



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Second 'Low' Sunday of Easter, Year A (Divine Mercy Sunday), Year A | 12th April 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

11th April – Easter Saturday

10:00 am Mass - Ambi Kochikkat RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP
Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Lis McIntyre RIP

12th April – Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:15 am Mass - Robert and Tommy Eifion-Wynne RIP

11:15 am Mass - Mr Hyland RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptism of Fiona Okoye

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

13th April – Monday, St Martin I, Pope, Martyr

12:00 noon Mass - Eddie Sullivan RIP

14th April – Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Lent NO MASS

(9:30 am - Mass at St Gabriel's, Billingshurst)

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)

15th April – Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Easter

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

16th April – Thursday after the Second Sunday of Easter

12:00 noon Mass - Jim and Rose McNeil RIP

17th April – Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter

12:00 noon Mass - Mark Forster RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

18th April – Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass – Private Intentions

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

(1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 7 in the Parish Hall)

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - In Thanksgiving for Zoe, Natan and Izak

19th April – Third Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Lorraine Tanner 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

**For the
Parish Priest.**

Second Collection

No Collections.

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you give by joining Gift Aid.

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

THE 3 O'CLOCK PRAYER TO THE DIVINE MERCY



"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 times)

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in You!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents Group at St John's will be held in the church hall on Thursday, 16th April at 10.15 ending in time for Mass at 12.00 noon.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA DAY, SATURDAY 18 APRIL 11AM-3.30PM, ST PETER & ST JOHN CHURCH HALL, CAMBERLEY, SURREY GU15 4ED - Do you manage Facebook or Instagram feeds for your church community – perhaps you are looking to expand your reach or increase your parishes' social media presence? The programme for the day includes:

- An overview of social media trends and platforms
- Identifying your audience and key messages
- The importance of a brand identity
- Sourcing copyright free images and managing comments
- Creating basic "reels"

There is parking available at the church. Please bring a packed lunch. You can sign up through the Diocesan website events page www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have questions about the day, please contact Laura Maydew-Gale E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

FOODBANK COLLECTION (NEXT WEEKEND) - SVP Horsham will be collecting goods for the local Foodbank next weekend, 18th and 19th April. Horsham District Foodbank provides three to five days' worth of emergency food for those in crisis. The Foodbank is grateful for whatever you can provide but they currently have a particular need for the following goods: Tinned Vegetables, Rice, Instant / Pot Noodles, Tinned Spaghetti, Cooking Sauces, Jams and Spreads. You can leave your goods at the back of the church on the table provided. Many Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGE CATECHISTS & AMBASSADORS' FORMATION DAY, CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE, WEYBRIDGE, SATURDAY 18 APRIL 10.30AM – 3PM - For all those involved in the Marriage Preparation process across the Diocese or anyone who is keen to support and build the understanding of sacramental marriage in their parishes. Join us for a day of sharing, listening and learning from the many teams across the diocese; sharing your experience and ideas from the important work you are doing. We will also be discussing ways of engaging, educating and raising the understanding of a sacramental marriage with the young adults of our parishes. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

ADORATION - On Saturday the 18th of April, our usual time of adoration at St John's will be offered in unity with the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, who will be holding a Holy Hour that weekend "for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands". This is "to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law". For more information, please see the following link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA – The next World Youth Day will take place from 3rd to 8th August next year in Seoul, South Korea. There is further information on the website: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. If you're aged between 18 and 35 and would like to go, please register your interest via the Parish Office or speak to Fr Tristan.

GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY – Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham. Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

LINE DANCING EVENING - The Governors of St John's School are hosting another Line Dancing Evening to help raise money for the school's 10% costs of replacing the outside classroom. Please come along and support the school whilst having a fun evening. **Friday 24th April 7.30pm in the church hall.** £10 cash on the door. Bring your own refreshments. Adults and older teenagers (accompanied) only please. See the poster at the back of church.

REFUGEE TALES -GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP - Show solidarity with people seeking sanctuary in the UK, who find themselves detained, and join a public walk for one day or all five days from Angmering to Portsmouth via Arundel, Bognor Regis and Emsworth - 8 to 12 July. In the evenings established writers and people with lived experience of detention share their experiences. For more information please see refugeetales.org

ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 16 – 18 July 2026 – dates for your diary! Our church, along with Holy Trinity, are involved in the organising of the flower festival. This year's theme is "For the Joy of Music". Please plan to visit and support the event. **Vintage Afternoon Tea** will be available during the festival. Booking required which can be done via this link [Vintage Afternoon Teas](#). If you would like to volunteer to help at the festival, please leave your details with the parish office or speak to me. Many Thanks, Irene Innes.

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE, THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION & ST FRANCIS, WEST GRINSTEAD, WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 11AM – 3PM - A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

LAST WEEK CATHOLIC LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD met to call for a just transition beyond fossil fuels, rooted in care for people and our common home and. You can find out more about this historic moment, and what it means for us as Catholics, on the Laudato Si Movement's website: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/catholic-leaders-from-the-global-south-and-europe-call-for-a-just-transition-beyond-fossil-fuels>.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 2:42-47)

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,
 'His mercy endures for ever.'
 Let the house of Aaron say,
 'His mercy endures for ever.'
 Let those who fear the LORD say,
 'His mercy endures for ever.' **R**

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
 but the LORD was my helper.
 The LORD is my strength and my song;
 he was my saviour.
 There are shouts of joy and salvation
 in the tents of the righteous. **R**

The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.
 By the LORD has this been done,
 a marvel in our eyes.
 This is the day the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.
 Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (John 20:19-31)

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among

them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Paul Wycliffe, John Maher, 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

Diana Foley RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collections Announcements

NO SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND.

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

**FUNDS RAISED FOR ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE
 IN MEMORY OF DERECK WARWICK.**

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
Psalm - Ps 16(15):1-2a,5,7-8,9-10.11. R. 11a
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Peter 1:17-21
Gospel - Luke 24:13-35