



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Stephen Dingley

2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington. RH20 4LW

Tel: 01903 740338

Email: storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

Website: <https://ourladyofengland.parishportal.net/>



PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Mrs Theresa Byrne Tel. 01903 744790

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 11th February 2024

THIS SUNDAY 11, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B,

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

6pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

8am Mass: Rowena Currie RIP; 10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

MONDAY 12, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 6

(James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13) 9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 13, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 6

(James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21) 9.00am Mass: Maureen Daniels RIP (10th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY 14, Ash Wednesday (Fasting & Abstinence)

(Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

Masses at 10.00am & 7.30pm Mass

After 7.30pm Mass: 10am Mass Choir rehearsal – all welcome

THURSDAY 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

(Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25) 9.00am Mass: For the wellbeing of Peter Smith

FRIDAY 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

(Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15)

9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

(Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32) 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 18, 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B,

(Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)

8am Mass: Susan Bradley RIP; 10.00am Mass: John Augustine RIP

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

REFLECTION

Lent is nearly upon us: just 3 days to go. So it's high time to be pondering and praying about our Lenten resolutions. Jesus preaches three famous spiritual exercises—prayer, fasting and almsgiving (see Matt 6:1-18). So it's not for nothing that the Church recommends these to us in Lent.

The parish will be offering a number of prayer opportunities. Have a think about Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings, coming along to some weekday Masses, and (of course) making a good Lenten Confession (Reconciliation Service in Storrington on Sun 17 March). There will also be a chance to feed your mind spiritually via the diocesan Invited sessions. I guess fasting is up to you. As well as giving up some food or drink, you might choose some other pleasure or entertainment. The point is not to deny the goodness of these things, but to recognise God as our highest priority—He comes first, and all the good things He has created can wait just a bit to make sure we really do put God in the centre of our lives. As for almsgiving, do remember the CAFOD family fast day. You might also choose to give a bit of your time or energy to serve the poor and needy. It's always good to make a small, realistic resolution, bearing in mind the realities of our lives. You can always up the stakes if it turns out to be too little! And never be discouraged if you slip up. Jesus is always there to lift us up and give us a fresh start—which is really what Lent is all about.

Fr Stephen

THE PASTORAL PLAN AND THE CATHEDRAL DEANERY

The deanery clergy meet this Tuesday (13th) with Canon Kieron O'Brien and Deacon Nick St. John to begin discussions about implementing the Pastoral Plan in this area. Please pray for us as we begin this important work - it does need to be firmly grounded in prayer. One of our chief priorities will be to discern the best way in which to involve the lay faithful of the deanery in consultation, discussion and implementation, and you will hear more about this in due course.

Fr Peter Newsam (Dean)

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.

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

Rosary for Peace, Wednesdays 7pm (not Ash Wed)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Saturdays 9.30-10.30am (after 9am Mass).

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.

* **THE HI LO SINGERS** are giving a free recital in Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 18th February of music for Lent, from 2.15 – 3pm. All are welcome, why not come along before the joint community prayer meeting?

LENT

Begins this week on Ash Wednesday 14th February.

Masses will be at: 10am & 7.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday after 9am Mass from Friday 16th February through Lent.

THE DIOCESAN INVITED COURSE runs again in Lent. You can access this online individually or as a group at [Invited | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://abdiocese.org.uk) and there WILL be a group on **Saturdays at 10.30am in the hall from 24th February**. All are welcome. Drop an e-mail to the parish address so we can print enough resources for everyone attending.

DEANERY LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Sunday 17th March 4pm at Our Lady of England, Storrington

Tuesday 19th March 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis.

All are welcome.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AT SLINDON CHURCH You are warmly invited to join on Thursdays throughout Lent from 15th 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. Lunch is preceded at 11am by Stations of the Cross.

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

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your recent offerings. 3 weeks plate collection: £431.10; Crib offerings: £63.50; SVP wall collection: £27.75; CAFOD: £13.00.

THIS SUNDAY 2ND COLLECTION: Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (see below for more)

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

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE APPEAL THIS Sunday 11th February. There will be an 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 church. If you wish to donate to this appeal online, please go to: [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/Lourdes-Pilgrimage) 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. If you're thinking of making the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, on the 50th Anniversary of the pilgrimage, check the website for details.

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.

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, please see details for attending at: [Rt. Rev. Dom Stephen Ortiger, R.I.P. and Funeral Date – Worth Abbey](#)

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.

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 \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/Marriage-Week-2024c.pdf)

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.

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.)

The next **CHILWORTH ABBEY STUDY MORNING**, is on Saturday, February 17th, 2024, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, on Part 6 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible', dealing with 1 Kings 12-22 and 2 Kings 17, 25: the Divided Kingdom and Exile. Mass, 9.00am, Video and Talks 10.30am-12.15pm. Bring a friend if possible.

See [chilworthbenedictines.com](https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com), for more details

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 or call 742150 for an queries.

Other opportunities:

Quiet Day on Thursday 29th February

Contact: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS - HELP PROTECT IT. Please come to the Pro-Life Group Meeting, Cake Sale and Coffee Morning Saturday 17 February 10am in the church hall of the Catholic Church of Divine Motherhood and St Francis of Assisi, Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9HD. All welcome. Contact Maria on 01903 413606 with any queries.

FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

BUILDINGS OFFICER: School Buildings & Finance (Part-time: 0.6)

Based in Crawley - with travel around Sussex and Surrey, Salary £27,000 (FTE £45,000)

The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to recruit a part time Buildings Officer - School Buildings and Finance. The successful applicant will ensure that the diocesan education estate is safe and well maintained, prioritise school building projects, plan the maintenance and development of new and existing school stock and be the first point of contact for schools' capital issues. Closing date: 16 February 2024. To find out more and apply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf

THE DEAF SERVICE supports Deaf and hard of hearing adults and children providing catechism so that they can access the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, First Holy Communion, confirmation, and marriage. The service aims to: Create awareness in the Church of the needs of Deaf and hard of hearing people Celebrate Mass in Sign Language once a month Provide support in the Catholic faith Members of the Deaf Service visit the sick at home or in hospital and provide support with the preparation of funerals to help meet communication needs. You can contact the A&B Deaf Service by email; E: peterandmaria.booker@abdiocese.org.uk Or text message only(no telephone calls) M: 07970 428601 and there is a brand new web page <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/deaf-community>

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

FEBRUARY Throughout February, Pope Francis has asked us to remember the terminally ill and their family and friends. Please pray for them to find the consoling peace of our Lord. If you are finding the journey through bereavement challenging or overwhelming and would like to speak with someone, the Ministry of Consolation team across the Diocese are here to journey with you. Please ask your Parish Priest for more details or email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL COORDINATOR – WOKING WITH

KNAPHILL PARISH Salary £32,000-35,000, Full-time
The Catholic parish of Woking with Knaphill are seeking an energetic, committed worker with a good understanding of Catholic faith to join their pastoral team, to assume responsibility for coordinating and developing catechesis, developing lay leadership and promoting a culture of missionary discipleship. The post is full-time but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be considered. Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024. Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024. For the job-description and application form see: W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphill-parishes

YOUTH WORKER – THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF

GUILDFORD is searching for a dynamic individual eager to positively impact children's and young people's lives while actively contributing to the Catholic Parish of Guildford's vision. For more information see: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/guildford-youth-worker>

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