



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 1st February 2026

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

## Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 31<sup>st</sup> January – Saturday, St John Bosco, Priest (Memorial)

**10:00 am Mass** - Mary Easter RIP FM

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

4:00 pm - Silent Prayer

*(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, then proceed to the Church)*

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

**6:00pm Vigil Mass** - Eric and Sadie McIntyre RIP & Alan Oldham RIP

### 1<sup>st</sup> February – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:15 am Mass** - For Archbishop-elect Richard Moth

**11:15 am Mass** - Roy Martin RIP

**1:45 pm - Polish Mass**

**5:00 pm - Italian Mass**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Monday, The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas (Feast)

**N.B. 7:30 am Mass** - Valerie Fahy RIP

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Tuesday, St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial)

**7:30 am Mass** - Geoff Smith RIP

**10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration**

*(Pray for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan)*

### 4<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 4

**NO MASS**

**(12:00 noon - Mass at Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead)**

**NO Polish Adoration**

**NO Polish Mass**

## Useful Contacts

### Horsham Parish Office

01403-253667 - Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

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### Parish Hall Hire

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### Baptism Team

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### Bereavement Support

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## Last Week's Collection

**£3,106.83**

(£1,356.83 Offertory;  
£1,750 Standing Orders).

## Second Collection

No Collections.

Thank You

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## FR TRISTAN WRITES

Blessed are the poor in spirit.' (Mt 5:3) Sometimes we cannot give much of wealth, but our poverty enables us to give something far greater: the grace of Christ through our prayer and example. Meditating on this beatitude, Pope Leo The Great reflected: "Blessed, therefore, is that poverty which is not trapped by the love of temporal things and does not seek to be enriched by worldly wealth, but desires rather to grow rich in heavenly goods. The apostles were the first after the Lord himself to provide us with an example of this generous poverty, when they all equally left their belongings at the call of the heavenly master. By an immediate conversion they were turned from the catching of fish to become fishers of men, and by their own example they won many others to the imitation of their own faith. In these first sons of the Church there was but one heart and one soul among all who believed. Abandoning all their worldly property and possessions in their dedicated poverty, they were enriched with eternal goods, and in accordance with the apostolic preaching, they rejoiced to have nothing of this world and to possess all things with Christ. Therefore, when the apostle Peter was on his way up to the temple and was asked for alms by the lame man, he replied: Silver and gold I have not; but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk. What is more sublime than this humility? And what could be richer than this poverty? Though Peter cannot assist with money, he can confer gifts of nature. With a word Peter brought healing to the man who had been lame from birth; he who did not give a coin with the emperor's image refashioned the image of Jesus in this man. And by the riches of this treasure, not only did he help the man who recovered the power to walk, but also five thousand others who believed the preaching of the apostle because of this miraculous cure. Thus Peter, who in his poverty had no money to give to the beggar, bestowed such a bounty of divine grace that in restoring to health the feet of one man, he healed the hearts of many thousands of believers. He had found all of them lame; but he made them leap for joy in Christ."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** - As this Christmas season comes to a definite close, Fr Tristan (and Barnabas) would like to thank everyone for all the very kind gifts, offertory donations, cards and well-wishes. It was a very joyful Christmas in the parish, and fantastic to see so many people filling the Church for the liturgies.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY** – The Second Collection this weekend is for Racial Justice Sunday, the day when the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme this year is: "*Whoever loves God must also love his brother*" (1 John 4:21). Racial Justice Sunday 2026 is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society and an encouragement to be conscious of the need for justice in all its forms. In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in Catholic parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God. For more information, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

**COFFEE AFTER 9:15AM MASS SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY** - The refreshments after the 9:15 Mass today are to help fund the youth of Horsham parish who are travelling to Lourdes on the Diocesan pilgrimage in July. We already have six young parishioners aged between 15 and 19 who have answered the call of Our Lady to travel as Redshirts and Helpers, applications are still open! They will be offering their service to the pilgrims of our diocese who are in need of assistance to make their pilgrimage. Cakes will be on sale - we will be very grateful for your generous support in both donating cakes and buying them! The money raised will directly benefit our young people.

**CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** - The Parish Office will have contacted you within the last few days, to ask you to come for your annual training, prayer, and to be re-commissioned for service bringing Holy Communion to the Sick, distributing the Blessed Sacrament at Mass and helping with Eucharistic Exposition. This year, those who do not receive a note of accreditation from the parish priest will not be able to continue in the role, so it is especially important that you are properly commissioned. A choice of dates for the Commissioning has been sent to you, but if you feel you ought to be on the list and have not received an invitation, please do get in touch with the office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FROM FR IAN BYRNES** - My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I realised that we are coming to the end of January in our new year of 2026 and I want to thank you for having welcomed me into my new Parish Community for the past three years. I would like to thank those who gave me gifts, cards, and prayers over the same period. Within the week, I will be celebrating Mass here in my apartment, for You, Family Relatives, Friends, and Enemies. Your brother in Christ, Ian.

