



**The Catholic Community of
Arundel & Storrington**
12th Sunday, Year A
21st June 2026



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In today’s second reading, along with its context, St Paul explores the idea of original sin (although he doesn’t use the term—that was coined by the early theologians of the Church). It may seem a funny thing to say, but I think the doctrine of original sin is one of the most consoling teachings of Christ and His Church. I’d better explain.

We all know from bitter experience that the world is not perfect. We see that every time we look at the news; and we see it so often when we look into our own hearts: we find selfishness, laziness, resentment, pride, and so forth (as well as a lot of goodness too).

If God our Creator is so good, how come the world He created is so bad? There are only a few possible options. (1) God isn’t as good as we think He is—He actually deliberately created evil. Not a happy idea! (2) God is infinitely good, but the devil is infinitely bad, and just as powerful as God is (i.e. dualism). Also not a happy idea! (3) There is no God at all (i.e. materialism or atheism). The problem with all of these options is that they offer no hope. The world is basically just a grotty place, and you’d better learn to live with it.

The wonderful thing about Christianity—option (4)—is that it offers real hope. God exists, and is infinitely good, and created the world as very good. One of the perfections of God’s creation is human freedom. Tragically we misused our freedom to sin. Evil is our fault, not God’s. But that still leaves God the power to save us. So the good news about original sin is that God has conquered it in Jesus Christ our Lord. And that is really Good News.

God bless, Fr Stephen

Changes to Masses this coming week: 10am Mass on **Saturday 20th June** will be a Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Mass with Investiture, which will be longer than the usual Saturday morning Mass. There will not be Adoration/Benediction. 10am Mass on Wednesday 24th will be in the Fitzalan Chapel, entrance is across London Road, opposite the Cathedral and through the Priory grounds.

Please pray for Eileen Manning (Storrington) who died recently, her funeral service will take place in Storrington on Thursday 2nd July at 1pm. Also for Jean Dinham who died last week, funeral details to come.

Arundel Fathers' Day Brunch THIS Sunday 21st June after 11.00am Mass for the gentlemen of the parish. All welcome, coffee as usual too.

This Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

Prayer at the Memorial to Children Lost Before Birth Sunday 21 June 4pm On the Bishops' Conference Day for Life there will be a short service of prayer at the Memorial at the Cathedral Cemetery to pray for all those affected by the loss of a child at or before birth and for the promotion of a culture of life. The theme this year is The Wonder of the Child in the Womb. See: [Day for Life - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) All welcome, refreshments afterwards in the hall. New volunteers are needed to help care for the memorial on a rota, to tidy and refresh the flowers etc, approx.. 45 minutes every six weeks. If you are interested or if you want to know more about the local Chichester and District Pro-Life Group please contact Maria on 07413 267267.

We welcome into our Church community Aurora Jane, who will be baptised in the Cathedral this afternoon. May she always be a faithful follower and witness to the Gospel.

Storrington and Chemin Neuf Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Wednesday following the news that the Chemin Neuf Community will sadly be leaving Storrington next summer. Copies of handouts from the meeting are available in the porch as well as sheets for any questions you may have following the meeting. The situation facing us is certainly complex. We will be establishing a group of parishioners who can examine the various aspects of the situation carefully and liaise with relevant deanery and diocesan bodies. This group will report back to a future parish open meeting, with a view the parish making recommendations to our new bishop when he is appointed. It was wonderful to experience the shared deep care for our church and community. Let's hold this whole process in prayer, and maintain deep trust in Jesus our Lord.

Parish BBQ – save the date: Sunday 19th July Plans are afoot for a BBQ after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 19th July. Save the date, more details to come.

Arundel Mothers Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 11am in the Cashman Room at the Cathedral Centre. All welcome.

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.



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.

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 have begun 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 meeting: **7 July**. We very much look forward to seeing you then. Why not invite a friend?

The Refugee Tales (a walking arts festival coming from the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group) is this year having its annual multi day walking route through the South Downs and West Sussex towns; starting from Angmering and finishing in Portsmouth. It is having an overnight stop on Wednesday 8th July at the Arundel Cathedral Centre and in the evening holding an event in the Cathedral the host being Christine Allen – exec director CAFOD – All invited, find out more at [Refugee Tales](#) . If there are any parishioners willing to donate or bake cakes and/or biscuits to welcome walkers as they arrive at the Centre on Wednesday 8th July please email Michael & Melinda Heathcote – michaelheathcote1@outlook.com or phone 07768 143364.

