



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 6th September 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

5th September – Saturday, St Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin (Memorial)

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

Followed by 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 - Pro Populo

6th September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Intentions of the Kelly Family

11:15 am Mass - Ken and Joan Ashwell RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

7th September – Monday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 23

12:00 noon Mass - Frank and Sheila Delaney RIP

8th September – Tuesday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

(Church doors open at 7:15 am) **7:30 am Mass** - Bernard and Mary Thompsett RIP
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10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration

(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)

9th September – Wednesday, St Peter Claver, Priest (Memorial)

NO MASS

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

NO POLISH ADORATION

NO POLISH MASS

10th September – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 23

12:00 noon Mass - Craig Boswell RIP

11th September – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 23

12:00 noon Mass - Theresa Frendo Cumbo RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

12th September – Saturday, The Most Holy Name of Mary (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - In Thanksgiving Joby Joseph & Bindhu Joby (25th Wedding Anniversary)

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - For the Birthday of Peter and Jenny Threader

13th September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Denis and Hazel McGilligan RIP

(including Rite of Welcome for the Recently Baptised)

11:15 am Mass - Intentions for Aalrin Shibu

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

Useful Contacts

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Our parish relies on
your generous donations,
please click or scan here
to donate.



Last Week's Collection

£2,700.40

(£950.40 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No Collections.

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

PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP-ELECT

Dear friends, as we prepare for the upcoming consecration of Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, let us pray for him every day at this time, with the Rosary, and with these words:

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'O God, eternal and loving Shepherd,
we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen,
to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.
May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude,
a spirit of knowledge and piety,
so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern
the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven.
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for
and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.'

*Our Lady, assumed into Heaven, pray for us.
St Philip Howard, Patron of our Diocese, pray for us.
St John the Evangelist, pray for us.*

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2027 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 13th November 2026**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

WEEKLY TUESDAY MORNING MASS – Please note that the church doors will open at 7:15 in the morning each week for our standard Tuesday 7:30am Mass.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY! - As several long-standing volunteers are stepping down, we need new leaders and helpers. Experience is not essential, as mentoring and training can be provided. The commitment can be as little as **one Sunday each half-term**. Your support will help our children continue to hear the Gospel each Sunday. **To find out more, please speak to us after Mass or contact Greg on 07447 451390 or Claudio on 07970 259607. Thank you!**

JOB VACANCY: CLEANER FOR OUR PARISH HALL – We are seeking a professional cleaner to undertake regular cleaning of our Parish Hall facilities. If you are interested in knowing more about this position, please leave your details with the Parish Office.

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON - Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral. The occasion will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. The Mass for Altar Servers is for all those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve - all are very welcome to attend. Please bring a cassock/cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will take place on Thursday, 17th September in the Parish Hall starting with coffee from 10.00, ending at 11.30 in time for Mass at 12.00 noon.

HORSHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE POP UP @ ST JOHN'S - SVP and friends in conjunction with Horsham Community Fridge will host this event in the Church Hall on Saturday 19th September 10am - 11am. The aim of the Community Fridge is to provide people with free good

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food, saved from incineration or landfill. Everybody is welcome irrespective of their circumstances. To ensure everyone has a choice of food, every adult visitor is welcome to 5 free items of fresh produce plus bread/bakery items. SVP will also serve tea/coffee during this event.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HORSHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE POP UP @ ST JOHN'S - We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with the Pop-Up at St John's (held in the Church Hall). If you're able to help for 2-2.5 hours on the third Saturday of the month, please leave your details with the Parish Office.

SYCAMORE: EXPLORING FAITH TOGETHER: AUTUMN SHORT COURSE (A PILOT OPPORTUNITY) – Starting Saturday 19th September, we invite you to join us for an accessible, 7-week short course taking place on Saturday mornings following Mass. 10:30am – 12:30pm in St Gabriel's Church Hall, Billingshurst, ending 31st October inclusive. Each session lasts approximately 75 minutes. We will share a selection of refreshments (croissants, fresh fruit, tea and coffee) followed by 3 short videos per week and shared, timed group discussions. There is no charge – donations welcomed. **Everyone is welcome!** The course content is designed to be easy to follow and completely accessible – there is no prior knowledge needed, and new faces are very much welcomed. **Register your interest:** To help us gauge numbers for catering and organise small groups, please send a quick email to express your interest to billingshurst@abdiocese.org.uk and call it **Sycamore**. **Offer your assistance:** If you are able to help with set-up, refreshments or technical support please also include that in your email response. Thank you.

