



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 11th October 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

10th October – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am Mass - Helen Daly RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - For the Intention of the Hampson Family

11th October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Devassy Kallrackal RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

12th October – Monday, St Wilfrid, Bishop, Secondary Patron of the Diocese (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Bridget Fahy RIP

13th October – Tuesday, St Edward the Confessor, King (Memorial)

(Church doors open at 7:15 am) 7:30 am Mass - For all Holy Souls

11:00 am Requiem Mass for Benon Herbasz RIP

(Celebrant: Fr Wojciech Piotrowski)

N.B. 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm – Adoration

(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)

14th October – Wednesday, St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr (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

15th October – Thursday, St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor (Memorial)

St Teresa of Avila

12:00 noon Requiem Mass for Sheila Budgen RIP

16th October – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 28

12:00 noon Mass - Finnula Quinlan Bennett RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

17th October – Saturday, St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial)

10:00am Mass - Deceased Members of the Sheppard and Morrow Families RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Muriel Aristide RIP

18th October – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Kathleen Goble RIP (Third Anniversary)

11:15 am Mass - Paul Connelly RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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Last Week's Collection

£3,159.91

(£1,409.91 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£995.26

Thank You

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In the second of three reflections, our Formation & Spirituality Adviser Deacon Jon Harman explores the significance of a bishop's mitre, crozier, ring, and pectoral cross. "Each of these symbols" he writes, "offers a tangible sign of something deeper, helping us to understand more about the person who bears them and, above all, the ministry to which they have been called.

"The crozier, or pastoral staff, is perhaps the most recognisable of these symbols. Its shape recalls a shepherd's staff and connects with the image of the bishop as shepherd of the Diocese. It reminds us that his ministry is one of guiding, accompanying and serving the people entrusted to his care.

"The ring worn by the bishop speaks of his relationship with the Church he is called to serve. Like a wedding ring, which represents a lasting commitment, the ring points to his bond with the Diocese and his responsibility to serve its people faithfully.

"The pectoral cross, worn close to a Bishop's heart, is a reminder that his ministry belongs to Christ. Whatever the responsibilities and public aspects of his role, at the centre of his ministry is the Gospel and the Cross of Jesus.

"The mitre (tall, peaked hat), is worn during the liturgy and is part of the Church's liturgical tradition. It points to the bishop's ministry within the worshipping community. And what about the cathedra? The bishop's chair is a tangible sign of his teaching ministry and his role in the life of the Diocese entrusted to him.

"There are other signs, too. Our new Bishop will have a coat of arms and a motto, which will express something of his identity as a Bishop and the spiritual theme he wishes to place at the heart of his ministry.

"Taken together, these vestments tell a story. They remind us that a Bishop is called to be a shepherd, a teacher and a servant of God's people. They point beyond the person who wears or carries them to the ministry he has received and the Church he serves."

Next week, we will explore what happens when Fr Stephen is ordained as our diocesan Bishop on 19 October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PRISONERS' SUNDAY (PACT) – We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a Second Collection this weekend to support Pact's important work in the year ahead. You can donate via the baskets, via the card machines at the back of the church, via this link [Donate - Prison Advice and Care Trust](#) or via the QR code on the poster in the Narthex. There are also special Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church for your use, especially if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will take place on Thursday 15th October in the church hall. Coffee and tea will be available from 10.00am. The meeting will begin at 10.30 and finish at 11.30 allowing time for those who wish to take part in Mass at 12.00 noon.

MASS OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP STEPHEN – SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER AT WORTH ABBEY - Following his Ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome followed by a reception, at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October at 11.30am. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks. Free coach travel is being arranged as parking is restricted at the Abbey - please enquire at your local parish office to register your interest.

WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER - We're asking all parishioners to complete a simple registration form so that we can keep our parish records **accurate, up to date and secure**. Your details will also help us manage our new car park system effectively, making sure spaces remain available for those who are genuinely using the church and parish facilities. This registration form registers you for parish parking. **You must complete the form to continue using the church car park**. Please scan the QR code on the pew stickers, pick up a leaflet from the Narthex or head straight to our website to register.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE CARDINAL HUME CENTRE - A special Mass to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardinal Hume Centre will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 13 October at 5.30pm. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside, joined by Bishop James Curry and Dom Robert Igo OSB. The Mass is open to the public, and parishioners from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton are warmly invited to attend in thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Cardinal Basil Hume and the Centre's 40 years of service.

