



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 9<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass - Anne O'Brien RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - In Thanksgiving for Slohn Walsh

### 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - Chris (Christian) Le Roy RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptisms of Izabella Maconachie and Ronnie Stal

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

### 11<sup>th</sup> May – Monday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter

12:00 noon Mass - Eunan & Anna Asamonye RIP

### 12<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday, The Carthusian Martyrs

7:30 am Mass - Barbara O'Hara RIP

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

*(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)*

### 13<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday, Our Lady of Fatima

**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

### 14<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation)

**N.B. 10:00 am Mass** - John Carter RIP

**N.B. 7:00 pm Mass** - For the Wellbeing of John Jordan

### 15<sup>th</sup> May – Friday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter

12:00 noon Mass - Benjamin and Fleurange Ahtime RIP

*Followed by Confession*

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

### 16<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass - Dean Bedggood RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

2:30 pm - Commissioning Workshop for Ministers of the Word (Mass Readers)

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

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

### 17<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - Jack and Kitty Kavanagh RIP FM

*(First Holy Communion Mass)*

11:15 am Mass - Paola and Salvatore Massimo RIP

*(First Holy Communion Mass)*

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

## Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,  
please click or scan here  
to donate.



## Last Week's Collection

**£2,956.33**

(£1,206.33 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.**

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[horsham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:horsham@abdiocese.org.uk)

## OUR DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR, CANON JONATHAN MARTIN, WRITES

My dear brothers and sisters,

It's become a regular Sunday evening 'thing' for me to flick through parish websites and social media platforms to get a glimpse of the life of our communities of faith. How blessed we are to be in such good company with one another in our discipleship of Jesus and in our service of the Gospel. I recently spent a week in Rome with the Bishops of England and Wales, amongst whom there was much talk of, and encouraging interest in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. I know that, across the Diocese, you are working closely with your priests and deacons to help realise the beautiful vision Bishop (Archbishop) Richard set out for us in 'The Word Who is Life'.

I pray for you all daily. I'm especially mindful of the people of the parishes in which I have been privileged to serve; of the specific needs, sorrows, and joys marking the life of our parish communities in any given week; and of those whose names appear in your newsletters by reason of receiving the Sacraments, or in sickness or bereavement, and the souls of those of our number who have died. All of these prayers I gather together in the Mass I am asked to offer each Sunday 'for all the people of the Diocese'. Please pray for me; and keep praying, each day, for the election of a new Bishop for our Diocese.

God bless you all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** – The Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord is on Thursday of this week (14<sup>th</sup> May). *It is a Holy Day of Obligation*. There will be two Masses here at St John's, one at 10am and one at 7pm.

**CALLING ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS AT MASS)** - The Parish Office will have emailed you within the last few days, to ask you to come for your annual training, prayer, and to be recommissioned by Fr Tristan for proclaiming the Word at Mass. This year, those who do not receive 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 Parish Office.

**GIFT AID BOXES FOR THE 2026/2027 TAX YEAR** - The Gift Aid boxes for this new tax year are at the back of the church for collection. Please don't use any of your current envelopes for future collections, as a number of the box numbers have been changed. There are special, thinner, boxes of envelopes for those of you who normally donate by monthly standing order and only use envelopes for the second collections, and for Easter and Christmas. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: SUPPORTING ST JOHN'S AND ST ROBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS' PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME** - This Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, some of the children of our primary schools St John's and St Robert Southwell's will be singing for our 11:15am Mass. This has been facilitated by the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP), headed in Arundel and Brighton by Choral Director Billie Robson. This is a wonderful initiative by which children, both Catholics and non-Catholics, learn not just how to sing, but how to engage closely with and fully participate in the Mass, within the Church's varied musical tradition. This initiative costs two thousand pounds a year per school to implement. There is a Second Collection after Masses this weekend to support our ability to benefit and maintain this programme, and, if you are in a position to, please consider giving regularly to this wonderful initiative, so that more children can learn about the musical traditions of the Church, and both enrich, and be enriched by, the liturgy through their participation in it. For more information on the NSSP and the work they are doing, please see this link: <https://www.nssp.org.uk/>

**DISABLED SPACES IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK** - Disabled spaces (there are only three) are sometimes being used by parishioners who are not displaying blue badges. For the benefit of those who are disabled and have blue badges, please ensure that these spaces are only used by those displaying blue badges. And please do not park in front of the right side of the car park exit gate as this can block access to the disabled space beside the pedestrian gate. Thank you.

**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 16th May, 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.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – hosted by the Justice & Peace Group, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to 9pm max, in the Parish Hall.** If, like a lot of people, you have heard something about Catholic Social Teaching, but don't know much about it, this evening could be for you. 2 short films will be shown "A Catholic Approach to Poverty and Social Justice" and "A Catholic Approach to the Common Good". We will have discussions in groups after each film on topics such as "how can I live this out in my own life?" or "how can we as a community live this out in our parish?". We will then have a round up session at the end to share between groups. This is a relaxed, introductory evening, nothing too academic. Tea, coffee and cakes and biscuits will be available. All are welcome! Entry is free.

