



**The Catholic Community of
Arundel & Storrington**
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
13th September 2026

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Live Stream	Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed and are available via the Cathedral website www.arundelcathedral.uk or https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel		
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In our second reading today St Paul says something quite wonderful: “None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.” It’s wonderful—but it’s also challenging, and especially challenging to our secular society. It’s almost a founding principle of secularism that we live for ourselves, and *not* to the Lord, or to anyone else. Personal autonomy—that attitude of “I can do whatever I like (as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone else)” —is, as it were, the first commandment of our society. And now it’s not only “I can do whatever I like”, it’s also “I can be whatever I like.” We want to define ourselves, not receive the gift of humanity from God as He created it.

As I write this reflection, our MPs are debating the assisted suicide bill. Its aim is clean contrary to St Paul’s message, “None of us dies to himself ... If we die, we die to the Lord.” The bill takes dying out of the context of the Lord and His love—out of the context of Jesus’ saving death and resurrection—and makes it a mere matter of secularist personal autonomy. It takes away all the hope from the mystery of dying and makes it something individualistic—something we ultimately do quite alone. It’s just a full stop.

But for St Paul, and for all of us followers of Jesus, we know that death is quite the opposite of that. No one dies alone, because Christ has died. As we pass from this life, Christ is with us every step of the way, holding us by the hand, and holding our souls in His pierced hands. It’s full of hope of future glory; full of the promise of everlasting life.

God bless, Fr Stephen

THIS WEEK

Changes to Masses this coming week: Mass on Tuesday will take place in the Cathedral and will be the Beginning of Year Mass for St Philip's School.

No Masses on Wednesday or Thursday.

Please pray for Irena Ray Crosby (Arundel) Her Requiem will take place in the Cathedral on Friday 25th September at 12 noon. Also for Sid Wright (Storrington) his funeral service will take place on 15th September at 1pm in Our Lady of England, Storrington.

Education Sunday TODAY This year we will be using this date to raise funds in our second collection for the upcoming St Philip Howard Catholic School Mission Week. During Mission Week, the entire school and wider community will have the opportunity to explore their faith and develop their relationship with God. For the week to hold a lasting impact, the Chaplaincy Team have been working hard to bring in external speakers and workshop leaders from One Hope Project, Springs Dance Company, CAFOD, the SVP and more to create a variety of exciting and memorable experiences for our young people. We also look forward to welcoming parishioners from across the Cathedral Deanery to community events throughout the week, including a night of Adoration and Worship and Family Stations of the Cross. Mission Week will run from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October. Please give and pray generously! Thank you.

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. The next "Explorers Group" meeting is on **Tuesday 15 September** 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. All welcome. Do come along, and why not invite a friend?

The Tuesday Drop In Next meeting this Tuesday 15 September at St Wilfrid's Priory, London Road 2 to 4pm. All are welcome.

COMING SOON

Home Mission Sunday – 20th September On this day the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ - in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. There is a reflection at: [Home Mission - The Joy and Beauty of knowing Jesus Christ - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) We will take a second collection to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

The Feast of Our Lady of England will be celebrated at Storrington on Wednesday 23rd September with Vespers. All are welcome and for light refreshments afterwards.

Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing for those who are experiencing significant ill health or frailty of old age on Thursday 24th September at 10.00am in Storrington followed by refreshments. If you or a family member or someone you know who is Catholic would like to attend, please let the parish office know. All are welcome to attend and pray with and for those bring anointed.

From Adam Vernon: Mission accomplished! I'm delighted to say that I completed my 100 km (62-mile) fundraising walk for The Brain Tumour Charity walk over last weekend. I started in Polegate, East Sussex, at 8:00 am on Saturday, finishing in Arundel at around 6:30 pm on Sunday evening. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to The Brain Tumour Charity. Your support, encouragement, and generosity have been incredible, and I am extremely grateful.

DIOCESAN

Bishop-elect Stephen Please keep Fr Stephen Wang in your prayers as he prepares for his move to our diocese.

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40 A training day to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. The training is being highly subsidised, at just £40 per delegate (usual price £120). If you have any questions, contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book go to [Events | Our Diocese](#)

GENERAL

Food Collection There is a box at the back of the Cathedral for food donations for Stonepillow, a local charity supporting people with housing difficulties. You can see what they need most at: [Donate Food - Stonepillow](#) Thank you for your continued generosity.

Clothing Collection there is also a box at the back of the Cathedral for men's clothing needed by the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group.

