

**The Catholic Community of
Arundel & Storrington**
7th Sunday of Easter, Year A
17th May 2026



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We are coming towards the end of Eastertide (which actually finishes next Sunday with the feast of Pentecost). And in our Gospel today Jesus is coming towards the end of all He wanted to say at the Last Supper, the night before He died. After four full chapters of teaching His disciples (John 13-16), He finally turns in prayer to His Father (John 17). It’s a really beautiful prayer. We read a part of it every year on this Sunday; but it’s well worth reading all through.

In the first section, which we read this year, Jesus prays that He may glorify His Father, and may give eternal life to everyone the Father has given to Him. It’s the perfect model for all of us. How tremendous it would be if our lives could be summed up as giving glory to God and giving life to our neighbours—those God has given to us.

Jesus also asks His Father to glorify Him; even to glorify Him with the glory He had with the Father before the creation of the world. That’s quite a prayer too! He is asking the Father to make known to the world that He, Jesus, is truly divine, truly God, eternally existing before creation. But that prayer will be answered in the most extraordinary way—through His death on the Cross—because the Cross shows forth the infinite love of Jesus in a way that nothing else can. It shows the deepest truth of Jesus—that He is the God who is love. And that’s also the perfect model for all of us.

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Masses this coming week: no Masses at the Convent on Wed 20th & Thu 21st May.

TODAY IS World Communications Day The theme for this year's World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Leo, is 'Preserving Human Voices and Faces'. You can read Pope Leo's message in full at: [Pope Leo's Message for World Communications Day 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

On this day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. You can donate at: [Donate - World Communications Day - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) or via the second collection today as you leave.

Congratulations to the children who will receive communion for the first time this Sunday at 11am Mass. Please pray for them and their families too, that they will all continue to grow in the love of Christ and His Blessed Sacrament.

Corpus Christi —The Carpet of Flowers will be laid week commencing 1st June and open to the public on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th, with Mass at 5.30pm on 4th June followed by the procession to the Castle for Benediction and back to the Cathedral (weather permitting!). Here are some of the ways in which you can help:

Stewarding during the open days—Wed: 9.30am—7pm & Thu: 9.30am until after the Mass and Procession.

Heavy lifting! The flower team need help with lifting and moving buckets of flowers etc on: Sat 30th May - morning, Sunday 31st May – afternoon and most of the day on Monday and Tuesday 1st & 2nd June – can you offer a bit of time for this?

Contact arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01903 882297 letting us know what days/times you might be able to offer. Thanks so much.

Cakes Can you bake a cake for the Corpus Christi refreshments at the Cathedral Centre? We always need more bakers. Cakes can be brought to the Cathedral Centre from Tuesday 2nd June. If you are making anything gluten free, please label it. You can contact Adam Vernon direct on adam.vg@hotmail.co.uk (**Storrington** cake makers can leave cakes in the porch on Tuesday 2nd June for collection—see Louise)

Refreshments at the Centre Can you help over the two days with: preparing sandwiches and serving customers with tea, coffee and cakes etc. Ideally offers of morning (9am – 1pm) or afternoon (1pm to 5pm) are helpful, but a couple of hours here and there are welcome. You can contact Adam Vernon direct on adam.vg@hotmail.co.uk

Please pray for Jo Briscoe (Arundel) who died on Sunday. Her body will be received into the Cathedral on Tuesday 26th May at 4.30pm and her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 27th May at 11am. And for Michael Sefi (Arundel) who died last weekend, his funeral service will take place on Friday 29th May at 11am in the Cathedral.

Next Sunday is Pentecost at the Saturday evening 5pm Mass we will celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost with additional readings as well as the vigil readings. All are welcome. Mass will be a little longer than usual.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or just exploring what this entails? If so, please speak to Fr Stephen, Deacon Roger or e-mail the parish office. We have begun our “**Explorers Group**” again, running roughly once a month on Tuesday evenings in the Cathedral Centre at 7.30pm. We will be offering refreshments and conversation about our search for God in our lives in a friendly, open atmosphere, with no pressure, and all opinions and ideas welcome. No commitment is required to begin this - only a desire to discover a little more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Dates for the forthcoming meetings are: **9 June, and 7 July**. We very much look forward to seeing you then. Why not invite a friend?



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.

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

Our next get-together for general cleaning, polishing and repairs
is
Thursday 21st May
in
the Sacristy 10am - 12 noon
Please join us - Tea, Coffee, chats and laughter guaranteed!

