



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 12th July 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

11th July – Saturday, St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast)

10:00 am Mass - Dereck Warwick RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

12th July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Dereck Warwick RIP

11:15 am Mass - In Thanksgiving for Prem Rajah
(12:30pm - Parish Summer Picnic in Horsham Park)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptism of Chizaram Benjamin

NO ITALIAN MASS

13th July – Monday, St Henry (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - For the Intentions of the McCarthy Family

14th July – Tuesday, St Camillus of Lellis, Priest (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - Frank Hannan RIP

10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration

(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)

15th July – Wednesday, St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

NO MASS

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

NO POLISH ADORATION

NO POLISH MASS

16th July – Thursday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Dereck Warwick RIP

17th July – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 15

N.B. 11:30 am - Requiem Mass for Catherine Carbone RIP

NO CONFESSION

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

18th July – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am Mass - Norah Hart RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

3:30pm - 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 - Paulose Vithayathil RIP and Devassy Kallrackal RIP

19th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Intentions of Gerry Hannan

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

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Last Week's Collection

£3,106.26

(£1,356.26 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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Far be it from me to attempt to talk about sport, but with the World Cup, Wimbledon and so on in full swing, sport fans are in their element right now (or at the least, they must be experiencing the chance for a good moan!) Even though I'm more likely to be swigging a drink on the sidelines than standing at the crease, I find it undeniable that sport provides us with a great source of something essential to human life: playtime! We know that without it, Jack quickly becomes a dull boy, and the Church in her tradition heartily agrees!

Both work and play are essential to the Christian life. *'Through work'*, St John Paul II reminds us, *'man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being' (Laborem exercens, 9)*. But work cannot be the be all and end all. In heaven, the saints have no work, but only the all-consuming activity of en-JOY-ing the presence of God, which is true rest. God - who Himself has no need to rest, because He is complete - informs us that He 'rested' on the seventh day after the creation of the world (cf. Gen 2:3). Creation's own perfection, shown in its seven days, thus finishes with a joyous flourish where nothing happens other than the enjoyment of God with His creatures together.

Pope Leo, in his new encyclical, warns us that in our day and age, even though we have so many devices and software to help us perform tasks, we run the risk of being exhausted trying to keep up with the speed of our own tech (anyone who works with e-mail knows this!) AI can quicken the completion of a task at work, but it can also create a new pace of work (and unrealistic expectations on the part of employers), which, as bodily creatures, human beings cannot sustain (cf. *Magnifica humanitas*, 150). The wisdom of God then becomes very apparent when we think about the commandment that we have to *'Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy'* (Ex 20:8)

As the *Catechism* puts it, *"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body."* (CCC 2185) We Catholics can give glory to God through our standing up for the importance of Sunday as the Day of Resurrection: avoiding contractual work on this day as much possible, being clear with our employers about our need to get to Mass when it is obligatory for us, and fostering community events where we come together as the family of God (for example, our Parish Summer Picnic this weekend!)

Pope Leo writes: *'The value of persons, however, does not depend on what they achieve or produce [...] the dignity that belongs to every human being simply by virtue of existing, of having been willed, created and loved by God. No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion can diminish the profound value of a human life that God has willed and called into being.'* (cf *MH* 51-52) In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals Himself as the one who is the source of all true rest: both in taking away our sins - the source of our fear and anxiety - but also in bearing our burdens with us. Last week he called to us: *'Come to me'*, he says, *'all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'* (Mt 11:28) Let us be good examples of this rest in our lives, and take His command seriously to seek Him through our friendships, play and leisure. Here's wishing you a restorative - and fun - Sunday!

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PARISH SUMMER PICNIC - Join us for our Parish Summer Picnic in Horsham Park today, **Sunday 12th July 2026 from 12.30pm**. Find us midway between the old Rec Rink and the duck pond for an afternoon of games, fellowship, and community fun for all ages. Whether you're new to the parish or have been part of our community for many years, everyone is warmly welcome. Bring your own picnic as we come together to celebrate friendship and community.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR SEA SUNDAY (STELLA MARIS) – Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is this Sunday, 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you. If you are a UK taxpayer, there are some branded Stella Maris Gift Aid donation envelopes at the back of the church for you to use.

