



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) – Yr C | 14th September 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

13th September – Saturday, St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - For Colin and Gwen Gurney's Golden Wedding Anniversary

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

1:00 pm - Wedding of Faye Liquorish and Alexander Lawton

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

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

9:15 am Mass - Baby Harry Cousins RIP

11:15 am Mass - Matthew Moonan RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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

12:00 noon Mass - Raymond Smale RIP

16th September – Tuesday, Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - David Brown RIP

10:30 am to 8:00 pm - Adoration

17th September – Wednesday, St Robert Bellarmine, 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

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

12:00 noon Mass - Teresa Hannan RIP FM

19th September – Friday, St Theodore of Tarsus, Bishop (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Raymond Smale RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

20th September – Saturday, St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, Martyrs of Korea (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - In Thanksgiving for Bennett Benz

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

NO EVENING CONFESSION

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Deceased Members of the O'Sullivan Family RIP

21st September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Peggy Irene Jacobs RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

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

£2,936.48

(£1,186.48 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No Collections

Thank You

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

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

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

FR TRISTAN WRITES

This week we celebrate the feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, commemorating the finding of the true cross on which Our Lord Jesus died, discovered by St Helena in the fourth century. Perhaps the name 'exultation' comes from Jesus' famous phrase in today's Gospel: that, like Moses' staff, the Son of Man must be 'lifted up'. Lifting the Cross refers, of course, to the actual raising of Jesus' dying body on Good Friday high above the crowds. However, it also has a deeper meaning: the crucified Jesus is 'lifted' above all the world - lifted by Christians in the manner of their lives imitating His sacrificial charity, lifted by Christians in their hearts which overflow with gratitude and adoration for the gift of salvation from sin and everlasting death.

The image of the crucifix is lifted in our churches and homes and schools. It hangs from our necks, or even in our cars. It appears everywhere where Christians act in Jesus' name. And yet it is still an object of mockery for many. All the more reason to raise the Cross high in our lives by sharing love, even with those who hate us. A traditional prayer we offer wherever we pass the Cross is the *En Ego*, which prays to draw from the Crucified Lord all the grace and all the necessary virtues to live in this way to do just this, and to resolve to follow Him more closely every day.

"Behold, O good and most sweet Jesus, I fall upon my knees before Thee, and with most fervent desire beg and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart a lively sense of faith, hope and charity, true repentance for my sins, and a firm resolve to make amends. And with deep affection and grief, I reflect upon Thy five wounds, having before my eyes that which Thy prophet David spoke about Thee, O good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and feet, they have counted all my bones" (Psalm 21) Amen."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY 2025 - This weekend's Second Collection is for Education Sunday, to support the work of the Catholic Education Service, which plays such a key role in safeguarding and promoting Catholic education throughout England and Wales. Please give as generously as you can. Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead. We have a wide range of Christ-centred, nurturing and successful schools in our Diocese. They include sixty-two state-funded schools, comprising fifty-one primary schools and eleven secondary schools, ten independent schools and one independent non-maintained specialist school. Catholic schools are central to the Church's mission in education, to place Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church at the centre of people's lives. Please pray for our schools and all who work and learn in them, that this academic year is full of blessings.

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS - Saturday 27 September at 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral. Fr Aaron Spinelli, the Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral led by Bishop Richard. The Mass will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities and is for those who have served, those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve – everyone is very welcome to attend. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers; E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk - and bring a cassock, cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (please bring a packed lunch).

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.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will be held in the parish hall at 10.15am on Thursday 18th Sept.