"VILLAINS & VICTIMS IN THE OLD CITY OF LAWLESS LONDON" - Crawley Catenian Circle (which is actually based in Horsham!) have pleasure in offering places to members of St. John the Evangelist Church to join our walking tour of London, featuring **"Villains & Victims in the Old City of Lawless London"**. It will take about **2 hours** at a comfortable pace, but you can leave at any point if you need to and we will be led by our regular **Blue Badge Guide, Vicky Bailey**. Our walk will start on **Thursday 8th October** and we meet at **11.00am** at **Temple Station** and finish near **St Paul's**. The cost of the walk is **£16.00pp**. We can promise an enjoyable Morning in good company and you will be educated and amused in equal parts by **Vicky Bailey**, who has led us on many other tours. If you would like to join us or like more details, please contact either **Mike Newman (01403 242909)** or **Peter Frisby (01403 252772)**

THEATRE TRIP TO SEE EMERALD STORM, WORTHING PAVILION THEATRE, WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER @7:30PM - Direct from the West End, Emerald Storm is the electrifying new dance phenomenon from Adam Garcia, the acclaimed stage and screen star behind some of theatre's biggest hits. Fusing the fire of Irish dance with the grit of urban tap, this high – octane production explodes with rhythm, passion and pure spectacle. Defying tradition and reimagining the genre, Emerald Storm delivers thunderous footwork, heart – pounding choreography and a visual feast of movement and sound that pulls you right into the storm. With world-class dancers, live musicians and breathtaking choreography co-created by Garcia himself, this is dance like you've never seen it before. If you are interested in seeing this, please sign the list at back of church ASAP. A coach will be arranged once I know numbers! Trish Fitzsimmons.

BLANKETS FOR UKRAINE - Knitters from St John's and St Gabriel's have contributed squares which have been crocheted together to create beautiful blankets. These will be collected from Corpus Christi Church Henfield in October to be delivered to Ukraine by Hope and Aid Direct Charity.

2ND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL 26TH-27TH JULY - The amount raised by the second collection for the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal was £1159.20, this only includes money collected on the door and by the card machines. So, the full total including donations made online, will be much higher. Many, many, thanks for your generosity as a parish! The funds will be most welcome in a country with degraded infrastructure dealing with the aftermath of a catastrophe.

CAFOD DEMANDS END TO TRADE WITH ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN LAND - Pope Leo has once again called for an end *"to the repeated acts of violence against the Palestinian population of the West Bank."* One of the greatest obstacles to building peace is the ongoing expansion of illegal settlements across occupied Palestinian territory. As settlements expand, Palestinian families are driven from their homes, often amid repeated violent attacks, and are forced to watch while settlers take over. The result is widespread poverty and suffering. CAFOD is calling on the Trade Secretary to follow in the footsteps of countries such as Spain and Ireland and to ban trade with illegally occupied Palestinian land, including ending the import of produce grown on illegally occupied land. Sign CAFOD's petition here: https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/196290/action/1?locale=en-GB&en_chan=tw&en_ref=202548316

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

SEASON OF CREATION - The Season of Creation runs from September 1st until October 4th during which we celebrate creation. This year the Laudato Si Movement invites us to take an ecological journey: Receive Living Water, Encounter Christ, Become Living Water. To learn more about this spiritual ecological journey visit <https://laudatosimovement.org>.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

THE COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 Ezekiel 33:7-9)

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

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 (Letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10)

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 18:15-20)

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 said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again

I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors,
Alexandra Cherriman, 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 Frendo-Cumbo,
and Katrina Sharpe.

WE PRAY FOR

Patricia Linnington RIP,
and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS
FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY,
FOR THE WORK OF THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE
(Not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).**

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

FOR PARISH FUNDS.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Book of Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalm - Ps 103(102): 1-2.3-4.9-10.11-12. R.8
Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9
Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35