

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 8th November 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

7th November – Saturday, St Willibrord, Bishop (Memorial)
10:00 am Mass for the Bereaved - Gerardina Balzano RIP
(Followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall)
NO 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 - Donovan and Joan Austin RIP

8th November – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 am Mass - Requiem Mass for Remembrance Sunday
11:15 am Mass - Ambi Kochikkat RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP
NO POLISH MASS
3:30 pm - Baptism of Caesar Barry
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

9th November – Monday, Dedication of the Lantern Basilica (Feast)
12:00 noon Mass – Vic Tompkins RIP (1st anniversary)

10th November – Tuesday, St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor (Memorial)
12:00 noon Mass- For the Deceased members of the Deanery Clergy
1:00pm to 8:00pm – Adoration

11th November – Wednesday, St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial)
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

12th November – Thursday, St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr Ruthenian Catholic (Memorial)
12:00 noon Mass - Albert and Eileen Balchin RIP FM

13th November – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 32
12:00 noon Mass - Mass for the Holy Souls
Followed by Confession
7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

14th November – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday
10:00 am Mass - For the Wellbeing of Paul Moonan
Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction
5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

15th November – Thirty- third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 am Mass - Devassy Kallrackal RIP & Paulose Vithayathil RIP
11:15 am Mass - Matthew Moonan RIP
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

Horsham Parish Office
01403-253667 - Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Sue Smith | Cozette Rice

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Baptism Team
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Bereavement Support
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St. Wilfrid's Catholic Comprehensive, Crawley
Andrew Clarke | 01293 421 421

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

Last Week's Collection

£2,845.34

(£1,095.34 Offertory; £1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No second collection.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING - Thank you to the more than 800 parishioners who have completed our new simple online registration, which also serves as parking registration replacing the current fob scheme.

If you have not yet registered, Emma Martin will be in the hall with a laptop after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses and would be delighted to help register anyone who hasn't yet. Moving forward, only registered parishioners may use the car park between 7am-7pm. Thank you for supporting us move over to our new more secure system.

UPDATE: 2027 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME - This is the final week to submit your application for our **2027 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** (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.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will be held in the parish hall on Thursday 19th November. Coffee and tea will be available from 10.00am with the meeting starting at 10.30 am and ending at 11.30 am.

LAST OPPORTUNITY-QUIZ NIGHT - This will take place next **Saturday 14th November 2026** in the Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start. The price is £15 per person (which includes a Chilli Supper). Max 6 people to a table. There will be a raffle. Please bring your own bottle and glass. Please call LESLEY on 07957 546265 to book your tickets. Funds raised will go towards helping the youth of the Parish with the cost of attending faith building events.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ - The next meeting of our Bereavement Cafe will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 14th November, 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 THE EVANGELIST YOUTH CLUB - St John the Evangelist Youth Club is off to a fantastic start! Our first sessions have been full of energy, great discussions and new friendships. If you're in secondary school or college, it's not too late to join us. We meet fortnightly on Fridays, 7.00–9.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. **Upcoming dates: 20 November, 4 & 18 December**. We're also looking for adult volunteers (18+) to help run the club, whether regularly or occasionally. To find out more and register your interest head to our website >Groups/YouthGroup.

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 21st November. 10am - 11am. The aim of the Community Fridge is to provide people with free good 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. *We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with the Pop-Up at St. Johns. If you're able to help for 2-2.5 hours on the third Saturday of the month please leave your details with the Church Office. Some lifting of crates of food is required and the ability to transport food from collection points would be welcome.*

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PARISH FAMILY GROUPS. For anyone who missed Deacon Simon's inspiring presentation for the Parish Family Groups we will leave some information leaflets and signup sheets at the back of church. These groups will be set up for anyone who wishes to join us: Young, Old, Families, Couples, Singles. If you require any further information on how these groups work, please contact Andy & Moira Shepherd or email on andrewhsepherd2@btinternet.com. Anyone who has taken home a signup form please remember to drop it into the parish office as soon as possible. - *Andy & Moira Shepherd*

