



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent, Year A | 1st March 2026

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 28<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday of the First Week in Lent

**10:00 am Mass** - Deceased Members of the Hornung Family RIP  
*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 4

3:30 pm - Silent Prayer - *(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, then proceed to the Church)*

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Intentions of Pauline Law

### 1<sup>st</sup> March – Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent

8:00 am to 8:30 am - Confession

**9:15 am Mass** - Jacques Cyril Le Roy RIP

**11:15 am Mass** - Derek Warwick RIP

**1:45 pm - Polish Mass**

**5:00 pm - Italian Mass**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Monday of the Second Week in Lent

8:00 am to 8:30 am - Confession

**12:00 noon Mass** - Intentions of Anne Wood

4:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme: First Confessions

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent

**7:30 am Mass** - Intentions of Alexander and Peter

8:00 am to 8:30 am - Confession

10:30 am to 3:00 pm -- Adoration *(Pray for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan)*

### 4<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent

**NO MASS**

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

*NO Polish Adoration*

**NO Polish Mass**

### 5<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday of the Second Week in Lent

**12:00 noon Mass** - For the Wellbeing of Josephine Kelly

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm – Confession

(6:45 pm - Confirmation Programme Session 6 in the Parish Hall)

### 6<sup>th</sup> March – Friday of the Second Week in Lent

N.B. 10:45 am - Stations of the Cross

**N.B. 11:30 am Mass** - For Vocations to the Priesthood  
*Followed by Confession*

1:30 pm - World Day of Prayer *(Followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall)*

4:30 pm - Polish Adoration

**5:00 pm - Polish Mass**

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

### 7<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday of the Second Week in Lent

**10:00 am Mass** -- Joseph Cherian RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

(1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 5 in the Parish Hall)

3:30 pm - Silent Prayer *(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, then proceed to the Church)*

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Paulose Vithayathil RIP and Devassy Kallrackal RIP

### 8<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am to 8:30 am - Confession

**9:15 am Mass** - For the Wellbeing of Josef Istona

**11:15 am Mass** - Matthew Moonan RIP *(including Rite of Welcome for the Recently Baptised)*

**1:45 pm - Polish Mass**

**5:00 pm - Italian Mass**

## Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,  
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## Last Week's Collection

**£2,870.06**

(£1,120.06 Offertory;  
£1,750 Standing Orders).

## Second Collection

No Collection.

Thank You  
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How is your Lent going? If you are anything like me, it may be not be 'spectacular'! I don't think I've succumbed to any massive temptations yet (at the time of writing this!) but, at the same time, I certainly don't think I've been living the season as intensely as I could do. The main way to do this, of course, is to spend time pondering the Scriptures that the Church gives us in the liturgy. But it's very easy to put this off and to miss hearing the Word of God with fresh ears. And this is more than a shame, because, as we remember from last week's narrative of Christ tempted by the devil to make bread from stones, in fact the Word of God is our true food.

But Lent has only just begun. It is never worth putting off our conversion to Christ, just because we feel we have already dragged our feet. On Ash Wednesday, we heard the words of St Paul saying 'Behold now is the favourable time; behold now is the day of salvation.' (2 Cor 5:20-6:2) 'NOW' is the crucial word.

Jesus, revealing Himself as the Son to the apostles in the dazzling sight of His Transfiguration, shows us that He, although truly a man, as a divine person, will lift that which is human, limited, temporal into the life of eternity. He is always "NOW" - as the Letter to the Hebrews puts it: "Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb 13:8). He is speaking to us in every moment, waiting for our hearts to return to Him, and working hearts that accept Him. As we also have heard in the previous week: "I have set before you life and death" (Deut 30:19). We must choose at every moment to follow Him or not: to spend eternity with Him, or not. We should not believe we can put off that choice indefinitely.

In the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John receive a 'sneak preview' (or 'foretaste') of the beauty, glory and majesty of the Risen Lord, dwelling in the eternal day of the Resurrection. Now is the time to choose that day, and not the night of our own self-absorption. The thought of Jesus's eternal divine love can spur us on in the here and now, even when that here and now is troubled.... and it already brings us back to life in the 'NOW' when we are struck and transformed by the sweetness of His grace. In particular, do not delay to respond to His call to experience Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where His Word washes us clean. Hear the Father's voice calling us in the now: 'This is my Son the Beloved: listen to Him!'

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION (THIS WEEKEND)** - This weekend's Second Collection is for CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions. You can donate via the Offertory baskets or via the contactless machines at the back of the church or collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Thank you for your generous support this family fast day. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at [cafod.org.uk/thankyou](http://cafod.org.uk/thankyou).