YOU'RE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR NEW YOUTH CLUB! - We'd love for all the young people of our parish to join us for our first gathering on Monday 13th July at 7pm in the Hall, where we'll celebrate alongside those who were recently confirmed, as they receive their certificates. This will also be a great opportunity to chat together about what you would like to see in our new Youth Club, which will begin in September and meet every two weeks during term time. Our hope is to build a fun, welcoming community where you can form lasting friendships while discovering the love of Jesus and deepening your Catholic faith in a way that feels real and meaningful to you. Come along, share your ideas, and be part of something special! All young people are welcome – no need to sign up, just turn up and join in. We can't wait to see you there. God bless.

ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 16 – 19 July 2026 – This year's theme is "For the Joy of Music". See poster at the back of the church for more details. Please plan to visit and support the event. **Vintage Afternoon Tea** will be available during the festival. Booking required

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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, speak to me or pop along to St Mary's Church (open 10am – 1pm) and put your name on the sign-up sheets. *Many Thanks, Irene Innes.*

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents Group at St John's will be held in the hall on Thursday July 23rd, gathering for coffee from 10.00am, the meeting beginning at 10.30 and ending at 11.30. (This is a change from 16th July.)

SUNDAY 26 JULY IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY - So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. The link below takes you to the Pope's full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many parishes have a grandparents' group, but if this is something you would like to know more about or explore, please email Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

CAFOD – UK DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers. **We will be holding a special Second Collection at our Masses here on the weekend of 25th/26th July to raise funds for this appeal.**

A DAY WITH MARY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, 29-31 JULY – Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details of this event taking place at St Mary's Catholic Church, 70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon CR0 2AR. Free registration, details and enquiries: www adaywithmary.org/symposium.

INTERCESSIONS FOR LOURDES - Fr Tristan will be off to Lourdes with the Diocese at the end of the month as chaplain to one of the hotel groups. He would be delighted to take any prayers with him from parishioners who would like to seek the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. He has placed a book and pen in the Lady Chapel; please write your prayers there, and he will take them with him to the Grotto.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - On Monday 3rd August, we will have the great honour in Horsham of receiving the relics of St Gerard Majella, in the 300th anniversary year of his birth in 1726. Fr Royston Price of the Redemptorists has been touring parishes throughout the country with the relic, for people to venerate and invoke the intercession of St Gerard, who is the **patron saint of children, especially the unborn; expectant mothers; as well as those who suffer false accusations.** The relics will only be with us for one night, so please keep the evening free and come to hear his story, celebrate Mass, venerate the relics and enjoy some refreshments in the Hall - all are welcome. In the run-up to the 3rd August, please pray this prayer each day, that the event will be a grace-filled time for all of us who need this saint's example and aid: "O Great Saint Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of your meek and humble Savior, and devoted Child of the Mother of God: enkindle within my heart one spark of that heavenly fire of charity which glowed in your heart and made you an angel of love. O glorious Saint Gerard, because when falsely accused of crime, you did bear, like your Divine master, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men, you have been raised up by God as the Patron and Protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me from danger and from the excessive pains accompanying childbirth, and shield the child which I now carry, that it may see the light of day and receive the lustral waters of baptism through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? – Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd – 4th October. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 07887 296983.

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS KEEN TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! - The Catholic Medical Association has been helping Catholic healthcare professionals integrate their faith with their clinical practice since 1911. If you are a Catholic in healthcare, whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional, join us today and grow in fellowship. Find out more here W: catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR FOOD WASTE? - Since starting home food waste collections in April, the County Council's expanded Anaerobic Digestion facility has converted over 2,670 tonnes of food waste into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser. If you use the food waste collection service, this short video explains how your leftovers will no longer go into landfill, but are instead transformed into energy and fertiliser! <https://www.youtube.com/@WSRecycles>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

THE COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 55:10-11)

Thus, says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. **R**

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. **R**

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23)

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 13:1-23)

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 went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be

taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Alexandra Cherriman, Dave Wilson, 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, 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

Catherine Carbone RIP, Norah (Ruth) Steele RIP, Helen Daly RIP, John Peers RIP, and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
SEA SUNDAY – STELLA MARIS
(not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
(not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).**

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Book of Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalm - Ps 86(85):5-6.9-10.15-16a. R.5a

Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43