



The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
4th October 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		
Catholic Schools	St Philip's Catholic Primary School 01903 882115 office@st-philips.w-sussex.sch.uk	London Road, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9BA Headteacher: Mrs Thérèse Pullan St Philip Howard Catholic School Elm Grove South, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0EN 01243 552055 office@sphcs.co.uk	Headteacher: Mr Tim Hulse

Bearing Fruit That Will Last – a reflection from Mathew Thomas, (being ordained Deacon 21st Nov)

In today's readings, God's people are pictured as a vineyard. In Isaiah, the owner prepares the ground and cares for his vines, but they produce wild grapes. In the Gospel, the tenants forget that the vineyard has been entrusted to them. They refuse to give the owner its fruit and even reject his son. Both readings invite us to ask: what are we doing with the life God has placed in our care? God gives us time, abilities, relationships and opportunities to help others. The fruit he seeks is visible in ordinary choices: speaking kindly when we are tired, making peace after an argument, noticing someone who feels alone, and standing up for a person who is treated unfairly. None of us gets everything right. Yet God continues to call us, and each day offers a chance to begin again. The psalm gives us a simple prayer for those moments when we feel we have lost our way: "Bring us back, O God." We can ask him to restore our trust and help us grow. St Paul offers practical encouragement too. When worries crowd our minds, we can bring them to God with thanksgiving. We can also choose to dwell on what is true, good and worthy of love. Jesus says that he has chosen us to bear fruit that will last. We do not have to achieve something remarkable to answer that call. A patient conversation, a generous act or a quiet prayer can make a lasting difference in another person's life. This week, let us thank God for the vineyard he has entrusted to us. Then let us choose one small way to care for it. With his help, our lives can bear good fruit for our families, our parish and our wider community.

God bless you all.

THIS WEEK

Changes to Masses this coming week: No Mass on Monday at the Cathedral.

The Tuesday Drop In Next meeting Tuesday 6 October at the Cathedral Centre 2 to 4pm. All are welcome for tea/coffee, chat, games and more.

Silver Sterlings & Sewing Bees will next meet on **Thursday 8th October, 10am – 12noon** in the Cathedral Sacristy to prepare for the Ordination of our new bishop. Coffee and biscuits, chats and laughter too! It would be good to see as good number so people this time, certainly more than last time when there were only three of us!

CAFOD's Family Fast Day was on Friday 2 October. Please donate to our *Family Fast*



Day parish collection. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

Not to be missed - People of the Sea: A Hidden World, personal reflections on ministering to seafarers and their families by Deacon Roger (Former Stella Maris Senior Regional Port Chaplain). Over 90% of what we use and consume is brought to us by ship. Or, more accurately, by seafarers who work on merchant vessels. Who are the seafarers? Where do they come from? What is life like for them on board? What problems do they face? Who acts as advocate for them when things go wrong? Who supports them when they are in hospital, prison or simply abandoned? **The Friends of Arundel**



Cathedral invite you to the Cathedral Centre on Sat 10 October at 2pm for this talk, followed by refreshments. Doors open 1.30pm.

Tickets at [Tickets](#) or contact:

admin@arundelcathedralfriends.uk or 01903 884567. Members £10; Non-members £15. Also available on the door, cash or card.

Storrington Ecumenical Prayers – 1st Tuesday of the month 9.15am – 9.45am in the Priory Library: 6 October; 3 Nov; 1 Dec. All welcome.

Storrington Parish website it has become necessary to change the Storrington website at short notice. Please note that the new address is: <http://www.ourladyofengland.org.uk/>

COMING SOON

Advent Groups it would be lovely to run groups again this year across Arundel & Storrington. Do you have organisational/admin skills and could offer to set-up groups – liaising with potential leaders and hosts, and manage bookings? Contact the parish office.

A Day with Mary Saturday 24th October 9.30am – 4.30pm at Arundel Cathedral. See [A Day with Mary](#) for full timetable.

Quiz Night The Catenians with the parish are hosting their annual quiz night on 7th November at 7pm in the The Cathedral Centre. Tickets £20 to include a bangers and mash supper with gluten free and vegetarian options. All profits to Sage House Dementia support centre. Tickets available after Mass or email graham.lindamonet@sky.com

DIOCESAN

The Episcopal Ordination of Fr Stephen Wang has had to be an invitation only event due to seating and fire risk capacity (otherwise the cathedral would be dangerously full). Regretfully therefore if you have not received an invitation, you won't be admitted on the day (it will be live-streamed), however there is an opportunity to join our newly ordained bishop on 24th October at Worth Abbey – see below.

Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen -

Following his Ordination on 19 October, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome followed by a Reception at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October at 11.30. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks. Free coach travel is being arranged as parking is restricted at the Abbey - please go here to book: [Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen Wang - Cathedral Deanery coach travel \(24-Oct-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese - standard ticket price £20 Young Adults (18-35) are invited to Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme is *"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)*. Booking via the Diocesan website events page [Events | Our Diocese](#). Any questions Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

GENERAL

Holy Dusters at Arundel – could you help with church cleaning on a regular basis? Our faithful group of 'dusters' is dwindling (and ageing) and needs some help. They usually meet on a Friday after 10am Mass, if that's not possible for you, perhaps there's an alternative time you could regularly help? Get in touch with the parish office or speak to Lorraine Cranfield.

St Philip Howard Catholic School - Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday, 15th October: 6-8pm Prospective Sixth Form students, their parents and carers all welcome. Come and discover all that SPH Sixth Form has to offer, meet our wonderful Year 12s and 13s and hardworking, committed and caring staff. In order for us to have an idea of numbers please register your interest in attending at: <https://www.sphsixthform.co.uk/>.

Arun Choral Society will perform Edward Elgar's 'The Dream of Gerontius' under the direction of Dr Joe Paxton in the stunning surroundings of Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 25th October at 7.30pm. Tickets are now available priced £18 (£9 under 18s) from Ticketsource or via the choir's website www.arunchoralsociety.co.uk

SVP Toiletries Collection Point – Our Lady of England at the back of the church. Please donate new or unused toiletries.

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](#)

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

St Philip Howard Catholic School Mission Week Our Deanery Secondary School will be hosting their Mission Week in a couple of weeks. The theme is "Called and Becoming" and there will be a range of activities and times of prayer for students and staff to explore and deepen their faith. As a Parish, we are also all invited to join in:

Evening Worship and Adoration: Wed 21st Oct
Our Lady of Sorrows Bognor Regis, 7pm Worship collective One Hope Project, alongside students from the school, will lead us in praise, worship and adoration followed by food in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome.

Family Stations of the Cross: Thu 22nd Oct, St Philip Howard Catholic School Barnham, 5pm onwards Open to the entire deanery community, the school will open their doors for you to come and pray the stations of the cross as a family or simply with your family of faith. The interactive stations will be self-led so please arrive anytime from 5pm to explore this type of reflection together. Please direct any queries to Theresa McNamara on tmcnamara@boscocet.org.uk

A Week of Guided Prayer (online) for those Affected by Clergy Abuse Sunday 18th – Friday 23rd October 2026 offered by The Jesuit Institute
More at: [An Online Week of Guided Prayer for those affected by Clergy Abuse in the Church - Retreats](#)

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is inspecting safeguarding in Arundel & Brighton and would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding in our Diocese; any information shared with the CSSA will be treated confidentially by one of their expert and experienced team members. To find out more and share your views please visit: abdiocese.org.uk/news/safeguarding-in-the-diocese

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK			Rosary	
Saturday 3rd		27th Sunday, Year A	Wednesdays 7.00pm (Storrington) Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel	
Cathedral	5.00pm			
Sunday 4th		People of the Parish		
Storrington	9.00am			
Cathedral	11.00am	Joanne Denise Claridge RIP		
Monday 5th		Minnie Paradine RIP	Music at Mass 9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.	
<u>No Mass</u>				
Tuesday 6th		St Bruno, Priest		Liturgy of the Word with Children Storrington 9.00am Mass every week from 6 th September. Arundel 5.00pm Mass 10 th & 24 th October.
Storrington	10.00am			
Wednesday 7th		Elizabeth Underwood RIP	Coffee & Tea After 9.00am Mass at Storrington After 11.00am Mass at Arundel	
Cathedral	10.00am			
Thursday 8th		Our Lady of the Rosary		Requiem in Aeternum Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.
Storrington	10.00am			
Storrington	10.30am	Stephen Beck RIP	Sacrament of the Sick Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297 Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343	
Friday 9th		People of the Parish		Prayers For The Sick Your prayers are asked for all who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, hospices and in care homes.
Cathedral	10.00am			
Saturday 10th		St John Henry Newman, Priest, Doctor		
Cathedral	10.00am			
Cathedral	10.30am	Wellbeing of the Arthur & Alban Families		
Sunday 11th		St Paulinus of York, Bishop		
Cathedral	10.00am			
Cathedral	10.30am	Wellbeing of Deborah Susan Worsley		
		Confessions and Adoration		
Cathedral	5.00pm			
Sunday 11th		28th Sunday, Year A		
Storrington	9.00am			
Cathedral	11.00am	People of the Parish		
		Irene and Andrew Amarasingha RIP		
		Glenys Margarita Strudwick 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 Church Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Prayer Group 01903 742150 storrington@chemin-neuf.org
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Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush Monday - Saturday: 8.30am; Sunday: 6.00pm
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