LOST SHEEP (AND MISSING BOOKS!) - Last year, thanks to your generosity, we fundraised and sourced a selection of quality Christian children's books for families to use during Mass. Sadly, more than half have since gone missing. If one has found its way home with you by mistake, please return it to the box in the narthex so other families can enjoy them. Thank you! Equally if you would like to donate an appropriate Christian children's book to the box, please feel free.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH CLUB IS UNDERWAY AND OFF TO A FANTASTIC START! - Our first sessions have been filled with enthusiasm, great discussions, and inspiring ideas from young people keen to explore their faith, tackle today's challenges, and build lasting friendships. If you're in secondary school or college, it's not too late to join us. We meet fortnightly during term time on Fridays from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm in the Parish Hall and would love to welcome new members. We are also **looking for adult volunteers (18+)** who would like to help support and run the club, whether regularly or occasionally. Together, we're building a vibrant community where young people can grow in faith, confidence, and friendship. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the parish office. **Come along and be part of this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish!** ☺ ✨

27TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR - At all Masses next weekend we will celebrate the 27th anniversary of our Parish Covenant with the Poor. Through the Covenant we walk alongside our brothers and sisters suffering from poverty, war and oppression. We speak out on their behalf, we include them in our liturgies, we give 10% of our parish income to our six partner charities (three in the UK, three overseas), and we pray for them. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Parish Covenant with the Poor.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – On **Saturday 7th November at 10:00am**, we will be holding our annual Mass for the Bereaved, when we remember all those who have died and offer prayers and support for the bereaved of our community. During the Mass, the names of those who have died over the last 12 months will be read out and there will be an opportunity to light votive candles for all those we love who have died. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall, hosted by the SVP. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like the name of anyone who has died in the last 12 months to be added to our list. All are most warmly welcomed to this Mass.

A DAY WITH SAINT CARLO ACUTIS & EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION - The Catholic Parish of Adur Valley warmly invites you to a special day in honour of Saint Carlo Acutis on **Saturday 17 October 2026** at St Peter's, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG. The day will include Mass, talks by Anna Johnstone (Guardian of Saint Carlo Acutis' First-Class Relic and former Governess to the Acutis family), prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. You are welcome to attend all or part of the day. Tea and coffee will be available; please bring a packed lunch. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, created by Saint Carlo Acutis, will remain open at St Peter's from 17 October to 1 November 2026. All are warmly welcome.

CHURCH FIRST AID TRAINING AT THE ST PHILIP HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY ON SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER. COST £60 - If you are involved in leading a group in your Parish (particularly Sacramental Preparation and would like to complete a first aid course tailored specifically for your needs, then please contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk who will send you information about the training taking place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on 24 October. Basic life support training will be offered, as well as how to respond to allergic reactions and other life-threatening situations. Certificate valid for 3 years.

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.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT – will take place during the Offertory collection at all weekend Masses from Saturday 19th September to Sunday 11th October inclusive.

PARISH CINEMA NIGHTS - Wednesday 14th October/Friday 23rd October. Time: 5pm - 8pm. We're thrilled to offer an exclusive early preview of *The Chosen, Season 6, Episode 1*, alongside a screening of *King of Kings* for children, 2 free screenings running side by side, so the whole family can join us without worrying about childcare. Adults can watch *The Chosen* downstairs in the Hall (13yrs+); children enjoy *King of Kings* upstairs in the large Meeting Room (PG, 7+, DBS-checked supervision). Popcorn provided! Sign up at: <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/event-page>

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NBCW) – The latest Newsletter from our Diocesan link for the NBCW is displayed in the Narthex. A more detailed account of the newsletter can be found as a blog at [October 2026 Newsletter](#).

THE SVP – would like to thank parishioners for their very generous donations of just over £2,000 during the recent SVP Appeal.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

REDUCE AND REUSE - We often talk about recycling as if it's the only way households can help to protect our environment, but reducing our waste and reusing items rather than throwing them away, are equally, if not more, effective ways of doing this. Lots of interesting ideas here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/reduce-your-waste/>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

THE COLLECT
May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 25:6-10a)
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R: In the LORD’S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

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;
he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD’s own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20)
Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 22:1-14)
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 again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding

feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.
'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. 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, 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

Benon Herbasz RIP, Shelia Budgen RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR PRISONERS’ SUNDAY
(not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Psalms - Ps 96(95):1,3.4-5.7-8.9-10a, c. R.7b
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21