

The Catholic Community of Arundel & Storrington
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, Year A
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Our Lady of England, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LN
Convent of Poor Clares, Crossbush, Arundel, BN18 9PJ

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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I wonder how you feel about Christ coming again to be our judge? It's clearly there in today's Gospel, and it's there in the Creed. But is it part of the Good News? Can being judged ever be good news? Yes! God wouldn't do it if it wasn't for our good … but why?

Firstly, it means God cares about us, so He cares about what we do. He values and rejoices in the good we do, and He is saddened by our sins. God cannot reward us for the good we do, unless He has judged that it *is* good. Similarly, God judges us so that He can forgive us our sins. You can only forgive someone if you recognise that they have done something wrong! In the end, judging is the act by which we distinguish good and evil. If God didn't judge, how could we trust Him always to do what is good? The fact that God judges is actually the foundation of our hope that He will save us.

But why does God's judgment have to be so terribly final? If we get it all horribly wrong, why can't there *always* be another chance? Why does hell have to be so everlasting? Why does "the fire prepared for the devil and his angels" have to be *eternal*? Partly, so that the reward for our goodness can be *eternal life*. But it's more than just that. At the deepest level, it's because our ultimate vocation is to love—to love like God. And that's total, irrevocable love, complete self-giving. If our decision for or against goodness—for or against God—could never be eternal, we could never really enter into the everlasting love of God, which is our true everlasting happiness.

God bless, Fr. Stephen

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THIS WEEK

Changes to Masses this week:
Tuesday 10am Mass will be in **Arundel** as there is a school group using the church in Storrington. There will be no Convent Mass on Tuesday this week.
On **Wednesday** the Mass will be in **the Fitzalan Chapel.**
Thursday is the Chapter of Canons Mass and will take place **in Arundel at 11am**. All are welcome.

Second Collection this weekend for Cathedral Maintenance, may be Gift Aided.

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
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.

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 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.

Thank you from Louise to all those who have prayed and sent cards and e-mails following the death of her mother Julia. Your support is very much appreciated.

Tuesday Arundel Mothers Prayer Group meets every Tuesday first of all at 10am by the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Fitzalan chapel (entrance is via the door accessed from the courtyard of St Wilfrid's Priory), and then in the Cashman Room at the Cathedral Centre from 11am. If anyone would like to join, they are very welcome.

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

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

Christmas in Memoriam at Arundel an opportunity to remember your loved ones this Christmas by bringing a poinsettia to help decorate the Cathedral. Please leave your poinsettia in the baptistery. It would be lovely to have some in place for Advent Vespers on 29th November.

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 yellow form - available at the back of the Cathedral and from Our Lady of England porch.

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

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

Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published: *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website www.whatgoodnews.org

Young Adults' Advent Retreat at Worth Abbey. 4 - 6 December 2026 Join us in stepping away from the busyness and distractions of everyday life to prepare for the coming of Christ, in the beautiful Benedictine setting of Worth Abbey. We will enjoy talks from the monks, discussion groups, beautiful walks, times for personal prayer, and opportunities to deepen friendships and build community with fellow young adults. Cost: £130/£65 per person, including accommodation and food. (50% bursary is available on the booking page for those who require assistance.) 4:30pm Friday 4th December - 2:30pm Sunday 6th December 2026. Book your place here: https://worthabbey.net/young-adults-advent-retreat/ Further information about travel, what to bring, and what to expect will be provided. For enquiries email retreats@worth.org.uk

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.

"The Art of Dying Well" website offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. See www.artofdyingwell.org
There are also resources on our Diocesan website at: Planning a Funeral & Bereavement Support | Our Faith

HOLY MASS & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Saturday 21st		**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
Storrington	3.00pm	Blessing of Graves followed by Vespers
Monday 23rd		**St Clement I, Pope, Martyr**
Cathedral	10.00am	For all the people of Russia
Tuesday 24th		**St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**
Cathedral	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 25th		**St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr**
Fitzalan Chapel	10.00am	Henry Granville XIV Duke of Norfolk RIP
Thursday 26th		**Feria**
Cathedral	**11.00am**	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 27th		**Feria**
Cathedral	9.15am	Adoration
Cathedral	10.00am	Olivia Louise Warde RIP
Saturday 28th		**Our Lady on Saturday**
Cathedral	10.00am	Dr Mark Blackwell RIP
Cathedral	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration to 11.00am
		1st Sunday of Advent, Year B
Cathedral	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th		
Storrington	9.00am	For the wellbeing of Natalia
Cathedral	11.00am	Alfred George Eames RIP
Cathedral	6.30pm	Pontifical Sung Vespers

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