



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 5th July 2026

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 4<sup>th</sup> July – Our Lady on Saturday

**10:00 am Mass** - Ambi Kochikkat RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

**1:00 pm - Signed Mass**

*5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession*

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Deceased Members of the Fernandez Family RIP

### 5<sup>th</sup> July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:15 am Mass** - Teresa Hannan RIP and Gerry Hannan (Wedding Anniversary)

**11:15 am Mass** - Deceased Members of the Bleach and Tucker Families RIP

**1:45 pm - Polish Mass**

**NO ITALIAN MASS**

### 6<sup>th</sup> July – Monday, St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)

**12:00 noon Mass** - Gillian Nower RIP

### 7<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 14

**7:30 am Mass** - Intentions of Patrick Bergin

*10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration*

*(Pray for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan)*

### 8<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 14

**NO MASS**

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

**NO POLISH ADORATION**

**NO POLISH MASS**

### 9<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday, St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs of China

**12:00 noon Mass** - Mary Rock RIP

**1:30 pm** - Wedding of Mariana Da Costa Duarte and Alexander Rickman

### 10<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 14

**12:00 noon Mass** - Kip Threader RIP

*Followed by Confession*

*7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration*

### 11<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday, St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast)

**10:00 am Mass** - Dereck Warwick RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

*5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession*

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Pro Populo

### 12<sup>th</sup> July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:15 am Mass** - Dereck Warwick RIP

**11:15 am Mass** - In Thanksgiving for Prem Rajah  
*(12:30pm - Parish Summer Picnic in Horsham Park)*

**1:45 pm - Polish Mass**

**3:30 pm** - Baptism of Chizaram Benjamin

**NO ITALIAN MASS**

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your generous donations,  
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to donate.



## Last Week's Collection

**£3,359.60**

(£1,609.60 Offertory;  
£1,750 Standing Orders).

## Second Collection

**£711.61**

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](mailto:horsham@abdiocese.org.uk)**

It is a great joy for us in our diocese to welcome the news that on Thursday at 12noon Roman time, Pope Leo XVI appointed Fr Stephen Wang to be the sixth Bishop of our Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Bishop-elect Stephen was a priest of the diocese of Westminster, the current Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, and is well-known for his many evangelical and catechetical endeavours and projects, not least the Sycamore series. Bishop-elect Stephen has written this message for us:

*"Dear friends in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, dear brothers, and sisters.*

*I'm so happy to be appointed as your new bishop, and I am really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know the Diocese – the priests and deacons, those in consecrated life, all the lay faithful, and so many others. I'm really looking forward to visiting our parishes and schools, and all the other communities that make up our Diocese. I'm just sorry that I can't get back to be with you at this time because we have our diaconal ordination in Rome this weekend.*

*As you can imagine, the news came as a complete surprise to me. The first thing I did after being told on Tuesday morning was to visit St Peter's Basilica. I prayed at the tombs of St Peter and St John Paul II for you all and offered Mass for the Diocese.*

*There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope. I've seen so many times what God can do when people pray and work together, and when they put their trust in him. If we listen to one another, and to the Lord, then he will show us the way forward.*

*You have been very blessed to have Archbishop Richard with you over these years. I keep being told what a wonderful diocese it is and how lucky I am to be going there! Which I certainly am. I want to thank Canon Jonathan Martin as well, for looking after things so well in this interim period.*

*Let's pray for each other, and for our Diocese. Please pray for me and for my intentions. I put all my trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in his Church, and in his mother Mary. His love is so powerful. There is so much to be grateful for, and so much to do. I pray that we can grow in holiness together, be of service to those around us, and help all people to know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ and the message of the Gospel.*

*Bishop-elect Stephen"*

Let us all pray for our new Bishop-elect!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PARISH SUMMER PICNIC** - Join us for our Parish Summer Picnic in Horsham Park on **Sunday 12th July 2026 from 12.30pm**. Find us midway between the old Rec Rink and the duck pond for an afternoon of games, fellowship, and community fun for all ages. Whether you're new to the parish or have been part of our community for many years, everyone is warmly welcome. Bring your own picnic as we come together to celebrate friendship and community.

**YOU'RE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR NEW YOUTH CLUB!** - We'd love for all the young people of our parish to join us for our first gathering on Monday 13th July at 7pm in the Hall, where we'll celebrate alongside those who were recently confirmed, as they receive their certificates. This will also be a great opportunity to chat together about what you would like to see in our new Youth Club, which will begin in September and meet every two weeks during term time. Our hope is to build a fun, welcoming community where you can form lasting friendships while discovering the love of Jesus and deepening your Catholic faith in a way that feels real and meaningful to you. Come along, share your ideas, and be part of something special! All young people are welcome – no need to sign up, just turn up and join in. We can't wait to see you there. God bless.

**BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ** - The next meeting of our Bereavement Cafe will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, from 11am. Please do mention this to people you know who may benefit from an informal chat over tea and coffee. There are leaflets at the back of the church with more information.

**ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 16 – 19 July 2026** – This year's theme is "For the Joy of Music". See poster at the back of the church for more details. Please plan to visit and support the event. **Vintage Afternoon Tea** will be available during the festival. Booking required which can be done via this link [Vintage Afternoon Teas](#) If you would like to volunteer to help at the festival, please leave your details with the parish office, speak to me or pop along to St Mary's Church (open 10am – 1pm) and put your name on the sign-up sheets. *Many Thanks, Irene Innes.*

**SUNDAY 26 JULY IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY** - So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. The link below takes you to the Pope's full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many

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parishes have a grandparents' group, but if this is something you would like to know more about or explore, please email Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).

**CAFOD – UK DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** - You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: [cafod.org.uk/Venezuela](http://cafod.org.uk/Venezuela) or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

**A DAY WITH MARY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, 29-31 JULY** – Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details of this event taking place at St Mary's Catholic Church, 70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon CR0 2AR. Free registration, details and enquiries: [www.adaywithmary.org/symposium](http://www.adaywithmary.org/symposium).

**THANK YOU** - I would like to thank everyone who came to help me when I was taken ill during the 9.15 Mass last Sunday. I particularly remember Colette and Steven Eade and Mike Newman but there were many more. Everyone was so very kind. The ambulance came very quickly and the paramedics were wonderful. I am beginning to feel normal again and hope to be back with my Sunday friends soon. Thank you, *Pat Gooday*.

**YOUNG ADULTS' RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026 10AM-6.30PM AT ST WILFRID'S BURGESS HILL. TICKETS START FROM £20PP** - Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from Arundel and Brighton Diocese for a Retreat Day. A jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun as together, we will seek hearts open to His healing presence, trusting that Jesus desires to bring freedom, restoration, and transformation to our lives. As we encounter Him, we pray to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire burning brightly within our hearts. Lunch and refreshments are included in the ticket price. To book your place or find out more, visit the Diocesan website events page or use this link: [Young Adults Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Participants are very welcome to join the Parish Mass at 6.30pm, with social time at a local pub to follow.

**MARRIAGE IN A RUT?** – Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info) Tel: 07887 296983.

**ADOREMUS 2026, THE NEXT EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 10 OCTOBER IN LONDON, AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK AND WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL** - Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and includes a gathering in London, as well as parish events. If you wish to be part of the 'representative group' which will attend Mass at noon and join in the Eucharistic Procession from Southwark to Westminster during Adoremus, please visit the Diocesan website events page or click here to find out more and reserve your place: W: [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/okyqqxto](http://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/okyqqxto) . Places are very limited. Those attending will travel to London independently and meet at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

**'MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY' DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 23-25 OCTOBER 2026** - Led by Fr David Murphy, journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at "England's Nazareth". Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To book your place or find out more, visit the Diocesan website or use this link <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp> .

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED** - Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, Catholic social teaching and add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office: Jenny Finlayson T: 07710 094448 E: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) W: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) [Sign up to volunteer](#).

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

**IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS**, we must address social and ethical issues at the foundation of our society, such as the equal dignity of all human beings and the value of human rights, Pope Leo XIV said in a video message released on Tuesday, June 16. “The environmental crisis ‘is not an isolated issue, but rather the ecological aspect of the contemporary socio-economic crisis’,” Pope Leo said, quoting his recently published encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. The Pope underlined how faith, hope and love are three themes that can help guide reflections on how we respond to the environmental crisis. To read his message, go to <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/pont-messages/2026/documents/20260616-videomessaggio-aws.html>.

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## THE COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 Zechariah 9:9-10)

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

I will extol you, my God and king,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
I will bless you day after day,  
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the LORD to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds. **R**

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and holy in all his deeds.  
The LORD supports all who fall,  
and raises up all who are bowed down. **R**

## SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13)

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL (Matthew 11:25-30)

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 declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## LET US PRAY FOR

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING**  
 Alexandra Cherriman, Celia Longley, 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,  
 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 Frenedo-Cumbo,  
 and Katrina Sharpe.

**WE PRAY FOR**  
 Helen Daly RIP, John Peers RIP,  
 and ALL HOLY SOULS.

## COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR  
 SEA SUNDAY – STELLA MARIS  
 (not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).**

## COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

**ST WILFRID'S.**

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Reading 1** - Prophet Isaiah 55:10-11  
**Psalm** - Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11.12-13.14. R.Luke 8:8  
**Reading 2** - Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23  
**Gospel** - Matthew 13:1-23