



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

All Saints (Solemnity), Year A | 1st November 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

31st October – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Margaret Pentony RIP

1st November – Sunday, All Saints (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Linda T, Tim B and Wilf B RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves at Hills Cemetery

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

2nd November – Monday, All Souls

12:00 noon Mass – For all the Faithful Departed

3rd November – Tuesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 31

(Church doors open at 7:15 am) **7:30 am Mass** - Joel Canet RIP

8:00am to 8:00pm – Adoration

(Pray for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan)

4th November – Wednesday, St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial)

NO MASS

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

NO Polish Adoration

NO Polish Mass

5th November – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 31

12:00 noon Mass - Intentions for Vo John

6th November – Friday, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

12:00 noon Mass - Mass for the Holy Souls

Followed by Confession

4:30 pm - Polish Adoration

5:00 pm - Polish Mass

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

7th November – Saturday, St Willibrord, Bishop (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass for the Bereaved - Gerardina Balzano RIP

(Followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall)

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

3:30 pm - Silent Prayer

(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, input then into the Church for silent prayer)

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Donovan and Joan Austin RIP

8th November – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Requiem Mass for Remembrance Sunday

11:15 am Mass - Ambi Kochikkat RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP

NO POLISH MASS

3:30 pm - Baptism of Caesar Barry

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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your generous donations,
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to donate.



Last Week's Collection

£2,742.50

(£992.50 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No second collection.

Thank You
You could add 25p to every £1
you give by joining Gift Aid.

PLEASE NOTE: VIDEO RECORDING IS NOT ALLOWED DURING MASS WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION.

FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENT - PLEASE SEND BY WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM TO

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

It is fair to say that our society is shy of talking about death. But as difficult as it is, Christians should never avoid the subject, because ultimately, it is for us the doorway through which we are all called by Christ. November is the Church's special month to think on those inescapable realities: to pray for the souls who are still being purified by His love, and those who are already in His presence, praying for us: the Saints.

All Souls' Day, which we will celebrate on Monday, reminds us that, when we die, many of us are attached to less serious sins that still mar their friendship with Jesus, and for which we have not accepted Jesus' reconciliation. In Purgatory, these souls suffer to pay their debt, as they long to be joined with Christ fully. Every Mass makes present Jesus' own experience of death: His sacrifice for sins; every Mass thus causes souls to be cleansed and transferred to Heaven through His forgiving mercy. (Hence you can give the priest a "Mass intention" to help someone who has died). Every prayer, too, penance or good work helps these souls, by which, their brothers and sisters, shoulder their burden to help make amends for them. In November, we can also visit a cemetery to obtain a special favour for them.

Heaven is nothing other than being full of God and fully in God! The feast of All Saints today opens up before us this amazing place prepared for the saints, who have bound themselves in love to Christ forever. We give thanks to God for the constant help of the saints by their prayers, and the encouragement they give us to dare to live for Christ as they did, and so one day join their number. May we all become saints and be reunited in Jesus, in the heavenly banquet above!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING - Thank you to the more than 800 parishioners who have completed our new simple online registration, which also serves as parking registration replacing the current fob scheme.

If you have not yet registered, Emma Martin will be in the hall with a laptop after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses and would be delighted to help register anyone who hasn't yet. Moving forward, only registered parishioners may use the car park between 7am-7pm. Thank you for supporting us move over to our new more secure system.

LOST SHEEP (AND MISSING BOOKS!) - Last year, thanks to your generosity, we fundraised and sourced a selection of quality Christian children's books for families to use during Mass. Sadly, more than half have since gone missing. If one has found its way home with you by mistake, please return it to the box in the narthex so other families can enjoy them. Thank you! Equally if you would like to donate an appropriate Christian children's book to the box, please feel free.

