



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C | 5th October 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

4th October – Saturday, St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)

NO MORNING MASS

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

1:00 pm - Signed Mass

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Joseph Thresiamma RIP

5th October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - David Brown RIP

11:15 am Mass - Laurie Harding RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

6th October – Monday, St Bruno, Priest (Memorial)

10:30 am Requiem Mass for Carmine Mancini RIP

7th October – Tuesday, Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - Baby Darragh RIP

10:30 am to 8:00 pm – Adoration

(Pray for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan)

8th October – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 27

NO MASS

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

6:00 pm - Polish Adoration

7:00 pm - Polish Mass

9th October – Thursday, St John Henry Newman, Priest (Feast)

12:00 noon Mass - Yvonne Frisby RIP

10th October – Friday, St Paulinus of York, Bishop (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - David Brown RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

11th October – Saturday, St John XXIII, Pope (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Brian Brennan RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

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

12th October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Intentions of the Crosbie Family

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Last Week's Collection

£2,837.31

(£1,087.31 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£1,631.55

Thank You

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

BISHOP RICHARD'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We live at a time in which the world around us is threatened by so many things: war and conflict in many parts of the world, uncertainties and unrest closer to home, a continuing disregard for the dignity and wonder of life, financial worries for many. Yet, in the midst of this uncertainty we also see fresh green shoots of faith – more men and women coming forward for baptism, increasing numbers being confirmed and a renewed sense of mission. These green shoots of faith are a response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, calling us to the confident faith about which Jesus speaks in this Sunday's Gospel. Our times call us to show this faith to the world around us, to be confident in our mission, mindful that the life of the Church continues – and will continue – to the end of time. As Christ's faithful people we must persevere in proclaiming the message of life in Him, even when the circumstances are difficult.

St Paul's words in this Sunday's second reading are as timely for us as they were for Timothy: "Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God." We may face misunderstanding and rejection on account of the Gospel, but let us continue in persevering trust and gentleness in our witness to Christ, for this is life for the world.

As we enter the month of October, the month of the Rosary, I ask you all to seek Mary's intercession for our troubled world, for peace, for harmony in our society, for a spirit of welcome for the stranger, asylum seeker and refugee and for a spirit of understanding in our homes, our towns and cities. Our Lady intercedes for us always, so let us ask her to support us in the mission given to us by her Son.

With every blessing,



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SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY – This weekend's Second Collection is for CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day, which was last Friday. Please donate to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ - The next meeting of our Bereavement Café will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 11th October, 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 JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENING MORNINGS 2025 – St John's Catholic Primary School will be holding Open Mornings, from 9:15am – 10:15am, on Wednesday 8th October, Tuesday 14th October and Tuesday 25th November, for families with children starting school in September 2026. Register your interest by emailing office@stjohnshorsham.school or by calling 01403 265447.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT – Takes place during the Offertory collection at all weekend Masses from Saturday 20th September to Sunday 12th October inclusive.

HAND-KNITTED NATIVITY SET TO BE RAFFLED – One of our parishioners has lovingly knitted a wonderful nativity set which is to be raffled, with all proceeds going to support Fr Xavier's parish in India. The raffle tickets will be available from the Covenant Chapel at the back of the church after the 9:15am and the 11:15 am Masses on Sunday 5th, 12th and 19th October. Please do show your support! The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 26th October.

SUSSEX CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST - The official launch of the Sussex Catholic Education Trust will be conducted by Bishop Richard Moth in Arundel on 17 October. This new charity (charity number 1211602) has been set up to benefit state Catholic schools in Sussex by providing funding to support projects which will help the schools and their pupils thrive, nurturing the high-quality education that our schools already provide. Education, especially for one-form entry primary schools, is currently chronically underfunded and as our Trust's funding grows, it will be used to provide resources, facilities and/or services which will create opportunities that inspire young minds and build strong, compassionate communities. Sadly, due to falling rolls, two of our primary schools in Sussex have recently closed. Our schools are seen as an integral part of the Bishop's pastoral plan and play a significant role in turning the vision of the Church's mission on Earth into reality so our aim is to do all we can to support our Catholic schools to continue to flourish. If you are interested in supporting this new charity, you can use the donate page on the charity's website W: www.sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk to provide funding. If you wish to offer your expertise and services in other ways to our

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Trust, please contact the Trust Secretary at E: secretary@sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your generosity.

