



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 12th September 2021

SUNDAY 12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

(Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35)

No 6.00pm Mass

No 8am Mass; 10.00am: People of the Parish

MONDAY 13, Mem: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

(1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10)

TUESDAY 14, Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

(Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17)

WEDNESDAY 15, Mem: Our Lady of Sorrows

(1 Timothy 3:14-16; John 19:25-27 OR Luke 2:33-35)

Church open 2pm – 4pm for Private Prayer (face covering required)

THURSDAY 16, Mem: Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs

(1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50)

FRIDAY 17, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 24

(1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3)

SATURDAY 18, Our Lady on Saturday

(1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15)

Church open 10am – 12 noon for Private Prayer (Face covering required)

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

(Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37)

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

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

From Fr Charles.

I shall be away for the next week in exotic East Sussex. My plan had been to shuttle back to the parish to celebrate all the Masses this weekend, as our current arrangements are not yet sufficiently robust or self-running to ask a supply priest in. Due to the fragility of my own mental health at this time, this plan has had to change, and consequently I will offer **only ONE MASS THIS WEEKEND at 10am**. The overflow seating with audio relay in the porch and the cloister is still in place. It will provide sufficient socially-distanced space to accommodate in one sitting the numbers currently attending our Masses. The Mass will not be recorded so there will be no podcast this weekend; neither do I have the strength at this time to consider an outdoor Mass.

COVID Plans

The very changeable weather this summer has underlined how blest we were last summer with all those glorious sunny Sundays outdoors. We were additionally blest with good weather on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Good Friday, where the outdoor liturgies accommodated many more people than could be socially-distanced inside the church. We will not always be so blest. So between now and Christmas we need to move toward an arrangement where we can get all those people inside, bearing in mind that it now seems that air is of greater concern than surfaces. So on my return from holiday, later in September, I am considering the following:

- Remove the red ropes, but keep the facemasks.
- Retain the socially-distanced seating with audio feed in the porch and the cloister.
- Reinstate Saturday morning Mass, Exposition and Confessions, providing a quieter Mass for those hesitant about the main Masses.
- Look to extending the opening hours of the church.
- Bring the Blessed Sacrament Chapel back into general use. Families with children who like to use the chapel as a contained space should note that the doors will be permanently propped open for ventilation *for the foreseeable future*.

If you have any comments or concerns about these next steps I can only receive them at this time on the parish e-mail Storrington@abdiocese.org.uk If you are without e-mail please buddy up with someone who has.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION For those not on a standing order, a monthly cheque payable to “Our Lady of England Church” is preferable to cash as it presents less risk to our money counters. Cheques can be sent in by post. If you use the parish gift-aid envelopes, please include one with your cheque to help us collect the gift-aid. Thank you for your recent offerings.

THIS OCTOBER, AN ‘ASSISTED DYING’ BILL will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **PRAY** this Bill is defeated, **WRITE** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here: parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/ Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2021 is THIS Sunday 12 September. The theme is ‘A word in season’, taken from Isaiah 50:4. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as “demanding and privileged callings” and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. On 12 September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed.

THE ROSARY GROUP meets every Wednesday evening at 7.15pm in the Church for 45 minutes. All are welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR 2022 Please contact Fr Charles, preferably on the parish e-mail, if you are looking at First Communion (Year 3 or above), Confirmation (Year 10 or above), or Adult Baptism/Reception into the Church, in the coming year.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

24th Sunday B, 12th September 2021

God of all compassion, you protect your people in every difficulty. Hear our prayers and grant us your grace.

We pray with the leaders of the church for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill that is to be debated in the House of Lords in October
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

For the leaders of our nation. May they be granted the wisdom and foresight to govern with compassion and justice by sharing medical supplies with the developing world during this pandemic.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for those who work tirelessly in hospitals and medical centres around the world caring for people suffering from COVID-19. May they receive grace, peace, strength and protection from illness.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for our young parishioners, those who are starting or moving schools, and for those leaving home for university for God to guard their hearts and minds.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for a moment in silence for our own personal needs and for the petitions in our intercessions book.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We ask Mary mother of our Lord to join us in prayer as we say: **Hail Mary..**

QUIET DAY Wednesday 22 September with silence and space to reflect, with materials on the theme of Harvest and Fruitfulness. Beautiful country house in the South Downs near Arundel. Cost £15. Optional sessions of spiritual direction available.

