



**The Catholic Community of
Arundel & Storrington**
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
25th 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		
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Everything becomes clear

At Golgotha Jesus was crucified between two criminals. He is in the middle, at the centre. Every representation invites us to reconsider our perspective: he draws our eyes away from sin that surrounds and distracts us towards innocence and love that redeems and fulfils us. In the cross our vertical and horizontal relationships intersect. From the foot of the cross we are compelled to look up, up the vertical wood, towards Jesus's body, and through him up further to the Father in heaven. The *Shema*, the great and first commandment: to love Adonai, the Lord, with our whole being. In the horizontal wood, whether we look left or right, we see everyone who is our neighbour: good and bad. And Jesus commands us to love the good and bad with an active, compassionate love.

Sometimes, though, it is difficult looking up. Sometimes we resent looking either side of us and having to love others. Because settling for easy introspection is much easier, we can overlook the less appealing aspects of our character. For a while. And then we acknowledge that our lives are blurred. And we revert our gaze to the Lord who is at the centre of all our relationships. In the very heart of the cross, in the middle, at the centre where our vertical and horizontal relationships meet, there he is. Always. We focus on him. And everything becomes clear.

God bless, Deacon Roger

THIS WEEK

No changes to Masses this coming week.

Julia Janiec RIP Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Julia Janiec, Louise Sharp's mother, who died this week, and for Ziggi, her husband, Louise, Ben and all the family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral arrangements will follow in due course.

Bishop Stephen Wang Many congratulations to Bishop Stephen who was ordained Bishop of our Diocese last Monday at Arundel Cathedral on the Solemnity of St. Philip Howard. Our whole Church community expresses deep gratitude to God for our new shepherd and pray for him as he undertakes his sacred ministry. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream for a recording of the Ordination. For more pictures and reporting of the Ordination, visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news, www.flickr.com/photos/abdiocese, and www.facebook.com/ABDiocese

Vespers and Benediction at Storrington this Sunday 25th October at 4pm, all are welcome.

COMING SOON

Advent - every year as Christmas approaches, we hear people saying "we're all so busy we lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas." Perhaps you've said it yourself. How about if preparing for Christmas involved meeting for an hour or two in the four weeks of Advent with like-minded people, discussing and praying together? Could you offer to host and/or lead a small group of about 6-8 people in the four weeks beginning Nov 30th, December 7th, 14th and 21st (or the previous weeks, if you prefer). Material will be provided. If you can help, contact the Arundel & Storrington parish office stating what days and times you can offer, your location and a telephone number for our organiser to contact you. Thank you!

Storrington Harvest Appeal - Store cupboard items appeal for Turning Tides: Turning Tides guides people out of homelessness during the most challenging periods of their lives, rebuilding stability, independence and hope. In Storrington their project at East Clayton Farmhouse has 5 individual flats that provide a first bridge from the crisis of homelessness to independent living. You can support them by picking up a flyer from the church porch or next to the hampers, and placing the listed items into the hampers at the back of the church on Sunday 25 October and Sunday 1 November. ***Important Notice***: Please strictly ensure items are in-date and tins are undented Any, toiletries etc must be unopened and unused. Thank you for your support!

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

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

Arun Choral Society will perform Edward Elgar's 'The Dream of Gerontius' on Sunday 25th October at 7.30pm. Tickets are now available priced £18 (£9 under 18s) from Ticketsource or www.arunchoralsociety.co.uk



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.

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.

Storrington Parish Future Development Group

Activity Report: We have introduced a common prayer for our Church's future which is now being said at the beginning of each Sunday Mass led each week by a Team member. The Team are investigating various ways by which our congregation can best continue to worship in the future, depending on different decisions and circumstances that prevail. For each situation or scenario we will estimate costs to ensure they are viable as well as identifying risks and mitigations within our control. One key factor is the availability of Priests to celebrate Sunday Mass and several of our team attended a meeting of parish representatives set up by the Deanery Steering Group to gather views on the impact of reduced Priest numbers. Other factors include the leasing of our church, repair costs, funding sources and possible development of the Priory once Chemin Neuf vacate in August of next year. Understanding all these factors, developing scenarios, assessing and sharing them with our community will take time and should not be rushed. We have therefore asked the Diocese to request, from The Norbertines, a pause period of 12 + months while the legal and financial impacts of alternatives be considered. We appreciate all your prayers for a successful outcome and if you would like to provide some input contact a team member or e-mail

Storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

Mike Neill, Future Development Group Leader

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.

Blessing of Graves will take place in Arundel cemetery on Sunday 15th November at 3pm followed by tea in the Cathedral Centre and in Storrington on Sunday 22nd November at 3pm commencing in the cemetery and moving to the church for Vespers followed by tea in the hall.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November.

Arundel—the Service in the Town Square will commence at 11am. Gather with the congregation of St Nicholas' Church at the bottom of their driveway at 10.45am to process. Mass will follow in the Cathedral at 11.30am.

Storrington—the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th is at St Mary's church and commences at 2.55pm.

Magnifica Humanitas: A deep dive into Pope Leo's new encyclical
Conference Afternoon Exploring Catholic Social Teaching with Dr Jack Norman
Sunday 8 November · 1:30–4:15pm · Fitzherbert Community Hub
Dr Jack Norman, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, will explore our vision of the human person: what does it mean to be human? How can we safeguard the human person in the age of AI? In a world that is reshaping how we live, relate and think, we have an urgent task: to rediscover the path to true human flourishing. All are welcome to join early for a shared lunch at 12:45pm (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share).

No booking required. Donation only. Tea, coffee, and cake provided.

Venue: The Fitzherbert Hub, St John the Baptist Church, BN2 1AP

More info: joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Saturday 24th		30th Sunday, Year A
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th		
Storrington	9.00am	Maureen McGovern RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Albert Paradine RIP
Storrington	4.00pm	Vespers and Benediction
Monday 26th		Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops
Cathedral	10.00am	Eugene McGing RIP
Tuesday 27th		Feria
Storrington	10.00am	Irene Amarasingha RIP
Wednesday 28th		Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles
Cathedral	10.00am	Jean Marc Fritz RIP
Thursday 29th		Feria
Storrington	10.00am	Intentions of Tommy and Helen
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11.30am
Friday 30th		Feria
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration
Cathedral	10.00am	Mary Corbyn RIP
Saturday 31st		Our Lady on Saturday
Cathedral	10.00am	Florence Eames RIP
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11.00am
		All Saints
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st		All Saints
Storrington	9.00am	People of the Parish
Cathedral	11.00am	Holy Souls

Rosary
Wednesdays 7.00pm (Storrington)
Mondays after 10am Mass - Arundel
First Saturday of the month 9.15am - Arundel

Music at Mass
9.00am Mass Music Group at Storrington—all welcome to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in the church.

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Storrington 9.00am Mass every week.

Coffee & Tea
After 9.00am Mass at Storrington
After 11.00am Mass at Arundel

Requiem in Aeternum
Your prayers are asked for all those who have died recently.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please contact Fr Stephen Tel 01903 882297
Other local parishes: Petworth: 01798 342169 Bognor: 01243 823619 Chichester 01243 782343

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.

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

Masses at the Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush
Monday - Saturday: 8.30am;
Sunday: 6.00pm