BISHOP STEPHEN'S MASS OF WELCOME - Nearly 1,000 people from across our Diocese gathered at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October to celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen Wang. Speaking during the homily, Bishop Stephen reflected on the gifts he received at his ordination and the mission that they represent: to grow in holiness, to love and support one another, and to share the love of Jesus with everyone we meet. As we welcome Bishop Stephen, let us pray for him and for our whole diocesan family, that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we grow closer to Jesus and to each other. You can see a **short film** from the Mass by scanning the QR code below or visiting: https://vimeo.com/1240717083 **Photos** from the celebration can be seen here: https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjD8Nc8.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: A DEEP DIVE INTO POPE LEO'S NEW ENCYCLICAL - *Conference Afternoon Exploring Catholic Social Teaching with Dr Jack Norman*. **Sunday 8 November · 1:30–4:15pm · Fitzherbert Community Hub.** Dr Jack Norman, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, will explore our vision of the human person: what does it mean to be human? How can we safeguard the human person in the age of AI? In a world that is reshaping how we live, relate and think, we have an urgent task: to rediscover the path to true human flourishing. All are welcome to join early for a shared lunch at 12:45pm (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share). No booking required. Donation only. Tea, coffee, and cake provided. **Venue:** The Fitzherbert Hub, St John the Baptist Church, BN2 1AP. **More info:** joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk.

CAFOD DEBT JUSTICE CAMPAIGN - The global debt crisis is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it, in order to pay off unfair debts. Please visit https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition/1 to find out more and sign CAFOD's petition asking the Prime Minister to act.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION BEFRIENDERS ANNUAL TRAINING – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2027 - Do you feel called to support those experiencing the loneliness and isolation of bereavement? We will be running our annual training for Ministry of Consolation Befrienders in January and February 2027 . The course is held via Zoom from 9.00am - 1.30pm on the following dates: January - 13, 20,27 and February - 3, 10, 17. The closing date for applications is 21 November 2026. For more information, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser. E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAYS IN THE DIOCESE - Grow in faith, build friendships, and find your community! Young adults aged 18–35 is invited to join the Youth Team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Young Adult Retreat Days at churches across the diocese. Each day offers two guest speakers, a choice of workshops, a shared lunch and time for prayer, reflection and fellowship with young adults from beyond your own parish. Retreat days are currently available at: **St Richard's Church Chichester** – 7 November 2026, **Arundel Cathedral** – January 2027, **St Joseph's Church Guildford** – February 2027 and **Christ the Prince of Peace Church Weybridge** – April 2027. Come along, deepen your faith, and meet other young adults on the journey. We'd love to see you there! Booking available via the Arundel & Brighton Diocese website: Events | Our Diocese Any questions, please contact Bex Driver, Youth Project Worker E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk.

WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS' ADVENT CAROL SERVICE; SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER AT 3.30 - As Christmas approaches, we warmly invite you to join us on Sunday 20 December for our Worth Abbey Pilgrims Advent Carol Service in the Abbey Church. Following the service, everyone is invited to gather in the Narthex for refreshments and festive treats. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow members of the Worth family, school families and alumni, parishioners, and friends of the Abbey. To add to the festive atmosphere, wine will be available to purchase after the service. Please bring cash or change if you would like to enjoy a glass. We look forward to welcoming you as we gather to celebrate the promise and joy of Advent. To help us plan for numbers, please register via our website https://worthabbey.net/adventcarolservice/.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

COP 31- HELP PACK THE ENERGY SECRETARY'S SUITCASE! - The thirty-first UN Climate Talks begin next week in Turkey. COP31 comes at a critical moment. With global temperatures on track to exceed 1.5°C and eleven consecutive hottest years on record, the message is clear: action can't wait. For us as Catholics, caring for our common home is more than a response to science. It's a call of faith too. Visit CAFOD's website for further information about COP31 and to submit your ideas for our Energy Secretary to take with her! https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/campaign-with-us/cop-31-suitcase.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

THE COLLECT
Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 6: 12-16)
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R**

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-18)
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 25: 1-13)
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 told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING
Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, 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, 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
ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND (GIFT AIDED).

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

NO COFFEE AFTER MASS.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 31-31
Psalm - Ps 128(127): 1-2. 3. 4-5. R. 1a
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30