

The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
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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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Talent shows—Britain's Got Talent, The X-Factor, and so on—have not really helped us understand Jesus' parable of the talents. They make us focus on extraordinary abilities or special aptitudes at singing or dancing or spinning plates or whatever—which is not what Jesus is talking about at all. Originally 'talent' meant a weight (about 30kg); it then referred to an amount of money (like the English word 'pound'). But Jesus' parable isn't about huge amounts of money either.

Actually, I don't think the parable is so much about the talents the servants *receive*, as about the talents they *make*. "You delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." "Well done, good and faithful servant … enter into the joy of your master." So it might be better to call it 'the parable of the faithful and lazy servants', or 'the parable of the fruitful and fruitless servants'.

What are the real talents God has entrusted to us? They are everything we have: our time, our energy, our lives, ourselves. We might ponder at the end of each day, "Jesus, You entrusted me with another day. What have I done with it? What profit have I made from it? Or have I just buried today in a hole in the ground?"

What are the additional talents we could *make*? We could make time for God in prayer; we could make someone else happy; we could make an effort to help those in need, make a visit to a lonely person, make a donation to charity; we could make a difference in our troubled world; we could make someone at church feel welcome; we could make disciples by sharing the Good News of Jesus with them.

God bless, Fr. Stephen

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THIS WEEK

Changes to Masses this week:
Saturday 21st November there is NO 10am Mass in the Cathedral. Confessions as usual from 10.30am.
Diaconate Ordinations Saturday, 21st November Please pray for Patrick Bergin, Claude Cheta and Mathew Thomas who will be ordained Deacon at Arundel Cathedral at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no 10am Mass but Confessions are available from 10.30am.

A Letter from Bishop Stephen to parishes is being sent via e-mail with this newsletter and printed copies are available in church.

Second Collection this weekend for Retired Priests. Next weekend is the collection for Cathedral Maintenance both may be Gift Aided.

Aid to the Church in Need – Red Week 16th–22nd November 2026. During this week, Aid to the Church in Need remind us that we stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. We will celebrate a Mass for this intention on Wednesday this week. Here is a short video about the campaign:
https://youtu.be/JTKMwGRvgc4
You can find out more about the work of Aid to the Church in need and make a donation at ACN UK Homepage

Weekday Masses at the Cathedral will be celebrated in the Sacristy now that the cold weather is upon us. They will not be livestreamed. Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11am Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Blessing of Graves
Arundel Blessing of Graves on Sunday 15th November at 3pm followed by tea in the Cathedral Centre.
St. Edmund's Cemetery Houghton on Wednesday 18th November at 3pm.
Our Lady of England Cemetery on Sunday 22nd November at 3pm commencing in the cemetery, moving to the Church for Vespers, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Cathedral Shop now has Advent and Christmas goods for sale. Open 10.30am—4pm weekdays, after Masses at weekends.

Julia Janiec RIP Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Julia Janiec, Louise Sharp's mother. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12noon on Tuesday, 17th November, at St. Richard's Church, Slindon. Everyone is welcome.

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

Tuesday Drop-In meets this week on Tuesday 17th 2-4pm in St Wilfrid's Priory. All are welcome for tea, games, chat and friendship.

November Holy Souls We pray especially for those who have died throughout November. Paper slips are available at the back of the church for you to list the names of anyone whom you would like to be remembered in our prayers. Please place the slip in the basket at the foot of the altar.

COMING SOON

Advent: Deepen your faith this Advent
Journey together as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Everyone is invited to join a small group of 6-8 people. The material we will use for Advent comes from 'Sycamore' a programme developed by Bishop Stephen Wang, our new bishop, and is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today**.** It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. The focus of these sessions is on our search for God in life (Week 1) and in prayer (Week 2), and how God reaches out to us in history (Week 3) and through the Bible (Week 4).
The groups will meet in the four weeks beginning 30th November, and 7th, 14th and 21st December (or the previous weeks if you prefer). Would you like to host a group, lead a group or join a group? If so, please register your interest by completing a Sign Up Sheet at the back of the Church. Or you can contact Caroline Tooley carolinejtooley@googlemail.com or Pauline Webber webber.pauline@gmail.com

First Reconciliation and Communion preparation If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like to embark on preparation with them to begin receiving Reconciliation and Communion, please pick up and complete a form - available at the back of the Cathedral and from Our Lady of England porch.