**OUR LIVESTREAM** – You can now join our livestreamed Masses either via our website or via Church Services TV (our new livestream partner) at <https://www.churchservices.tv/horsham>

**GERRY HANNAN** – Please join us in wishing our dear parishioner, Gerry Hannan, a very happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. We give thanks to the Lord for his long life!

**A COFFEE MORNING** - is to be held at St John's Broadbridge Heath on Saturday 7th February 10.30 to 12pm. It is sharing information about Nigeria in preparation for World Day of Prayer on 6th March. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. We will be praying for the people of Nigeria all around the world. Our own parish of St John's is hosting The World Day of Prayer service on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm at St John's Horsham. Followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. If you would like to be involved in this service, please contact Bernie Daly. Tel: 07501 288651. We are looking for readers, welcomers, musicians and bakers.

**NEW PARISHIONERS – WELCOME EVENING** - If you have joined the Parish in the last three years, Fr Tristan is planning a drinks and canapés evening to welcome you. The date is **Saturday 7th February at 7.00 pm**, after the Vigil Mass, in the church hall. There will be a supervised area set aside for children, where they will be able to enjoy drinks, sandwiches and games. Please make a note in your diary and come along for this informal and enjoyable evening.

**THE 2026 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING** - will be observed on **February 8, 2026**, focusing on the theme "**Peace Begins with Dignity: A Global Call to End Human Trafficking**". Held annually on the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery, becoming a symbol of hope and liberation for victims and survivors. "Peace Begins with Dignity" highlights that human trafficking destroys the foundation of peace and justice, advocating for the restoration of dignity for all. St Bakhita pray for us and all those victims of human trafficking. **Online Pilgrimage of Prayer and Awareness against human trafficking** 6th February 11 AM to 3 PM. It will take place across all continents and time zones. Live streaming on [www.prayagainsttrafficking.net/yt/e](http://www.prayagainsttrafficking.net/yt/e).

**FAIRTRADE BIG BREW** - Coffee after the 9:15am Sunday Mass on February 15th will be a Fairtrade Big Brew event with Fairtrade cakes and biscuits. There will be a Fairtrade quiz and a children's guessing game. Please come along and support this fun event. Fairtrade ensures that farmers and producers in the developing world have a reliable income and helps them protect their farms against the effects of climate change. All proceeds to Transform Trade. St John's is a Fairtrade parish.

**BURNS NIGHT** - Thanks to all who helped in any way with the preparation for this event, the peelers, choppers, mashers, table setters, the young servers, clearer uppers, and the entertainers. All contributed to the success of the night. £1116 was given in donations - a record amount! Thank you. After expenses were paid, £700 was sent to Mary's Meals, which will feed 35 children for a year in a place of education. On their behalf "Thank You!"

**WAR HORSE AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE** - 20 years on, War Horse is returning to the National Theatre from 16 May – 30 July. Tickets will go on sale 7th Feb. If you would be interested in going to a Wednesday Matinee performance, please sign the list at the back of the church. As yet, cost is unknown!! - *Trish Fitzsimmons*

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 24<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026** – Applications are now open for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Full details are available at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>.

**LIVE SIMPLY** “Live simply so others may simply live”

**LAUDATO SI** - As January draws to a close, we reflect on these words, chosen by the Laudato Si Movement as January's Quote of the Month: "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. " Laudato Si 84.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIphon**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**THE COLLECT**

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING** (Prophet Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R:** Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free. **R**

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger. **R**

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. **R**

**SECOND READING** (First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31)

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 5:1-12a)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth

and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**COMMUNION ANTIphon**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**LET US PRAY FOR****PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING**

John Maher, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Derek Warwick, Carolyn Whitefield, Sheila Budgen, Zoe Keane, Mark Wiesner, Brian Harris, Shane Campbell, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe), Grace Khushi, Amanda Molloy, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge, Margaret Georgeson, Jan Davies, and Katrina Sharpe.

**WE PRAY FOR**

Audrey Eager RIP, Sybil Gasche RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

**Collections Announcements****THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY  
(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).**

Next weekend's Second Collection is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).

**Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host****LOURDES RED SHIRTS.****Readings for Next Week**

**Reading 1** - Prophet Isaiah 58:6-10  
**Psalm** - Ps 112 (111): 4-5.6-7.8a, 9. R. 4a  
**Reading 2** - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5  
**Gospel** - Matthew 5:13-16