



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 13th September 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

12th September – Saturday, The Most Holy Name of Mary (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - In Thanksgiving Joby Joseph & Bindhu Joby

(25th Wedding Anniversary)

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - For the Birthday of Peter and Jenny Threader

13th September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Denis and Hazel McGilligan RIP

11:15 am Mass - Intentions for Aalrin Shibu

(including Rite of Welcome for the Recently Baptised)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - NO ITALIAN MASS

14th September – Monday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

12:00 noon Mass - David and Eileen Bridger RIP

15th September – Tuesday, Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

(Church doors open at 7:15 am) **7:30 am Mass** - Margaret and Joyce Fricker RIP

10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration

16th September – Wednesday, Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (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

17th September – Thursday, St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

12:00 noon Requiem Mass for Patricia Linnington RIP

18th September – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 24

12:00 noon Mass - Teresa Hannan RIP FM

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

19th September – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

NO MORNING CONFESSION

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Baby Harry RIP

20th September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:15 am Mass - Geoff Weaving RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - NO ITALIAN MASS

Useful Contacts

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Last Week's Collection

£3,194.51

(£1,444.51 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£1,694.20

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.

FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENT - PLEASE SEND BY WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM TO

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Last Saturday (5th), I, along with a number of parishioners, went up to Westminster Cathedral for the 10.30 Mass prior to the gathering for 'March for Life', an annual event to give witness, in action, to the Church's teaching on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Sadly, I was unable to march, the legs not able to last the distance anymore!

The Mass, attended by the Papal Nuncio (the Pope's Representative in Great Britain) and 14 bishops, was a wonderful occasion attended by people from all over United Kingdom, led by Archbishop Richard Moth – our bishop until February of this year.

The uplifting sermon was given by the Bishop of Glasgow, who had travelled to London on the overnight bus, which to my mind was an act of humility – no first-class train carriage for him, simply a bus!

Unfortunately, the Mass was disrupted on two occasions by pro-abortionists carrying placards and banners, protesting about our right to come together, in worship, prior to making visible the truth of the Gospel that all life is a precious gift from God.

Upon reflection I felt how sad it was that those who have a different opinion to ourselves cannot respect the deeply held belief of others. Rather than condemn those protesters we are called to pray for them in the hope that they may have a change of heart and come to a knowledge of the truth.

The Mass and the march were a beautiful expression of our Catholic faith. Do please consider attending next year, always around the first Saturday in September, to experience and live out our mission to make known the love of God for all people, including the unborn, - and those who oppose His teaching.

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY – This weekend's Second Collection is for Education Sunday. Education Sunday is a special day of prayer and celebration for all involved in Catholic education, giving thanks for our schools, teachers and pupils and praying for the year ahead. Your donation helps to support Catholic education and the work of the Catholic Education Service, enabling the Church to continue its mission of providing and strengthening education rooted in faith. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

COLLECTION FOR HORSHAM DISTRICT FOODBANK - Our next collection will be over the weekend of **19th and 20th September**. Due to a huge rise in demand recently, the foodbank is running very low on stocks of many staple food items - especially Rice Pudding, Tinned Potatoes, Instant Noodles, Soup, Instant Coffee and Cooking Sauces (for pasta). So, let's all have a rummage in our kitchen cupboards, and see what non-perishable food items we can contribute. This really is a very worthy cause, and right now the foodbank needs all the help it can get. Please bring your offerings to Mass with you and leave them on the table at the back of the church. Many Thanks!

WEEKLY TUESDAY MORNING MASS – Please note that the church doors will open at 7:15 in the morning each week for our standard Tuesday 7:30am Mass.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY! - As several long-standing volunteers are stepping down, we need new leaders and helpers. Experience is not essential, as mentoring and training can be provided. The commitment can be as little as **one Sunday each half-term**. Your support will help our children continue to hear the Gospel each Sunday. **To find out more, please speak to us after Mass or contact Greg on 07447 451390 or Claudio on 07970 259607. Thank you!**

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS - As a way of building up the Kingdom of God and our parish community, Fr. Tristan has invited you to join in with a new venture: Parish Family Groups! Parish Family Groups are intended to be an exciting opportunity to help us grow as a parish community by getting to know one another beyond Sunday Mass. Each group brings together around 8-10 households of all ages and stages of life to build friendships, support one another, and grow together as members of the Body of Christ. Groups comprise a mixture of different kinds of households (i.e. families with children, couples, single people, grandparents and those living alone.) Meeting once a month for simple social gatherings and prayer, they become like an extended family, offering friendship, encouragement and a sense of belonging. Everyone is welcome, including those who may not regularly attend Mass but are connected to parish members. We are looking for people who would be willing to lead a Parish Family Group for an initial term of 12–18 months. The role is not to organise every event yourself, but to encourage and coordinate the group, helping to ensure there is a monthly gathering and that everyone feels welcomed, included and valued. Many of the activities can be shared among the group, with the leader encouraging others to contribute their gifts and talents so that the group can flourish. Full training and ongoing support will be provided by Deacon Simon South from the Diocese, so no previous experience is necessary. If you have a gift for welcoming others, enjoy bringing people together and

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would like to help build stronger relationships within our parish, we hope you will prayerfully consider taking on this role. Please contact horsham@abdiocese.org.uk to sign up.

