



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C | 12th October 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

11th October – Saturday, St John XXIII, Pope (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Brian Brennan RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

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

12th October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Intentions of the Crosbie Family

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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

12:00 noon Mass - Intentions of Pauline Sparks

14th October – Tuesday, St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr (Memorial)

NO MASS

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

10:30 am to 8:00 pm - Adoration

(Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood)

15th October – Wednesday, St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor (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

16th October – Thursday, St Hedwig, Religious (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Louise Aldred RIP

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

12:00 noon Mass - Kathleen Goble RIP (Second Anniversary)

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

18th October – Saturday, St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

N.B. 12:00 noon Mass - Intentions of Veronica and Malcolm Peppiatt (50th Wedding Anniversary)

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Intentions of Prem Rajah and Malgorzata Sulimierska (Wedding Anniversary)

19th October – Sunday, St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Ambi Kochikkat RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP

11:15 am Mass - Intentions of Veronica and Malcolm Peppiatt (50th Wedding Anniversary)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Last Week's Collection

£3,002.08

(£1,252.08 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders)..

Second Collection

£1,075.73

Thank You

You could add 25p to every £1
you give by joining Gift Aid.

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

BISHOP RICHARD'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Prisoners' Sunday falls on 12 October, and it takes place, too, in the Jubilee Year that was started by Pope Francis before Christmas last year. The theme of the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope", and so we might reflect this Prisoners' Sunday, on the need to enable those who are serving sentences, all those affected by crime, and those who work in our prison system, to be able to re-find hope that they have perhaps lost.

I ask you on this Prisoners' Sunday to pray very particularly for victims of crime, for those who work in our prison system and in our justice system, and to remember very specially those who are serving sentences, and those who are the hidden victims of crime, particularly young ones.

Keep them in your prayers, reflect on ways in which you might perhaps volunteer for Pact: perhaps become a prison visitor or volunteer with the chaplaincy in your local prison.

I encourage everybody to pray on Prisoners' Sunday, especially during the celebration of Mass, and also for parishes, where they can, please, to hold a Second Collection for the support of Pact, the Prison Advice and Care Trust. Pact has the most wonderful history, and holds a very special place in care for prisoners and their families.

With every blessing,



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRISONERS' SUNDAY, 12TH OCTOBER - We will remember Pope Francis and his call to support prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis, and life for prisoners and their families in our communities 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.

2026 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - the application form for the 2026 Confirmation programme will be available for those in Year 9 and above to collect from Sunday 26th October. They will be available after any Mass from either Fr Tristan or Deacon Tom who will give you a form in person. **These will not be available from either the Parish Office or from the website.** Please return the completed form with all the relevant documents to the Parish Office by the **closing date of Friday 7th December 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

2026 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 14th November 2025**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENING MORNINGS 2025 - St John's Catholic Primary School will be holding Open Mornings, from 9:15am - 10:15am on Tuesday 14th October and Tuesday 25th November, for families with children starting school in September 2026. Register your interest by emailing office@stjohnshorsham.school or by calling 01403 265447.

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will take place in the hall, at 10.15 on Thursday, 16th October.

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 18th October, 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.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT - Takes place during the Offertory collection at all weekend Masses from Saturday 20th September to Sunday 12th October inclusive.

HAND-KNITTED NATIVITY SET TO BE RAFFLED - One of our parishioners has lovingly knitted a wonderful nativity set which is to be raffled, with all proceeds going to support Fr Xavier's parish in India. The raffle tickets will be available from the Covenant Chapel at the back of the church after the 9:15am and the 11:15 am Masses on Sunday 12th and 19th October. Please do show your support! The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 26th October.

PARTY OF LIGHT - SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER (All Saints' Day Celebration) - Join us after the 9:15am Mass on Sunday 2nd November for a joyful Party of Light celebrating the light of Christ shining through His Saints. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint and learn how these holy men and women followed Jesus with love and courage. Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments as we come together to honour the Saints and rejoice in the light of Christ!

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES - Fr Tristan will be at Hills Cemetery on **Sunday 2nd November at 3pm** for the annual Blessing of the Graves. Please gather at Fr Gregory Williams' grave.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - The fund-raising Quiz this year is being held on Saturday 15th November in the Church Hall at 7:00 for 7:30pm. Further details to follow. (Lesley 07957 546265).

SUSSEX CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST - The official launch of the Sussex Catholic Education Trust will be conducted by Bishop Richard Moth in Arundel on 17 October. This new charity (charity number 1211602) has been set up to benefit state Catholic schools in Sussex by providing funding to support projects which will help the schools and their pupils thrive, nurturing the high-quality education that our schools already provide. Education, especially for one-form entry primary schools, is currently chronically underfunded and as our Trust's funding grows, it will be used to provide resources, facilities and/or services which will create opportunities that inspire young minds and build strong, compassionate communities. Sadly, due to falling rolls, two of our primary schools in Sussex have recently closed. Our schools are seen as an integral part of the Bishop's pastoral plan and play a significant role in turning the vision of the Church's mission on Earth into reality so our aim is to do all we can to support our Catholic schools to continue to flourish. If you are interested in supporting this new charity, you can use the donate page on the charity's website www.sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk to provide funding. If you wish to offer your expertise and services in other ways to our Trust, please contact the Trust Secretary at secretary@sussexcatholiceducationtrust.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your generosity.

OPEN DAYS AT ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - We are delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to visit our school and see all that St Robert Southwell has to offer. Come and experience our warm, welcoming community, meet our dedicated staff, and see our children's learning in action. **Visit Dates: Thursday 13th November** – from **1:30pm–2:30pm** and **4:30pm–6:00pm** and **Saturday 22nd November** – from **10:00am**. To book your place, please contact the school office on 01403 252357 or email secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

UPDATED: PARISH VOLUNTEERS' PARTY, FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – If you volunteer *in any capacity* here at St John's – for example, with any element of the Liturgy, with anything to do with our buildings or grounds, in any of our Sacramental or formation programmes, with supporting our housebound parishioners – please join Fr Tristan for a little party on **Friday 21st November from 7pm in the Main Hall**. If you're planning to attend, please email the Parish Office at horsham@abdiocese.org.uk, by **Friday 31 October**, giving your name and the number in your party, split between adults and children.

THE SVP - would like to express their warmest thanks to the parish for the generous support shown over the weekend of our annual appeal. We are grateful both for the financial contributions and to those who expressed an interest in joining us.

ELIM CAFÉ - We would just like to thank all those who came to our cafe on the 2nd Oct. Through your outstanding generosity we have raised the sum of £413.68 for St Catherines Hospice. God bless you all. - Andy & Moira

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – REACHING OUT - We are exploring the possibility of starting a support group here at the parish for individuals and families affected by dementia and Alzheimer's. If you or a loved one are living with these conditions, or if you are a caregiver seeking community, understanding, and encouragement, then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the parish office to express your interest, ask questions, or learn more. Your response will help us shape a group that truly meets the needs of our parish family.

ANTI-SLAVERY DAY CELEBRATED ON 18TH OCTOBER 2025 - The purpose of Anti-Slavery Day is to raise awareness about modern slavery and human trafficking. Modern slavery is a crime in which people are exploited through fraud, deception, and coercion. It takes many forms, such as trafficking, forced labour, sexual exploitation and domestic servitude. Victims are often trapped by their traffickers using various tactics, including confinement, violence, and the withholding of wages and documents. Modern slavery can happen in any community and often goes unnoticed, with victims working in various industries, including private residences. The hidden and complex nature of modern slavery makes it difficult to determine its true scale. Victims are often unseen, unable to leave their situation, or too scared to come forward. However, when victims do come forward, the full extent of their ordeal becomes apparent, and the journey to recovery can begin. The Medaille Trust, one of the leading Catholic charities in the fight against modern slavery, supports more than 500 survivors a year across a network of safehouses and community projects. Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, Medaille works to restore dignity, empowerment, and the first steps toward a new life. On this special day where we remember those who are caught up and affected by modern day slavery, please remember them in your prayers. Thank-you.

DIOCESAN VACANCY - Communications Officer, part-time, permanent. Salary: £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000). **Location:** Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required. **Application deadline:** 16 October **Interviews:** 22 October in Crawley. The successful applicant will produce and edit accurate, well-written online and offline content across diocesan platforms, telling the Church's story and its contribution to society. The successful candidate will support the Head of Communications in managing the digital and print presence of the diocese, including content management for our website and social platforms and communications for fundraising campaigns. To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/p-tcomms

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

RECYCLE YOUR COFFEE POUCHES AND SACHETS - You can now recycle all brands of coffee pouches (beans and ground coffee) and coffee bag sachets at Sussex Green Living's recycling collection points. The nearest to St John's is at the Quaker Meeting House, opposite the bus station. This initiative is kindly sponsored by **Taylors of Harrogate coffee**.

Email livesimply_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com

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 (Second Book of Kings 5:14-17)

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise. **R**

SECOND READING (Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:8-13)

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 17:11-19)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood

at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

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**

Charlotte Curson, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Mark Forster, Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Derek Warwick, Carolyn Whitefield, Sheila Budgen, Zoe Keane, Mark Wiesner, Brian Harris, Shane Campbell, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe), Grace Khushi, Yunas Khushi, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge, Margaret Georgeson, Jan Davies, Vic Tompkins, and Katrina Sharpe.

**WE PRAY FOR
ALL HOLY SOULS.**

Collection Notice

**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**GRANDPARENTS' GROUP.****Readings for Next Week**

Reading 1 - Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm - Ps 30:3-4, 6-8, 16, 17

Reading 2 - Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:7-15

Gospel - Matthew 10:17-22