Arundel Pilgrimage Walk - Saturday 26th September 10am to 4pm in honour of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, starting and finishing at the Cathedral, and stopping at the remains of the ancient religious foundations of Arundel for short prayers. For full details see [Arundel Cathedral Friends – The Friends Of Arundel Cathedral](#) To book please phone Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or email: admin@arundelcathedralfriends.uk

Year of St Francis This year has been proclaimed by Pope Leo as a Special Jubilee Year of St Francis, who died 800 years ago on October 3rd. To celebrate this year The Church of Our Lady and St Francis, Midhurst has invited Fr Michael O'Grady OFM to speak to us about the message of St Francis for the world of today, on Saturday September 19th. Mass at 10.30am in the Church (Bepton Road, Midhurst GU29 9HD) will be followed by coffee and the talk in the adjacent hall. All welcome.

The London Concertante perform 'The Four Seasons' and 'The Lark Ascending' in the Cathedral on Sun 27th Sept 7.30pm. See [London Concertante | Vivaldi's Four Seasons and The Lark Ascending](#)

'ABRAHAM' (A course for those over 70ish) A series of 5 days with the Chemin Neuf Community to look at the possibilities as we age at The Priory, Storrington, RH20 4LN 10am – 4pm Thursday 24 September, 8 October, 22 October 5 November and 19 November 2026. Explore your life now and in the future. It's never too late. God called Abraham when he was 75! Contact: Felicity Hadley email storrington@chemin-neuf.org or for more details: [Abraham - Chemin Neuf UK](#)

Catholic Teaching in the World of AI Pope Leo has recently published *Magnifica Humanitas*, an encyclical letter on 'safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence'. Fr Hugh MacKenzie, chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, is an expert on AI. He will be giving a presentation on the topic on Saturday 26th September 2026 at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park, beginning at 11am. The event is in-person but is also available live-stream from www.whatgoodnews.org

SVP Toiletries Collection Point – Our Lady of England At the back of the church, you will find a wicker basket where you can donate new or unused toiletries. We are seeking to help vulnerable families and individuals, including women escaping domestic violence, refugees, and those affected by homelessness. Items needed: hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, body wash, deodorant, shaving foam and wash cloths (flannels). Thank you for your support in helping care for some of the most vulnerable in our community.

Storrington Car Park In order for everyone who drives to church for Sunday Mass, please endeavour to park **two** cars between each set of trees. If you park forwards of the trees a second row can fit in behind.

Hymn Book Amnesty Do you have a hymn book tucked away at home / in the car/ in a handbag or shopping bag? We suffer in both churches with a shrinking number of books and would be please if any strays could be returned. Thank you.

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK			
Saturday 12th		24th Sunday, Year A	Rosary
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish	Wednesdays 7.00pm (Storrington) Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
Sunday 13th			Music at Mass
Storrington	9.00am	Judith Sill RIP	9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
Cathedral	11.00am	William Macintosh Gamble RIP	Liturgy of the Word with Children
Monday 14th		Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Storrington 9.00am Mass every week from 6 th September. Arundel 5.00pm Mass 12th & 26 th September, 10 th & 24 th October.
Cathedral	10.00am	Catherine Carbone RIP	Coffee & Tea
Tuesday 15th		Mem: Our Lady of Sorrows	After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
<u>Cathedral</u>	10.00am	Holy Souls	Requiem in Aeternum
Storrington	1.00pm	Funeral Service of Sid Wright RIP	Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Wednesday 16th		Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Sacrament of the Sick
<u>No Mass</u>			Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343
Thursday 17th		St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor	Prayers For The Sick
<u>No Mass</u>			Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.
Friday 18th			
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration to 9.45am	
Cathedral	10.00am	Intentions of Julia Janiec	
Saturday 19th		St Theodore of Tarsus, Bishop	
Cathedral	10.00am	Deceased of the Corcoran Family, William & Sylvia Colgrave RIP	
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration	
		25th Sunday, Year A	
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 20th			
Storrington	9.00am	Intentions of Margaret Rennie	
Cathedral	11.00am	Leslie William Strudwick RIP	

Chemin Neuf at Our Lady of England, Storrington
 Mon - Frid: Adoration 6pm-6:30pm in Church (not in August)
 Mon, Wed & Fri Mass (Maronite) 9.00am in Church (not in August)
 Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group (not in August)
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**Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares,
Crossbush**
 Monday - Saturday: 8.30am;
 Sunday: 6.00pm