JOB VACANCY: CLEANER FOR OUR PARISH HALL – We are seeking a professional cleaner to undertake regular cleaning of our Parish Hall facilities. If you are interested in knowing more about this position, please leave your details with the Parish Office.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will take place on Thursday, 17th September in the Parish Hall starting with coffee from 10.00, ending at 11.30 in time for Mass at 12.00 noon.

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 19th September 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.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ - The next meeting of our Bereavement Cafe will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 26th September, from 11am. Please do mention this to people you know who may benefit from an informal chat over tea and coffee. There are leaflets at the back of the church with more information.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HORSHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE POP UP @ ST JOHN'S - We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with the Pop-Up at St John's (held in the Church Hall). If you're able to help for 2-2.5 hours on the third Saturday of the month, please leave your details with the Parish Office.

SYCAMORE: EXPLORING FAITH TOGETHER: AUTUMN SHORT COURSE (A PILOT OPPORTUNITY) – Starting Saturday 19th September, we invite you to join us for an accessible, 7-week short course taking place on Saturday mornings following Mass. 10:30am – 12:30pm in St Gabriel's Church Hall, Billingshurst, ending 31st October inclusive. Each session lasts approximately 75 minutes. We will share a selection of refreshments (croissants, fresh fruit, tea and coffee) followed by 3 short videos per week and shared, timed group discussions. There is no charge – donations welcomed. **Everyone is welcome!** The course content is designed to be easy to follow and completely accessible – there is no prior knowledge needed, and new faces are very much welcomed. **Register your interest:** To help us gauge numbers for catering and organise small groups, please send a quick email to express your interest to billingshurst@abdiocese.org.uk and call it **Sycamore**. **Offer your assistance:** If you are able to help with set-up, refreshments or technical support please also include that in your email response. Thank you.

"VILLAINS & VICTIMS IN THE OLD CITY OF LAWLESS LONDON" - Crawley Catenian Circle (which is actually based in Horsham!) have pleasure in offering places to members of St. John the Evangelist Church to join our walking tour of London, featuring "**Villains & Victims in the Old City of Lawless London**". It will take about **2 hours** at a comfortable pace, but you can leave at any point if you need to and we will be led by our regular **Blue Badge Guide, Vicky Bailey**. Our walk will start on **Thursday 8th October** and we meet at **11.00am** at **Temple Station** and finish near **St Paul's**. The cost of the walk is **£16.00pp**. We can promise an enjoyable Morning in good company and you will be educated and amused in equal parts by **Vicky Bailey**, who has led us on many other tours. If you would like to join us or like more details, please contact either **Mike Newman (01403 242909)** or **Peter Frisby (01403 252772)**.

THEATRE TRIP TO SEE EMERALD STORM, WORTHING PAVILION THEATRE, WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER @7:30PM - Direct from the West End, Emerald Storm is the electrifying new dance phenomenon from Adam Garcia, the acclaimed stage and screen star behind some of theatre's biggest hits. Fusing the fire of Irish dance with the grit of urban tap, this high – octane production explodes with rhythm, passion and pure spectacle. Defying tradition and reimagining the genre, Emerald Storm delivers thunderous footwork, heart – pounding choreography and a visual feast of movement and sound that pulls you right into the storm. With world-class dancers, live musicians and breathtaking choreography co-created by Garcia himself, this is dance like you've never seen it before. If you are interested in seeing this, please sign the list at back of church ASAP. A coach will be arranged once I know numbers! *Trish Fitzsimmons*.

CAFOD DEMANDS END TO TRADE WITH ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN LAND - Good news! The government has taken the requested action and announced the ending of trade with illegally occupied Palestinian land. Thank you if you were one of the thousands who signed CAFOD's petition. People power works!

THANK YOU - Many thanks to all those who came and supported us at the Elim Cafe on Thurs 3rd. It was wonderful to see so many of you. Through your amazing generosity we are able to donate £608.31 to CAFOD for the Venezuelan Earthquake appeal. God bless you all. *Moir & Andy Shepherd*

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

"In the weeks ahead, let us set aside a few moments to pause from the frenzy of our daily lives, in order to savour the profound harmony of which we ourselves are a part. Let us place in "silent mode" the many noises generated by human activity, so that we may hear the melodious voice of creation, through which God, the Author of all things, speaks to us."

To find out more about the Season of Creation visit <https://laudatosimovement.org>.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

THE COLLECT

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 (Book of Sirach 27:30-28:7)

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R**

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9)

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 18:21-35)

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: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have

patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, Alexandra Cherriman,
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

Shelia Budgen RIP, Patricia Linnington RIP,
and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
EDUCATION SUNDAY, FOR THE WORK OF THE CATHOLIC
EDUCATION SERVICE**

(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
EVANGELII GAUDIUM (FORMERLY HOME MISSION SUNDAY)**

(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Prophet Isaiah: 55: 6-9

Psalm - Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R.18a

Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel - Matthew 20: 1-16