Also **Individually Guided Retreat 10 to 12 October** and dates for **Therapeutic Breaks** at Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY. Single ensuite rooms. For more details or to book see www.sussexheritage.co.uk or phone Maria on 01903 413606

CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY Quiet Day

at Storrington Priory

Wednesday 29th September 10am-4pm

A day with a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch. Spiritual accompaniment is available for those who would like it.

Enquiries or Registration : storrington@chemin-neuf.org

'ABRAHAM'

(A course for those 70ish plus)

We are re-starting after a false start due to Covid
A series of 5 days fortnightly with the Chemin Neuf Community to look at the possibilities as we age
At The Priory, Storrington, RH20 4LN
10am – 4.30pm

Thu 23 Sept, 7th & 21st October, 4th & 18th Nov
Explore your life now and in the future.
Spiritual and practical input
It's never too late.

God called Abraham when he was 75!
Suggested donation £25 - £50 per day
(including lunch)

Money shouldn't be a hindrance – Speak to us if it's a problem. Contact: Felicity Hadley
email storrington@chemin-neuf.org or
Ring 01903 742150.

PILGRIMAGE WALK IN ARUNDEL in honour of Our Lady on Saturday 25 September 11am to 2pm, stopping at the remains of the ancient religious foundations of Arundel for short prayers. All welcome. Contact Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or aruncathfriends@btconnect.com or see www.arundelcathedralfriends.uk

THE SEASON OF CREATION (1 September - 4 October) is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It offers us a time of sustained prayer and action. During this time we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Go to: [Season of Creation](http://SeasonofCreation) for more information and resources. Why not get involved in a local project, see [Love Arundel - VisitArundel.co.uk](http://LoveArundel-VisitArundel.co.uk) for some ideas. **Also**, this year, the UK will host the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. Many of the world's poorest countries are struggling to cope with the effects of climate change such as increased droughts, floods and cyclones. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please sign the CAFOD petition to the Prime Minister and find out more at cafod.org.uk/reclaim.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS: Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that has particular significance for them is welcome to join the annual celebration of marriage at St Joseph's Church in Guildford. This year the celebration, with Bishop Richard, is on Saturday, October 9th with Mass at 11.30. In order that we can be Covid compliant we do ask that everyone books their space via our website. Please use the following link [Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass and Reception \(09-Oct-2021\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!

JOURNEYING FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE: 'Building support from parishes to prisoners and their families.' An online event on 12th October, 5 pm to 6.15 pm. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/J1zTkUTiP7>

THE CATHOLIC UNION was founded in 1870. It is a membership organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life, and the promotion of the common good. It is a lay organisation, however, it works with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland (CBCS) and is a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. The Catholic Union Charitable Trust is the Union's charitable arm. It organises educational projects, lectures and discussions with prominent Catholics and others. To find out more and to join see: <https://catholicunion.org.uk/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FR MARIO SANDERSON who died last month. His Requiem Mass will take place at St Thomas of Canterbury, Mayfield where he most recently served. Reception of the body and Vigil Mass Monday 20th September 4.30pm, Requiem Mass Tuesday 21st September 12 noon. Both Masses will be live streamed.

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. September 18th 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Gifts of Healings" - Special focus on charisms of Healing and Deliverance. Guest speakers: Geoff and Gina Poulter, former Directors of the Catholic Bible School. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORESEP2021

PRAYER FOR HEALTH STAFF

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness
and breathed into us the life which is your own.
Be with those whose special care
is the health of mind and body.
Fill their hearts with awe
for the life which is your gift
and sustain them daily in your service,
that their hands may bring to others
the comfort of your healing touch.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer
the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy
Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen