

10.00- 10.30am Ecumenical Prayers in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### **WEDNESDAY 7, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 5**

(1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23) No Mass

7.00pm: Rosary for Peace

8.00pm: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

### **THURSDAY 8, Mem: St Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit**

(1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30) 9.00am Mass: Ken & Mary Hills RIP

### **FRIDAY 9, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 5**

(1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37)

9.00am Mass

### **SATURDAY 10, Our Lady on Saturday**

(1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10) 9.00am Mass: For peace in the world  
(followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30am)

6pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

### **NEXT SUNDAY 11, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B,**

(Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1; Mark 1:40-45)

8am Mass: People of the Parish; 10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

## OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

London Road, Arundel

Tel: 01903 882115 [www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk](http://www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk)

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk)

## REFLECTION

You can feel Peter's anxiety at the end of this week's Gospel, can't you. He has just got to know Jesus a little, and has committed to following Him. Jesus has cured his mother-in-law and a great crowd of other sick people too. It's amazing! Peter must have gone to bed with his head spinning. And then, when he gets up in the morning, Jesus has disappeared! No wonder he goes looking for Him. No wonder, when he finds Him, he says—not without a deal of confusion and fear—“Everyone is looking for you.” Jesus' response is extraordinary: “Let us go elsewhere ... so that I can preach there too.” It must have floored Peter. Jesus isn't coming back—not returning to Peter's familiar world. But nor is He leaving Peter behind. He's calling Peter to join Him on the journey, to follow Him: “Let us go ...”

In a couple of weeks' time we as the Catholic community of Storrington will be beginning prayer and conversation with the Arundel community, with a view to bringing us more closely into one—without losing our separate identities or gifts. And I'm sure we will all feel some of that anxiety that Peter felt. Jesus is setting off on a journey to the neighbouring towns and villages, and calling us to go with Him. He wants us to go with Him, and in a certain sense needs us. He has given us each gifts that He wants us to use for building up His kingdom in new ways. It will, of course, take us outside our comfort zone. (It wouldn't be Jesus calling if it didn't!) And, actually, He's given people in Arundel gifts to build us up too.

The most important thing, I think, is to stay really close to Jesus on this journey. That first of all means prayer, individually and together. It means loving Jesus in the Eucharist: supremely by participating in His Redeeming Sacrifice, which every celebration of Mass is; by prizing the wonder of Holy Communion; and adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament. And it means meeting Him joyfully in others. If we commit ourselves to this, I am convinced we will find unexpected and amazing blessings in the path ahead.

Fr Stephen

**ECUMENICAL PRAYERS: First Tuesday of the Month** (this week) 10-10.30am in our church.

Come together with local Christians to pray for our churches, communities, and the wider world. Next meeting this Tuesday.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** available in the porch priced at £5.00. Money can be left in the marked wall box at the rear of the church.

## MEETINGS OF THE

### STORRINGTON & ARUNDEL COMMUNITIES

**Sunday 18 February, 3.30 pm** - Prayer at Arundel Cathedral; followed by social time in the Cathedral Centre, with an introduction to the process of bringing our two communities together, and an opportunity to raise points for consideration.

**Sunday 3 March, 4.00 pm** - Prayer at Our Lady of England, Storrington; followed by a meeting to begin discerning practical pathways forwards.

Please do come along. If you can car share with a friend or neighbour for both events, please do.

### PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE

Lord, the Word who is Life.  
May all the people of our Diocese  
grow in openness  
to the power of the Holy Spirit,  
so that through a growth  
in understanding and courage,  
and truly open to your call,  
we may bear powerful witness  
to all around us,  
for you are Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**NO MASS** on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Thank you for your recent offerings.

For any Gift Aid queries (or if you want to join the scheme) you can e-mail John Crook on [ga.storrington@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.storrington@abdiocese.org.uk)

**PRAYERS FOR PEACE, especially in Ukraine, and in Gaza and Israel continues:**

**Rosary for Peace**, Wednesdays 7pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Saturdays 9.30-10.30am (after 9am Mass).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr Stephen Ortiger** who died peacefully among his monastic brethren after a short illness, on 27th January. His Funeral Mass will take place at Worth Abbey on Saturday 17th February at 10.30am and will be followed by a reception.

The funeral will be [livestreamed](#) for those who wish to attend virtually.

The Abbey know that many friends of Fr Stephen may wish to attend his funeral, so it will assist the organisation of the day if you are able to indicate your attendance by completing an RSVP at [Rt. Rev. Dom Stephen Ortiger, R.I.P. and Funeral Date – Worth Abbey](#)

**MARRIAGE WEEK 2024** runs from **7-14 February**. A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God, as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. There are resources for couples at: [Marriage-Week-2024c.pdf \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

We pray for married couples:

God our Father,

We pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage

And for each couple that you join together in order to make a family.

We ask that every marriage brings each couple closer to you and closer to holiness.

We pray for those who are struggling in their marriage at present,

That they can make it through this tough time

And support each other in their differences.

We make this prayer through Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

#### LENT

**Begins on Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

Masses will be at: 10am & 7.30pm

**THE DIOCESAN INVITED COURSE** runs again in Lent. You can access this online individually or as a group at [Invited | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#) and there may be a group on a Saturday - more on this next week.

#### DEANERY LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 4pm at Our Lady of England, Storrington

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis.

All are welcome.

**LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AT SLINDON CHURCH** You are warmly invited to join us on Thursday throughout Lent from 15<sup>th</sup> February for delicious soup lunches at St. Richard's Catholic Church, Top Road, Slindon BN18 ORH from 12 noon to 2pm. All donations to Stonepillow, our local homeless charity. At 11am on Thursdays in Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross, so an opportunity to attend both events.

**LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE** to be held at Bosham Catholic Church, Fairfield Road, Bosham, PO18 8JH on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 4.00pm. The theme is 'Come Back to Me', and everyone is very welcome to stay for refreshments after the service.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE APPEAL** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a spoken appeal at all Masses and a second collection. If you are a Gift aid donor, please use the Lourdes Pilgrimage envelopes available at the back of the Cathedral. If you wish to donate to this appeal online, please go to: [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#) and click on the red donate button on the right hand side and follow the instructions. Your support in assisting people on this pilgrimage is much appreciated. There is lots of information about the pilgrimage on the website.

#### ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

**Friday, 1st March at 2.00pm**

hosted by Chemin Neuf Priory,  
In the Hall

**PALESTINE "Bear With One Another I Beg You"**

*Refreshments afterwards*

(Access to Chemin Neuf Priory Hall via O.L of E.

Parking and wheelchair access up the concrete ramp to the porch from behind O.L of E church car park in Monastery Lane.)

#### CHEMIN NEUF

##### Regular opportunities:

Monday - Friday: Maronite/Catholic Mass at 9am and Adoration at 6pm-6:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group, access via the front door or kitchen door.

E-mail: [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org) or call 742150 for an queries.

##### Other opportunities:

**Canva Valentine's Weekend** offers couples a chance to join us for a romantic weekend packed with love, laughter, and treasured moments.

Date: February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Contact: [canaukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:canaukinfo@gmail.com)

**Quiet Day** on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

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

**THE DIOCESE IS ADVERTISING** for a P/T Buildings Officer: School Buildings & Finance.

Part time (0.6 FTE). Based in Crawley - with travel around Sussex and Surrey. Salary £27,000 (FTE £45,000). For more details see [P/T Buildings Officer: School Buildings & Finance | Careers \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#)

**FIRST AID KIT** Please note that should you need it, there is a first aid kit in the sacristy and another in the Parish Office, along with accompanying accident/incident books

**TRINITY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Road, Storrington. We are part of the WCCM (The World Community for Christian Meditation). Our next meeting is Thursday, February 8 at 12 noon in the church. New friends are always welcome. For more information contact Rev Doug Hopwood on 01903 297087.

**ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** in Barnham is currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators to join our exams team. This is a flexible role that provides full training and the opportunity to join a friendly and supportive team. Visit the vacancies page on our website to learn more about the role and method of application: [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk)

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT CAFOD'S WORK.** Neil Thorns, CAFOD's Director of Advocacy, Communications and Education who has a wide knowledge of Campaigns, COP28 and CAFOD'S work in the world will give a live presentation on Saturday 10 February at 10am at St Francis & St Anthony Hall, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley RH10 1HR.

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