UPDATE: 2027 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME – There are **only 2 weeks left** to submit your application for our **2027 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** (school Year 3 and above). To register your interest, please speak to Fr Tristan or Deacon Tom after any Mass and they will be able to give you an Application Form in person; **these will not be available from the Parish Office or from the website**. Please return your completed Application Form, together with the necessary supporting documents, by the **closing date of Friday 13th November 2026**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Fr Tristan will be at Hills Cemetery on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm** for the annual Blessing of the Graves. Please gather at Fr Gregory Williams' grave.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – On **Saturday 7th November at 10:00am**, we will be holding our annual Mass for the Bereaved, when we remember all those who have died and offer prayers and support for the bereaved of our community. During the Mass, the names of those who have died over the last 12 months will be read out and there will be an opportunity to light votive candles for all those we love who have died. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall, hosted by the SVP. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like the name of anyone who has died in the last 12 months to be added to our list. All are most warmly welcomed to this Mass.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - The Parish Quiz Night this year will be held on **Saturday 14th November 2026** in the Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start. The price is £15 per person (which includes a Chilli Supper). Max 6 people to a table. There will be a raffle. Please bring your own bottle and glass. Please call LESLEY on 07957 546265 to book your tickets. Funds raised will go towards helping the youth of the Parish with the cost of attending faith building events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH CLUB - St John the Evangelist Youth Club is off to a fantastic start! Our first sessions have been full of energy, great discussions and new friendships. If you're in secondary school or college, it's not too late to join us. We meet fortnightly on Fridays, 7.00–9.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. 📅 **Upcoming dates: 6 & 20 November, 4 & 18 December.** We're also looking for adult volunteers (18+) to help run the club, whether regularly or occasionally. To find out more and register your interest head to our website >Groups/YouthGroup.

SILENT PRAYER: We warmly invite you to our Silent Prayer gatherings, monthly meet-up. We will continue to gather in the same gentle rhythm and format: arriving at 3.30pm in the hall, upstairs, for refreshments, followed by a short reflection on Silent Prayer and the Carmelite Saints. We will then move into the church for a time of Silent Prayer, finishing at around 5.00pm. We meet on the first Saturday of the month. Whether you are new to silent prayer or have been walking this path for some time, you are most welcome to join us. Please feel free to come along at any point.

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS. For anyone who missed Deacon Simon's inspiring presentation for the Parish Family Groups we will leave some information leaflets and signup sheets at the back of church. These groups will be set up for anyone who wishes to join us: Young, Old, Families, Couples, Singles. If you require any further information on how these groups work, please contact Andy & Moira Shepherd or email on andrewshepherd2@btinternet.com. Anyone who has taken home a signup form please remember to drop it into the parish office as soon as possible. - Andy & Moira Shepherd

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.

CAFOD DEBT JUSTICE CAMPAIGN - The global debt crisis is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it, in order to pay off unfair debts. Please visit <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition/1> to find out more and sign CAFOD's petition asking the Prime Minister to act.

BLANKETS FOR UKRAINE: Very many thanks to all at St John's and St Gabriel's who have knitted and crocheted squares and strips to be made into blankets and also children's knitted garments for Ukraine. I have just delivered 30 blankets to Corpus Christi Church Henfield for Ukraine. Celia, who organises the delivery from there is most grateful for them and wishes to thank everyone for their contributions. She was telling me that this is the 109th articulated lorry which she has been instrumental in sending full of vital equipment, food, toiletries, blankets etc. It should arrive in Ukraine before Christmas. Many thanks again – Helen

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION BEFRIENDERS ANNUAL TRAINING – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2027 - Do you feel called to support those experiencing the loneliness and isolation of bereavement? We will be running our annual training for Ministry of Consolation Befrienders in January and February 2027. The course is held via Zoom from 9.00am - 1.30pm on the following dates: January - 13, 20, 27 and February - 3, 10, 17. The closing date for applications is 21 November 2026. For more information, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser. E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

STOP THE SPARK

So far this year, there have been 145 fires linked to batteries and electrical items at West Sussex recycling facilities. Phones, vapes, power banks, electric toothbrushes, toys, and other battery powered items should NOT go in household recycling or waste bins. Batteries can overheat, spark, and start fires during collection and processing. So, if it has a plug, battery or cable, don't bin it. Instead, see if you can repair it, reuse it, donate it or recycle it safely. Many contain valuable materials, such as lithium, copper and aluminum, which can be reused.

Email livesimply_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com with your Live Simply questions and ideas.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

THE COLLECT
Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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 (Book of Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14)
I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD’S is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. **R**

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St John 3:1-3)
Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. 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
May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING
Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, Paul Wycliffe, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Robin Sherfield, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Carolyn Whitefield, 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
ALL HOLY SOULS.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW IS ALL SOULS DAY. A PLENARY INDULGENCE IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO VISIT A CHURCH ON THAT DAY.

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

DONATIONS TO THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY
(ST MOTHER TERESA’S RELIGIOUS ORDER).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Wisdom 6: 12-16
Psalm - Ps 63 (62):2.3-4. 5-6. 7-8.R 2b
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Gospel - Matthew 25: 1-13