

The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When I was young, I remember watching a mother teach her little son how to cross a busy road. She did not simply shout instructions from far away. She held his hand, showed him where to look, and guided each step. Even when she let go, the child knew she was close and could hear her voice. That is a little picture of today’s Gospel.

Jesus says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Love is not only words. It is shown in trust, obedience, and faithful living. When we truly love someone, we listen to them. Jesus asks us to listen to him, not because he wants to control us, but because he wants to lead us safely into life, peace, and joy.

Then Jesus gives a wonderful promise. He says he will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The disciples were worried because Jesus spoke of going away. Yet he tells them they will not be left alone. The Holy Spirit would come to strengthen, guide, comfort and teach them. The same promise is for us today. We also face confusion, fear, temptation, and sorrow, but we are not abandoned.

How do we receive this anointing of the Holy Spirit? First, through prayer. When we open our hearts and ask, the Spirit comes gently. Second, through the Sacraments, especially Baptism and Confirmation, where the Spirit is given in a special way. Third, through reading the Word of God, because the Spirit speaks through Scripture. Fourth, through acts of love and service, because the Spirit works where charity is alive. Fifth, through repentance, when we turn away from sin and make room for God.

The Holy Spirit is not only for a few holy people. He is for everyone who seeks Christ with a sincere heart. If we love Jesus and walk in his ways, the Spirit will guide our homes, our work, and our daily struggles. We are never alone, for God lives within us.

Thank you very much and God, bless you all. *Mathew Thomas—Student Deacon, Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex*

Changes to Masses this coming week: Thursday is Ascension Day and 10am Mass is in the Cathedral, with St Philip's School in attendance. Mass in Storrington will be at 7.30pm.

From Father Jonathan Martin, Diocesan Administrator

My dear brothers and sisters,

It's become a regular Sunday evening 'thing' for me to flick through parish websites and social media platforms to get a glimpse of the life of our communities of faith. How blessed we are to be in such good company with one another in our discipleship of Jesus and in our service of the Gospel. I recently spent a week in Rome with the Bishops of England and Wales, amongst whom there was much talk of, and encouraging interest in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. I know that, across the Diocese, you are working closely with your priests and deacons to help realise the beautiful vision Bishop (Archbishop) Richard set out for us in 'The Word Who is Life'.

I pray for you all daily. I'm especially mindful of the people of the parishes in which I have been privileged to serve; of the specific needs, sorrows, and joys marking the life of our parish communities in any given week; and of those whose names appear in your newsletters by reason of receiving the Sacraments, or in sickness or bereavement, and the souls of those of our number who have died. All of these prayers I gather together in the Mass I am asked to offer each Sunday 'for all the people of the Diocese'. Please pray for me; and keep praying, each day, for the election of a new Bishop for our Diocese. God bless you all.

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

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

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 will soon be beginning 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: **12 May, 9 June, and 7 July**. We very much look forward to seeing you then. Why not invite a friend?

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



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

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.

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.

Silver Sterlings and Sewing Bees Our next get-together for general cleaning, polishing and repairs is 21st May 10am – 12 noon.

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.

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.)*

Parish Course on Pope Francis's encyclical Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). This encyclical is being read through and discussed sessions continue on Saturdays in Storrington from 10-11.30 am with tea and coffee available. Everyone is welcome.

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.

A message from Jo Briscoe (Arundel): Dear All, Thank you for your constant good wishes. I am so grateful for your kind thoughts and contact; it is very important to me. Please pass on my great pleasure at hearing from you all. I miss you all so much. Fr Graham and Father Stephen have been so supportive through all of this, and I am truly grateful for the prayers and love you've all sent me. Love to everyone, Jo xxx



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.

Grandparents Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents with Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register: [Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(17-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		Prayers For The Sick
Saturday 9th	6th Sunday of Easter	Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.
Cathedral 5.00pm	Michael Starkey RIP	
Sunday 10th		
Storrington 9.00am	Veronica Page RIP	Sacrament of the Sick Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619
Cathedral 11.00am	People of the Parish	
Monday 11th		
Cathedral 10.00am	Catherine Botes-Russell RIP	 Requiem in Aeternum Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Tuesday 12th	The Carthusian Martyrs	
Storrington 10.00am	People of the Parish	
Wednesday 13th	Our Lady of Fatima	Coffee & Tea After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
Cathedral 10.00am	Margaret Watson RIP	
Thursday 14th	Solemnity: The Ascension of the Lord	
Cathedral 10.00am	People of the Parish	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.
Storrington 7.30pm	People of the Parish	
Friday 15th		
Cathedral 9.15am	Adoration	Music at Mass  9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
Cathedral 10.00am	Jeanne Farquharson RIP & Audrey Heritier RIP	
Saturday 16th		
Cathedral 10.00am	Catherine Botes-Russell RIP	Rosary Wednesdays 7.00pm - Storrington Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
Cathedral 10.30am	Confessions and Adoration	
Sunday 17th	7th Sunday of Easter	
Cathedral 5.00pm	People of the Parish	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.
Sunday 17th		
Storrington 9.00am	Intentions of Sally & Aruna	
Cathedral 11.00am	Peggy Puttock RIP	
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		
Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush Monday - Saturday: 8.30am (not this Tue); Sunday: 6.00pm		

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