LAY COMMUNITY OF ST BENEDICT – As the Season of Creation gets underway, please join the following online talks, hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict: **Sunday 14 September (18.00)** Talk by **Bishop John Arnold**, RC Bishop of Salford and lead Bishop for the environment for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Bishop John formerly served as the Chair of CAFOD's Board of Trustees and is a co-founder of the Laudato Si' centre in Salford. He will speak on **Peace with Creation: Marking the 10th anniversary of the publication of "Laudato Si"**. Please register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) **Tuesday 30 September (19.30)** Talk by **John Paul de Quay** of the Ecological Conversion Group (ECG). John Paul de Quay is one of the founders of the ECG, and will speak on **What is ecological conversion and how does it help us respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor?** John Paul recently wrote this article on the Season's theme: <https://journeyto2030.org/from-garden-to-city/>. Please register for his talk here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 20th 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – The Diocese of A&B is renewing and developing its **Adoration Lay Committee** in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an **Information Meeting on Thursday 2nd October, at 8pm, for one hour**. Registration from 7:15pm, includes light refreshments, in St Francis School Hall immediately behind the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP.

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER - The Catenians are holding a relaxed Charity Golf match at **Rookwood**, tee off at 08.30; followed by a Steak pie, chips & Peas lunch at 14.20. All are welcome to join us for **Golf & Lunch at £46.00** or **just for Lunch at £16.00**. After lunch here will be a **Raffle**, with all proceeds in aid of the 'All Faiths Missionary Initiative in Nigeria & Ghana'. To book, or for more details, contact Mike Newman on 01403 242909 or mike.newman1@sky.com or Peter Frisby on 01403 252772 or jrbkjl@btinternet.com.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – 11-4pm Saturday 1 November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Parking is available in the church car park but we suggest that you car share, if at all possible. To book a place follow this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(01-Nov-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS' PARTY, FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER – If you volunteer in any capacity here at St John's, 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.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY FOR FINANCE MANAGER – The Diocese is looking to recruit a full-time, permanent Finance Manager (qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA). Salary: £60,000 to £65,000. Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Application deadline: 18 September. For further details of the role and to read the job description, please follow this link: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/finance-manager>.

SITUATION IN GAZA - The National Justice and Peace Network has published a statement on Gaza. This calls on our bishops to speak out in favour of a just peace and against the use of starvation as a weapon of war. It asks our government to take a number of actions in support of international law and human rights, including demanding an immediate ceasefire and guaranteed safe delivery of humanitarian aid. You can read the full statement here: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/areas-of-conflict/njpn-statement-on-gaza/>

THE FAITH COMPANION - New edition of The Faith Companion now out in the Narthex £5.95. Find out more at www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk to subscribe for print, digital, donation or free. As a Community Interest Company two thirds of profits goes back to the Church. We are not academic, news or controversy. Just simply the Truth of our Faith.

HELP GOOD COUNSEL'S PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTRE STAY OPEN - The Good Counsel Network's funds are dangerously low. We offer expectant mums help with housing, financial assistance, legal, and medical support, baby goods and clothes, advice, ongoing support long after the baby is born. If we run out of funds, we cannot continue to help dozens of Mothers keep a roof over their head. **Support Good Counsel today**. Go to www.goodcounselnetwork.com donate page for more details or see the poster at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

THE SEASON OF CREATION - September 1st - October 4th, and the 5th Anniversary of St John's becoming a Live Simply parish - September 23rd - To celebrate both there are a number of prayers on CAFOD's website dedicated to the care of the earth, our common home. These prayers inspire us to give thanks for God's gift of creation, all people and creatures, to lament the climate crisis that we are facing, and to renew our commitment to care for the earth and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Living simply so others may simply live. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/care-of-creation-prayers>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

THE COLLECT

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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 Numbers 21:4b-9)

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and utter hidden lessons of the past. **R**

When he slew them, then they sought him,
repented and earnestly sought God.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R**

Yet they deceived him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
For their hearts were not steadfast towards him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R**

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger,
and did not stir up all his rage. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (John 3:13-17)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett,
Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Mark Forster,
Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, Anne Mullarky,
Wilma 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

Carmine Mancini RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

**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 Sunday
(formerly Home Mission Sunday, not eligible for diocesan Gift Aid
envelopes).**

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

**IRENE & DAVID INNES
(FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS).**

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Prophet Amos 8:4-7

Psalm - Ps 113(112):1-2.4-6.7-8. R. cf. 1a, 7b

Reading 2 - First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13