**"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM" (MATTHEW 17:5)** - At St John's, we have the opportunity to experience some catechesis in the parish to help us in our journey of growing closer to Jesus - and listening more closely to him this Lent. On **Mondays at 17:00**, Fr Tristan will be giving a live online talk on the liturgy on YouTube (to access, head to his YouTube channel [Fr\\_Tristan\\_Cranfield](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFrTristanCranfield)), which will be recorded so you can watch it later if you wish. Moreover, Barnabas will be facilitating a video course by Dr Scott Hahn on the Gospel of Matthew, with prayer and group discussion, in the Main Hall on **Fridays at 19:30**. Both series are intended for anyone in the parish, and indeed any friends who may be interested in learning more about Christ and his Church. All are welcome!

**SVP SOUP LUNCHESES** - The SVP cordially invite you to their four Wednesday Lenten Soup Lunches in the church hall from 12.00 - 1.30. They will start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and continue until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Donations will again go to South Sudan.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** - is being held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm at St John's Church Horsham. Followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. This year the service has been prepared by a group of Christian Nigerian women. We will be praying with and for the people of Nigeria all around the world on that day. All are welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA (ENGLAND & WALES)** - The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley, has a long established First Saturday devotion, attracting people from across the Diocese for these special Fatima prayers. We are honoured to be the first parish in 2026 to be chosen for a visitation from the World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales. Join us for a special First Saturday: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 09.45 until 16.45. National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes a procession and Mass, prayer, veneration of relics, adoration and video presentation. There will be items for sale, and you are welcome to all or part of the day. St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG (Tea/coffee available; please bring a packed lunch). Email: [adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information or visit the website here: <https://www.worldfatima-englishwales.org.uk/the-first-five-saturdays-devotion-explained>.

**ST PATRICK'S EVENT** - Fun and craic evening, funds for St John's and St Robert's Schools. Church Hall after Mass, 7.00 for 7.30pm on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. Admission by donation on the night. A fun family evening, please join us. There will be a raffle on the night. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

**RECLAIMING HUMANITY: ATTENTION & LOVE IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD** - An afternoon Exploring Catholic Social Teaching with **Fr Toby Lees OP**. **Sunday 22 March · 1:30–4:15pm · Fitzherbert Community Hub**. Fr Toby Lees OP — Dominican priest, moral theologian, and Priest Director of Radio Maria England — will explore how forces in our culture fight for our attention, weakening our capacity to love; how fragmentation affects our humanity, and how we can stay grounded through contemplation, communion, and generosity. 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](mailto:joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk).

**GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY – Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham**. Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: [davidwellslive.com](http://davidwellslive.com) To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events) If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

**DISCERNMENT RETREATS** - at Minster Abbey Benedictine Monastery. These are for single catholic women aged 18-35 who are open to discerning a monastic vocation. The next Retreats are Palm Sunday weekend 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2026. For more information and to book a place, please contact Sister Walburga at [ministervocations@gmail.com](mailto:ministervocations@gmail.com). The website for the Monastery is [www.minsterabbeynuns.org](http://www.minsterabbeynuns.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS' EASTER RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY!** - Maundy Thursday 2nd April - Easter Sunday 5th April. (Plus, optional walking pilgrimage from Brighton, leaving Palm Sunday). Come and celebrate together the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the greatest Feast of the year and climax of our faith. Talks from monks / space for personal reflection / group discussion / social time / beautiful liturgy. Retreat cost: £200 (£100 places available - please enquire at [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk) for more details). To book your place visit: [www.worthabbey.org/our-retreats](http://www.worthabbey.org/our-retreats) and click on the 'young adults' tab.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

### REORDERING OUR DESIRES FOR THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME THIS LENT

The desire for endless consumption, polluting energy, and convenience can masquerade as progress, even as it deepens ecological and social wounds. Lent invites us to ask: which desires are truly shaping my choices? When we choose restraint, solidarity, or advocacy for climate justice, even at personal cost, we often experience a deeper freedom: the freedom of coherence between my faith and my actions. - *From the Laudato SI Movement's Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent*

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

## THE COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 (Genesis 12: 1-4)

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.**

The word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The LORD loves justice and right,  
and his merciful love fills the earth. **R**

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their soul from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.  
He is our help and our shield.  
May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O LORD. **R**

## SECOND READING (Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:8b-10)

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.  
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

## GOSPEL (Matthew 17: 1-9)

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: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was

transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## LET US PRAY FOR

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Paul Wycliffe, 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, 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,  
Alan Frendo-Cumbo, and Katrina Sharpe.

### WE PRAY FOR

Norah Hart RIP, Derek Warwick RIP, Anna Juster RIP  
and ALL HOLY SOULS.

## Collections Announcements

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR  
CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY  
(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).**

## Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

**RAISING FUNDS FOR  
OUR TWO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS.**

## Readings for Next Week

**Reading 1** - Book of Exodus 17:3-7

**Psalm** - Ps 95(94): 1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9, R. 7c, 8a

**Reading 2** - Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel** - John 4:5-42