



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 8th February 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

7th February – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am Mass - Phill Moonan RIP FM

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 3

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

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Olivia Gomes RIP (First Anniversary)

8th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Peter Francis RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptisms of Nathan, Luke and Jonah Cooper

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

9th February – Monday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 4

12:00 noon Mass - John and Stella Banks RIP

10th February – Tuesday, St Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - Intentions of the Finan Family

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - *Adoration*

(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)

11th February – Wednesday, Our Lady of Lourdes (Memorial)

NO MASS

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

NO Polish Adoration

NO Polish Mass

12th February – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 5

12:00 noon Mass - Intentions of Glynis Parsons

(6:45 pm - Confirmation Programme Session 4 in the Parish Hall)

13th February – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 5

12:00 noon Mass - Mark Forster RIP

NO Confession

7:00 pm - *Rosary & Adoration*

14th February – Saturday, Ss Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop (Feast) Patrons of Europe

NO MORNING MASS

NO Confession, Adoration & Benediction

4:00 pm - Silent Prayer

(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, then proceed to the Church)

NO Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Colin Cooper RIP

15th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Fr John Garry RIP

11:15 am Mass - Vic Tompkins RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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£2,779.41

(£1,029.41 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£555.41

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

OUR VISITING SEMINARIAN, BARNABAS, WRITES

It feels like only yesterday that we celebrated the Nativity, and it's been wonderful to be able to pray before the infant Jesus at the crib during this time leading up to Candlemas. But now the year is already marching on with great force, and the holy season of Lent is but a mere week and a half away!

Those of us who find the beginning of Lent at times a bit daunting are, I dare say, in good company. It is certainly tempting to enter into this period in which the Church invites us to practice an increase of prayer, fasting and almsgiving feeling a bit unprepared. However, we can use this time to ask the Lord what it is we can do to make more space in our lives for Him and our neighbour. At St John the Evangelist, we have various things on our parish calendar to be aware of to help us along the way. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available daily (except Wednesdays). On Fridays we will pray The Stations of the Cross in the morning and evening. Fr Tristan will give an online catechesis course on the Triduum on Mondays, and I will be giving a course on the Gospel of Matthew with the assistance of Dr Scott Hahn's St Paul's Institute online course on Fridays. If you're interested to find out more, the parish website has more information about our Lenten schedule, as well as some informative posters and flyers that are being put up and distributed around the parish. Concerning our outreach to our neighbour, there will be plenty of opportunities to support the SVP and our other charities during this season as well.

If we respond well to the Church's invitation to prepare for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection in this season of Lent, we will find ourselves able to rejoice all the more joyfully in the Easter season. "Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). Now, let us prepare well for this favourable time to grow closer in our love of the Lord, our charity to our neighbour, and sorrow for our sins, that we may receive whatever graces our Lord has in store for us in this approaching Lenten season!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND – This weekend's Second Collection is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Your donations will enable the Diocese to support many pilgrims who would otherwise be unable to afford to travel on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes, one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual Diocesan calendar, when pilgrims answer Our Lady's call and encounter God's love and healing. This year, the theme at Lourdes is the Annunciation – a year of welcome, of listening and of the 'Yes' that changed everything. Please give as generously as you can. You can donate in the usual ways, via the baskets or the card machines at the back of the church or online at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/donate>. Those of you registered with the Diocesan Gift Aid scheme can use your purple envelopes. There are special Lourdes Pilgrimage Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of the church for those of you not registered as part of the Diocesan Gift Aid scheme – if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider using one of these so that your donation is worth **25% more** to the Diocesan Trust, at no extra cost to you.

THE PARISH OFFICE – will be **CLOSED all day on Tuesday 10th February** and **from 12 noon on Wednesday 11th February**.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ - The next meeting of our Bereavement Café will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 14th February, 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.

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SILENT PRAYER - Are you looking to deepen your prayer experience? You are invited to join us on a journey of exploring silent prayer through the saints of Mount Carmel, including St Therese of Lisieux, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross and St Elizabeth of the Trinity. We will meet upstairs in the Hall at 4pm and then move across to the church and finish at 5.15pm. The next gathering will be on Saturday 14th February. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

FAIRTRADE BIG BREW - Coffee after the 9:15am Mass on Sunday February 15th will be a Fairtrade Big Brew event featuring a Fairtrade quiz and a children's guessing game alongside a selection of Fairtrade cakes and biscuits. Please come along and support this fun event. Fairtrade ensures that farmers and producers in the developing world have a reliable income and helps them protect their farms against the effects of climate change. All proceeds to Transform Trade. St John's is a Fairtrade parish.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - All parishioners are invited to join with the Grandparents group on Thursday 19th February for a meeting, starting with coffee at 10.15 and ending at 11.30, to hear a talk by Barnabas, a seminarian at the Venerable English College in Rome currently with us at St John's.

CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - You should by now have received an email from the Parish Office, asking you to come for your annual training, prayer, and to be re-commissioned for service bringing Holy Communion to the Sick, distributing the Blessed Sacrament at Mass and helping with Eucharistic Exposition. This year, those who do not receive a note of accreditation from the parish priest will not be able to continue in the role, so it is especially important that you are properly commissioned. A choice of dates for the Commissioning has been sent to you, but if you feel you ought to be on the list and have not received an invitation, please do get in touch with the office.

OUR LIVESTREAM – You can now join our livestreamed Masses either via our website or via Church Services TV (our new livestream partner) at <https://www.churchservices.tv/horsham>

THE 2026 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING - will be observed on **February 8, 2026**, focusing on the theme **"Peace Begins with Dignity: A Global Call to End Human Trafficking"**. Held annually on the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery, becoming a symbol of hope and liberation for victims and survivors. "Peace Begins with Dignity" highlights that human trafficking destroys the foundation of peace and justice, advocating for the restoration of dignity for all. St Bakhita pray for us and all those victims of human trafficking.

WAR HORSE AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE - 20 years on, War Horse is returning to the National Theatre from 16 May – 30 July. Tickets will go on sale 7th Feb. If you would be interested in going to a Wednesday Matinee performance, please sign the list at the back of the church. As yet, cost is unknown!! - *Trish Fitzsimmons*

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 24TH – 30TH JULY 2026 – Applications are now open for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Full details are available at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

HEAR CREATION'S CRY

Forests are burning in the Southern Hemisphere. In Australia, extreme heat and prolonged drought have fuelled wildfires that devastated communities, landscapes, and forced mass evacuations. In Argentina and Chile, large forest fires continue to spread across native forests and rural land, displacing families and demanding tireless efforts from firefighters and local communities. These fires are signs of the climate crisis, marked by more frequent heatwaves, droughts, and extreme winds, showing the vulnerability of ecosystems and human lives.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

THE COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Isaiah 58:6-10)

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright; he is generous, merciful, and righteous. It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. **R**

He will never be moved; for ever shall the upright be remembered. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD. **R**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His might shall be exalted in glory. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5)

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 5:13-16)

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, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

John Maher, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Derek Warwick, 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

Audrey Eager RIP, Anna Juster RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collections Announcements

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND

(eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

THE SCOUTS.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Book of Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm - Ps 119(118): 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. 1b

Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37