Adoremus 2026, the next Eucharistic Congress, 10 October in London, at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark and Westminster Cathedral Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and includes a gathering in London, as well as parish events. If you wish to be part of the 'representative group' which will attend Mass at noon and join in the Eucharistic Procession from Southwark to Westminster during Adoremus, please visit the Diocesan website events page or click here to find out more and reserve your place: W: [Adoremus \(10-Oct-2026\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) . Places are very limited. Those attending will travel to London independently and meet at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Celebration of 150 years at the Our Lady of Consolation Shrine at West Grinstead. The solemn opening of the Our Lady of Consolation Shrine took place on June 27th 1876 - 150 years ago! To mark this anniversary on Saturday June 27th a Mass of thanksgiving will take place at 12 Noon in the Shrine Church celebrated by the emeritus Archbishop of Cardiff/Menevia - Archbishop George Stack. There will be a short, **organised walk before Mass**, from the old West Grinstead train station along the Downs Link way to Our Lady of Consolation. The route is just over 1 mile and consists of a long stretch of level ground along the Downs Link Way. Walkers will meet in the car park at West Grinstead Old Station at 10:15am to start the walk by 10:30am. Walkers can either make their own arrangements to be dropped off at West Grinstead Old Station car park or they can park at Our Lady of Consolation where there will be a “shuttle service” provided by parishioners to deliver people to the start. Contact the parish for details - westgrinstead@abdiocese.org.uk

A Week of Guided Prayer (online) for those Affected by Clergy Abuse Sunday 18th – Friday 23rd October 2026 The Jesuit Institute is offering this week of guided prayer for those who have been affected by Clergy Abuse. Whether you have been affected directly or indirectly by this issue, we invite you to explore your relationship with God as it is in your life just now. During the week, we will invite you to commit to 30 minutes of personal prayer each day and up to 45 minutes to speak about your experience in prayer with a spiritual director online at a time that suits you. There will be an experienced team of spiritual directors working on this retreat, both priests and lay people, men and women. There is no charge for this retreat. [An Online Week of Guided Prayer for those affected by Clergy Abuse in the Church - Retreats](#)

Hospital or housebound? If you, or a member of your family, or a friend is unable to come to Mass for any length of time, due to illness or infirmity, please do contact the Parish Office so that a visit can be arranged. If someone is in hospital or a care home, please let the Parish Office know where and ideally which ward. The sooner we are aware of people in the need the better.

New Parishioners Are you new to the parish? Have you filled in a form to let us know you’re here? The form for both Arundel and Storrington is here: [Register With The Parish – Arundel Cathedral](#)

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		Prayers For The Sick
Saturday 20th Cathedral 5.00pm	12th Sunday, Year A People of the Parish	Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.
Sunday 21st Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am Cathedral Cemetery 4pm	Marjorie Chichele-Powell RIP In thanksgiving Prayers at the Memorial for children	Sacrament of the Sick Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619
Monday 22nd Cathedral 10.00am	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Marytrs For the wellbeing of Brian	 Requiem in Aeternum Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Tuesday 23rd Storrington 10.00am	St Etheldreda, Abbess Deceased of the Hyde Family	
Wednesday 24th Fitzalan Chapel 10.00am	The Birth of St John the Baptist Miles, Duke of Norfolk RIP	Coffee & Tea After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel
Thursday 25th Storrington 10.00am Storrington 10.30am	People of the Parish Confessions and Adoration to 11.30am	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: 20th June, 4th & 11th July.
Friday 26th Cathedral 9.15am Cathedral 10.00am	Adoration to 9.45am Christine Im RIP	 Music at Mass 9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.
Saturday 27th Cathedral 10.00am Cathedral 5.00pm	Our Lady on Saturday John & Geraldine Hennon RIP Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles Tony Madden RIP	
Sunday 28th Storrington 9.00am Cathedral 11.00am	Ann Willis birthday intention People of the Parish	Rosary Wednesdays 7.00pm (Storrington) Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel
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		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.
Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm		

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