



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C | 7th September 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

6th September – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am Mass - For Joe and Helen

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

1:00 pm - Signed Mass

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Margaret Stevens RIP

7th September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Marie Trainor RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

(including Rite of Welcome for the Recently Baptised)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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

12:00 noon Mass - Bernard and Mary Thompsett RIP FM

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

7:30 am Mass - For the Wellbeing of Philip Johnson

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Adoration

(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)

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

NO MASS

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

NO POLISH ADORATION

NO POLISH MASS

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

12:00 noon Mass - Robert Eifion-Wynne RIP

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

12:00 noon Mass - Raymond Smale RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

13th September – Saturday, St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - For Colin and Gwen Gurney's Golden Wedding Anniversary

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

1:00 pm - Wedding of Faye Liquorish and Alexander Lawton

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

14th September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

9:15 am Mass - Baby Harry Cousins RIP

11:15 am Mass - Matthew Moonan RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Last Week's Collection

£2,819.90

(£1,069.90 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No Collections

Thank You

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

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

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

FR TRISTAN WRITES

September arrives, and not only in the blink of an eye does the weather seem to change but people seem to be far busier than they could ever imagine! We can suddenly seem to have so much to think about that we can easily find ourselves wondering whether we have the resources to cope, as schools go back and deadlines loom. In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us about the risk of setting out on the journey to God without having sufficient resources to complete it. Our main resource is surely the Holy Spirit Himself, nourishing us in daily prayer. There's an old adage that says something along the lines of "set a little time to pray every day, except if you are busy, in which case double it!"

The other resource we all need to survive the daily challenge of imitating Christ is the support of others. Jesus sent his friends out in pairs, and formed not a society of individuals, but a church. As a priest, I can never forget the fact that the very mission of our parish relies on us all pitching in, helping build each other up, and living our baptismal calling. That is why volunteering in the parish - in the fields of Prayer, Formation and Mission - is so vital, both in our current parish and in the larger parish that we are due to become. I want to express my thanks to all our volunteers by throwing a little party for you all on the evening of Friday 21st November - please save the date! And if you are not already "involved", do have a think about how you might give of your time and talents here at St John's - even in a very small way - to help others along on our journey - and get in touch.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE! – FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER LINE DANCING EVENING: The Governors of St John's School are hosting a Line Dancing Evening in aid of the school's building fund. The school needs to replace the existing hut classroom and to do so has to raise 10% of the total cost. So please support this event, come along and have some fun at our "have a go at Line Dancing" evening, 7.30-9.30pm. Cost £10 each, cash on the door. Free raffle ticket included. Bring your own refreshments. Suitable for older teenagers (accompanied) and adults only.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ - The next meeting of our Bereavement Café will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 13th September, 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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2025 - 14 SEPTEMBER - Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements

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of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead. We have a wide range of Christ-centred, nurturing and successful schools in our Diocese. They include sixty-two state-funded schools, comprising fifty-one primary schools and eleven secondary schools, ten independent schools and one independent non-maintained specialist school. Catholic schools are central to the Church's mission in education, to place Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church at the centre of people's lives. Please pray for our schools and all who work and learn in them, that this academic year is full of blessings.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will be held in the parish hall at 10.15am on Thursday 18th Sept.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – The Diocese of A&B is renewing and developing its **Adoration Lay Committee** in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an **Information Meeting on Thursday 2nd October, at 8pm, for one hour**. Registration from 7:15pm, includes light refreshments, in St Francis School Hall immediately behind the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – 11-4pm Saturday 1 November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Parking is available in the church car park but we suggest that you car share, if at all possible. To book a place follow this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(01-Nov-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY FOR FINANCE MANAGER – The Diocese is looking to recruit a full-time, permanent Finance Manager (qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA). Salary: £60,000 to £65,000. Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Application deadline: 18 September. For further details of the role and to read the job description, please follow this link: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/finance-manager>.

SITUATION IN GAZA - The National Justice and Peace Network has published a statement on Gaza. This calls on our bishops to speak out in favour of a just peace and against the use of starvation as a weapon of war. It asks our government to take a number of actions in support of international law and human rights, including demanding an immediate ceasefire and guaranteed safe delivery of humanitarian aid. You can read the full statement here: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/areas-of-conflict/njpn-statement-on-gaza/>

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

THE SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1st until October 4th, we celebrate the Season of Creation. This year's theme is "Seeds of Peace and Hope." Read Pope Leo's inspirational message on this theme for the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20250630-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

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 (Wisdom 9:13-18b)

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants. **R**

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands. **R**

SECOND READING (Philemon 9b-10, 12-17)

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 14:25-33)

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: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

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

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
ALL HOLY SOULS.**

Collection Notice

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

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP
(FUNDRAISING IN MEMORY OF PETER MULLARKY RIP)**

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Book of Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm - Ps 78(77):1-2.34-35.36-37.38. R. cf.7b
Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel - John 3:13-17