**GRANDPARENTS GROUP** - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will be in the parish hall on Thursday, 21st May at 10.15am ending at 11.30am.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SILENT PRAYER** - We warmly invite you to our Silent Prayer gatherings, now moving to a monthly meet-up. We will continue to gather in the same gentle rhythm and format: arriving at 3.30pm in the hall, upstairs, for refreshments, followed by a short reflection on Silent Prayer and the Carmelite Saints. We will then move into the church for a time of Silent Prayer, finishing at around 5.00pm. Our next date is **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, keep an eye on the newsletter for future dates. Whether you are new to silent prayer or have been walking this path for some time, you are most welcome to join us. Please feel free to come along at any point.

**CHURCH CAR PARK** - It is appreciated that the Church car park can become very full, particularly at Mass times. However, please **do not park** across the **fire exit doors** leading from the side chapel/flower room. This area is marked out on the car park surface and full access is required at all times.

**CAFOD UKRAINE APPEAL: MORE THAN A SCHOOL BAG** – CAFOD's trusted partner in Ukraine runs this campaign to support children in grades 1-4 by giving them the school supplies they need to learn, grow and thrive. But these backpacks contain something even more valuable than stationery. Each one includes a psychological support kit – carefully chosen items that help children cope with stress and anxiety during frequent missile and drone warnings, often spent waiting in underground shelters. These comforting tools offer moments of calm in an uncertain world. A complete school bag means a child has every essential learning tool and every emotional support item needed to start the year with dignity, stability and hope. **£3 can provide a pencil case, pens and pencils. £10 can buy comforting emotional support items. £37 can give a child a complete backpack – filled with everything they need.** Donations can be made through CAFOD...Schoolbags for Ukraine appeal <https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/school-bags-for-ukraine-appeal>

## HEALING MASS

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**, we will be holding a Mass of Healing, with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. As in previous years, the SVP is organising this celebration, providing transport to some of our parishioners and a reception in the Hall afterwards. All are very welcome! Fr Tristan would like to invite anyone who is needful to receiving the Sacrament of Anointing at this Mass, but to do so **you must register in advance to make sure we can accommodate numbers**. Not everyone can or needs to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, so before getting in touch, please read the following guide carefully.

### A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

#### 1. Who can be Anointed?

*The Sacrament of the Sick is spoken about in the New Testament by St James (cf James 5:14-16) and is of special help to Catholics who are suffering bodily illness. According to the Church, its effect is to **strengthen the faith the sick person already has in God against the temptations of the Evil One that he or she may experience during his/her suffering, and to heal him/her from anxiety over death.***

#### **If you or your loved one is all of the following:**

- A) a believing Catholic, over the age of seven, able to receive Holy Communion **and**
- B) has health seriously impaired by either sickness, or old age, or is about to undergo a serious operation, **and**
- C) is able to make their own decisions; or if not, would have certainly asked for the sacraments when they could

**...then they can and should receive this healing Sacrament without delay.**

#### 2. What if I cannot be Anointed on this occasion?

*If you have read the above, but are unable to attend the Healing Mass, don't worry; Fr Tristan is happy to come to you and anoint you in your home at any available time; please don't hesitate to get in touch with the parish office.*

*Perhaps instead you have also read the above and feel that while you do not meet the criteria (A, B & C) you have a great need for healing in your life (perhaps through depression, grief, bereavement, family troubles and so on), then remember that the Church also provides two other great sacraments of renewal: the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) for the forgiveness of sins and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is the greatest sacrament of all, an encounter with Jesus Himself present in His Body and Blood. It is for the Eucharist that Reconciliation and Anointing in fact prepare us, and that complete those other sacraments. The Eucharist prepares us for heaven.*

To register in advance to be Anointed, please contact Felicity Harrington at [PresidentA010810@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentA010810@svp.org.uk) or on 07765 778413 by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks!

## LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

### SUSSEX GREEN LIVING "POP UP" SHOP

Throughout the month of May every Wednesday Sussex Green Living will have a 'pop up' shop in Swan Walk. Near the old Wilko store and open from 10am until 4pm. Offering friendly help and advice on ways to save money and help nature. For example, learn how to do simple sewing repairs. Childrens eco art and gardening sessions during half term week. Pop in and say hello!!

Email [livesimply\\_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com](mailto:livesimply_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com) with your Live Simply questions and ideas.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## THE COLLECT

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 (Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17)

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God:  
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R**

## SECOND READING (First Letter of St Peter 3:15-18)

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL (John 14:15-21)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## LET US PRAY FOR

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Craig Boswell, Paul Wycliffe, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, 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

Rodolfo Piollo Snr RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

## Collections Announcements

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME (SUPPORTING ST JOHN'S AND ST ROBERT'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS)**  
– not eligible for diocesan gift aid envelopes.

**Next weekend's Second Collection is for World Communications Sunday**  
– not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes.

## Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

## LOURDES RED SHIRTS.

## Readings for Next Week

**Reading 1** - Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14  
**Psalm** - Ps 27(26):1.4.7-8a. R. 13  
**Reading 2** - First Letter of St Peter 4:13-16  
**Gospel** - John 17:1-11a