UPDATED: PARISH VOLUNTEERS' PARTY, FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – If you volunteer *in any capacity* here at St John's – for example, with any element of the Liturgy, with anything to do with our buildings or grounds, in any of our Sacramental or formation programmes, with supporting our housebound parishioners – please join Fr Tristan for a little party on **Friday 21st November from 7pm in the Main Hall**. If you're planning to attend, please email the Parish Office at horsham@abdiocese.org.uk, by **Friday 31 October**, giving your name and the number in your party, split between adults and children.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - Thank you for your support of the Fairtrade stall in Swan Walk last Saturday September 27th. We learned lots about the injustices faced by workers and farmers in the mainstream tea industry. "Brew It Fair!" by always buying tea with the Fairtrade logo.

2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME – We are pleased to be able to open applications for next year's formation for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (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 14th November 2025**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

111TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ON 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER 2025 - The theme this year is migrants, missionaries of hope, which was chosen by Pope Francis and highlights the resilience of displaced people and their ability to be witnesses of hope in their new communities, contributing to the faith and dialogue of those who welcome them. Pope Leo XIV emphasises that migrants and refugees in a special way can become witnesses of hope and show tenacity amidst adversity and calls for a future of peace and respect for human dignity. The Jubilee year is a time to renew our commitment to justice, hospitality, and hope.

A Prayer for the 111th World Day for Migrants and Refugees: *O God, whose presence is in every homeland and in every life, you call us to be "pilgrims of hope". On this 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees we pray for all those forced to leave their homes. May our actions reflect your love by receiving the stranger, defending human rights and promoting peace. We pray through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS – Saturday 11 October 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD. Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Parish Hall. Family and friends are very welcome. The church and hall are wheelchair friendly, with a number of disabled parking spaces available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – REACHING OUT - We are exploring the possibility of starting a support group here at the parish for individuals and families affected by dementia and Alzheimer's. If you or a loved one are living with these conditions, or if you are a caregiver seeking community, understanding, and encouragement, then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the parish office to express your interest, ask questions, or learn more. Your response will help us shape a group that truly meets the needs of our parish family.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI - As we celebrate five years of being a 'Live Simply' parish the tenth anniversary of the publication of 'Laudato Si' is being celebrated. Pope Leo is presiding at the 'Laudato Si' Conference in Rome, continuing Pope Francis' wonderful legacy of deep concern for the planet and its people "Our Common Home". Laudato Si is an inspirational encyclical. You can read it here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html. We give thanks for our parish's ongoing commitment to being part of Pope Francis' vision by "living more simply so that others may simply live".

RECYCLING NEWS - Sadly Horsham District Council no longer offers the recycling of medication blister packs via the home recycling collection service. However, blister packs can be recycled at Boots in a collection bin near the Pharmacy counter.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

SECOND READING (Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 17:5-10)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Charlotte Curson, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Mark Forster, Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Derek Warwick, Carolyn Whitefield, Sheila Budgen, Zoe Keane, Mark Wiesner, Brian Harris, Shane Campbell, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe), Grace Khushi, Yunas Khushi, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge, Margaret Georgeson, Jan Davies, Vic Tompkins, and Katrina Sharpe.

WE PRAY FOR

Carmine Mancini RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY -
CAFOD.ORG.UK/ENVELOPE
(not eligible for diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).**

Next weekend's Second Collection is for Prisoners' Sunday
(not eligible for diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host**ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL.****Readings for Next Week**

Reading 1 - Second Book of Kings 5:14-17

Psalm - Ps 98(97): 1.2-3b.3c-4. R. cf. 2b

Reading 2 - Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel - Luke 17:11-19