Tuesday Drop In Next meeting: Tuesday 19 May, at St Wilfrid's Priory Care Home 2 to 4pm. All welcome for tea/coffee, friendly chat, board games. Lifts available, please contact Maria on 07413 267267.

Arundel Cathedral Choir will be singing Mass at 6pm on Saturday 30 May at Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

May Procession & Prayer for Our Lady Sunday 31st May at 4.00pm Storrington Come and celebrate the month of Our Lady with prayers at the shrine of Our Lady of England then a procession to the church for Evening Prayer and Benediction, followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome. *(Ensure you have appropriate footwear as the ground around the shrine is uneven.)*

Friends of Arundel Cathedral Summer Celebration Vespers at Arundel Cathedral (free) followed by drinks, canapes and a garden tour in the Collector Earl's Garden, Arundel Castle. Friday 12th June 6.30pm. Tickets for the garden are £25 for members and £30 for non members. E-mail aruncathfriends@btconnect.com for tickets. Please be aware there are uneven surfaces and pathways in the garden.

Mass for Jubilarian Priests of the Diocese, Thursday 28 May at noon at Arundel Cathedral All are welcome to join the priests of our Diocese who are celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of priestly ordination, to give thanks for their years of service at this special Mass in Arundel Cathedral.

Men's Breakfast Gatherings We are excited to launch a new, monthly Men's Breakfast Gathering at Arundel Cathedral Centre. The idea is to create a relaxed environment which provides an opportunity for us to grow in our faith by getting to know others better and building friendships. There is no agenda and no pressure but men 18 years+ will be very welcome to come along. Join us for our inaugural meeting on Saturday, 4th July at 8.30am. Bring a friend! If you would like to be involved in the preparation of the food and drink, contact Deacon Roger Stone: roger.stone@abdiocese.org.uk See the posters for more details.



Storrington Social: After a successful BBQ last September we'd like to build a team of people interested in planning social events in the parish. Can you help? Talk to Kerry Johnston after Mass on 24th May or e-mail the parish office who will pass your details to Kerry.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group write: As we head into the warmer months, we're putting together a summer clothing collection for those we support at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre and Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre. If you happen to have any items to spare, we would be so grateful. We're particularly looking for:

- Men's clothing in Medium and Large sizes
- Light, second-hand summer clothing (T-shirts, joggers, light layers)
- Slippers or comfortable footwear

Please place in the grey box at the back of the Cathedral.

All young adults aged 18–30 are warmly invited to join on Sunday 31st May at 5:30pm at St Richard's, Chichester, for the next Young Adults Mass as we celebrate the end of the academic year. This will be followed by a meal together. New faces are very welcome, including those who don't regularly attend St Richard's. We've been delighted to welcome regulars from Bognor and Portsmouth this year.

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		Prayers For The Sick
Saturday 16th Cathedral 5.00pm	7th Sunday of Easter People of the Parish	Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.
Sunday 17th Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am	Intentions of Sally & Aruna Peggy Puttock RIP	Sacrament of the Sick Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619
Monday 18th Cathedral 10.00am	For the wellbeing of Kate	 Requiem in Aeternum Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Tuesday 19th Storrington 10.00am	St Dunstan, Bishop People of the Parish	
Wednesday 20th Cathedral 10.00am	Jo Briscoe RIP	Coffee & Tea After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
Thursday 21st Storrington 10.00am Storrington 10.30am	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Martyrs People of the Parish Confessions and Adoration to 11.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Children Every week at 9am Mass in Storrington . At Arundel this will take place at 5.00pm Mass twice a month as follows: 16 th & 30 th May, 6th & 20th June.
Friday 22nd Cathedral 9.15am Cathedral 10.00am	Adoration Fr Neill Thornton RIP	 Music at Mass 9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
Saturday 23rd Cathedral 10.00am Cathedral 10.30am	Margaret Moby RIP Confessions and Adoration Pentecost	
Sunday 24th Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am	Peter & Theresa Jones and John & Georgina Hills 50th Wedding People of the Parish	Rosary Wednesdays 7.00pm - Storrington Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in Church Mon, Wed & Fri Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in the Church Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group 01903 742150 storrington@chemin-neuf.org		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.
Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush Monday - Saturday: 8.30am (not Wed or Th this week); Sunday: 6.00pm		

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