The Friends of Arundel Cathedral warmly invite you to an early joyous preparation for Christmas: Pontifical Sung Vespers for the First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2026 at 6.30pm in the Cathedral. Bishop Stephen Wang will preside. Please be seated by 6.15pm. The service is followed by refreshments at the Cathedral Centre. All welcome.

Saturday Men's Breakfast Our next breakfast is 5th December starting at 8.30am. Come along, bring a friend. If you would like to be involved in the preparation of the food and drink, contact Deacon Roger: roger.stone@abdiocese.org.uk

DIOCESAN

Bishop Stephen's Mass of Welcome
Nearly 1,000 people from across our Diocese gathered at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October to celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen Wang. Speaking during the homily, Bishop Stephen reflected on the gifts he received at his ordination and the mission that they represent: to grow in holiness, to love and support one another, and to share the love of Jesus with everyone we meet. As we welcome Bishop Stephen, let us pray for him and for our whole diocesan family, that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we grow closer to Jesus and to each other. You can see a **short film** from the Mass by scanning the QR code below or visiting: https://vimeo.com/1240717083 **Photos** from the celebration can be seen here: https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjD8Nc8

Young Adults Retreat days in the Diocese – next one is in Arundel in January. Ticket price £20 An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community. Booking at Events | Our Diocese. Contact Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

GENERAL

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
Now is the time to remember the less well off Please donate men's clothing in the box at the back of the Cathedral for the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group.

Young Adults Christmas Party and Mass: Sunday 13 December, Bognor for those aged 18 to 30, at The Parish Centre, Hislop Walk, Bognor Regis, PO21 1LP. Time TBC. Chichester Young Adults Group has been running for two years meeting throughout the year for Mass, prayer, formation, food and good company. Young adults from neighbouring parishes are warmly invited to join us! Come on your own or bring a friend, a chance to get to know other young Catholics, or get to know more about our faith. Please RSVP by Thursday 10 December so we have enough food!

Help to find local food banks, shelters and warm spaces A website has been developed to help people by bringing all the relevant information together in one convenient place. It is completely free to use, requires no sign-up or registration, and is updated daily to provide up to date information. It also includes contact details and GPS directions to help people find the support they need. Visit https://helpmap.uk

Storrington Missio Red Boxes: It's time for the annual collection of your Red Boxes. Your collector will contact you in the next few weeks. Remember: "MISSIO ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief."
If you would like a Red Box, or wish to contribute, contact Pat East 07547-088675.

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Saturday 14th		**33rd Sunday, Year A**
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 15th		
Storrington	9.00am	Paul Chislett Trim RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Deceased Members of the Knights of St. Columba
Monday 16th		**Feria**
Cathedral	10.00am	Brenda Knowles RIP
Tuesday 17th		**St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop**
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 18th		**Feria**
Cathedral	10.00am	For persecuted Christians
Thursday 19th		**Feria**
Storrington	10.00am	People of the Parish
Storrington	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11.30am
Friday 20th		**Feria**
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration
Cathedral	10.00am	Kathleen McGuiness RIP
Saturday 21st		**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
No 10am Mass		
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11.00am
Cathedral	**12 noon**	Ordination to the Diaconate of Mathew, Patrick & Claude
		Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd		
Storrington	9.00am	Sid Wright RIP
Cathedral	11.00am	Irena Ray Crosby RIP

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.
Arundel 5.00pm Mass on 28th November, 5th & 19th December

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