



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

Holy Week is the most sacred week of the Christian year. It begins on **Palm Sunday** and leads us through the final days of Jesus' life, culminating in the **Paschal Triduum**, which celebrates His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Palm Sunday 29th March – Masses at 5pm (Sat vigil, Arundel), 9am (Storrington), 11am (Arundel)

We commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Blessed



palms remind us of the crowds who welcomed Him as King. At Mass, we hear the proclamation of the Passion — the beginning of the journey toward the Cross.

The Chrism Mass – Wednesday 1st April, 6.00pm, Cathedral

On this day the bishop (for us this year a visiting bishop) is surrounded by the diocesan priests, deacons and people as a sign of the unity of the diocesan family. The oils blessed and consecrated at this Mass will be used throughout the diocese during the coming year, a further tangible sign of the unity of bishop, priests and people. At this Mass, as the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are blessed, and the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, we also pray for everyone whose lives they will touch.



THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The *Triduum* (“Three Days”) is the heart of the Church’s year. It begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends with Paschal Vespers on Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 8.00pm, Cathedral

In this liturgy, we remember the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the institution of the Priesthood, and Jesus’ command of love and service, symbolised in the Washing of Feet.

At the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose. The church remains open for prayer — “Could you not watch with me one hour?”



Good Friday 3rd April

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, 3.00pm, Cathedral



This is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated.

The liturgy consists of:

1. The Liturgy of the Word, including the Passion according to St John.
2. Veneration of the Cross.
3. Holy Communion.

It is a day of **fasting and abstinence**, a solemn remembrance of Christ’s sacrificial love.

Holy Saturday 4th April

The Solemn Vigil of Easter, 8.30pm, Cathedral

The Church waits in prayer at the tomb of Christ. After nightfall, we celebrate the Easter Vigil, the greatest liturgy of the year. This includes:

- Service of Light with the Easter Fire and Paschal Candle.



- Liturgy of the Word recounting salvation history.
- Liturgy of Baptism, welcoming new members into the Church.
- First Mass of Easter, proclaiming: *“Christ is risen!”*

Easter Sunday – 5th April

Masses in Storrington at 9am and Arundel at 11am.

Christ is risen, alleluia! Our joy should be seen, heard and felt in our liturgy. We are called to be in our own time witnesses to the risen Christ.



CONFESSIONS

During Holy Week Confessions will be available:

- Tuesday 30th March at Storrington – 10.30 to 11.30am
- Maundy Thursday 2nd April at Arundel – 10.30 to 11.30am
- Good Friday 3rd April at Arundel after the Celebration of the Passion (so starting around 4.30pm)
- Holy Saturday 4th April at Arundel – 10.30 to 11.30am

You can also find times and places for Confession at other nearby parishes via their websites. Finally, you are very welcome to make an individual appointment with Fr Stephen.

Triduum Services at a glance:

Wednesday 1st April

Cathedral	Diocesan Chrism Mass	6.00pm
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Maundy Thursday 2nd April

Cathedral & Storrington	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	10.00am
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Cathedral	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8.00pm
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Cathedral	Compline	11.50pm
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Good Friday 3rd April

Storrington	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	8.30am
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Storrington	Walk of Witness	9.30am
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Cathedral	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	10.00am
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Cathedral	Stations of the Cross followed by	11.00am
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Veneration of the cross relic

Cathedral	The Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
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Holy Saturday 4th April

Cathedral & Storrington	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	10.00am
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Cathedral	The Solemn Vigil of Easter	8.30pm
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Easter Sunday 5th April

Storrington	Easter Sunday Mass followed by Easter	9.00am
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Egg Hunt

Cathedral	Easter Sunday Mass	11.00am
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Storrington	Paschal Vespers	4.00pm
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