

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirty- third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 15th November 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

14th November – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday
10:00 am Mass - For the Wellbeing of Paul Moonan
Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction
5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

15th November – Thirty- third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 am Mass - Devassy Kallrackal RIP & Paulose Vithayathil RIP
11:15 am Mass - Matthew Moonan RIP
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

16th November – Monday, St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop (Memorial)
12:00 noon Mass – David Ward RIP

17th November – Tuesday, St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop (Memorial)
***(Church doors open at 7:15 am)* 7:30 am Mass –** Beryl Hows RIP FM
8:00 am to 8:00 pm – Adoration

18th November – Wednesday, Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Memorial)
NO MASS
(12:00 noon - Mass at Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead)
NO POLISH ADORATION
NO POLISH MASS

19th November – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 33
12:00 noon Mass - Intentions for Jisin

20th November – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 33
12:00 noon Mass - Mass for the Holy Souls
Followed by Confession
7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

21st November – Saturday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
NO MORNING MASS
NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION
5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Kathleen Jordan RIP

22nd November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
9:15 am Mass - Mary and Elsa Jordan RIP FM
11:15 am Mass - Raphel Adessery RIP
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
3:30 pm - Baptisms of Matthew-Jordan Ibusca, Marc-Ashton Ibusca, Brodie Critchley
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Our parish relies on your generous donations, please click or scan here to donate.

Last Week's Collection

£2,699.67

(£949.67 Offertory; £1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No second collection.

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

PARISH YOUTH

On Saturday 7 November, young adults from across the Diocese, including Callum from our own parish, gathered at St Richard's Church, Chichester, for a retreat day on the theme "Bearing Witness to Christ". Organised by the Diocesan Youth Council, the day was inspired by Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (John 15:27).

Callum from our very own parish said,
"The A&B Young Adult Retreat Day in Chichester was an opportunity to have a unique encounter with the Lord. By building community with people my age, hearing fascinating speakers from Catholic authors to Dominican sisters, and resting in the Lord through prayer, meditation and the sacraments; the young adult retreat day, really helped strengthen my faith. My personal highlight from last week were our small group discussions where we talked about the people that inspired us on our faith journey and how we can be lights to the world. In a tricky world for young adults with work demands, money etc. it was such a blessing to rest with Jesus through my encounters with other young people."

Next Youth Retreat: Saturday 23 January 2027 at Arundel Cathedral, on finding hope in times of adversity. Details and booking are on the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Events page.

Youth Club at St John's (ages 12–18): Our parish youth club, run by Anna Fabrega, offers friendship, faith and fun. The next session is Friday 20 November, 7.00–9.00 pm. Bring a friend! Adult volunteers are warmly welcome; please contact the parish office. More details are on our website under Groups > Youth Group.

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – Please give generously to this weekend's Second Collection, the proceeds from which assist with the accommodation, welfare and support of diocesan priests in retirement. You can use your Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes for this collection. Thank you!

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will be held in the parish hall on Thursday 19th November. Coffee and tea will be available from 10.00am with the meeting starting at 10.30 am and ending at 11.30 am.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH CLUB - St John the Evangelist Youth Club is off to a fantastic start! Our first sessions have been full of energy, great discussions and new friendships. If you're in secondary school or college, it's not too late to join us. We meet fortnightly on Fridays, 7.00–9.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. 📅 **Upcoming dates: 20 November, 4 & 18 December**. We're also looking for adult volunteers (18+) to help run the club, whether regularly or occasionally. To find out more and register your interest head to our website >Groups/YouthGroup.

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 21st November. 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. *We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with the Pop-Up at St. Johns. If you're able to help for 2-2.5 hours on the third Saturday of the month please leave your details with the Church Office. Some lifting of crates of food is required and the ability to transport food from collection points would be welcome.*

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS. For anyone who missed Deacon Simon's inspiring presentation for the Parish Family Groups we will leave some information leaflets and signup sheets at the back of church. These groups will be set up for anyone who wishes to join us: Young, Old, Families, Couples, Singles. If you require any further information on how these groups work, please contact Andy & Moira Shepherd or email on andrewhsepherd2@btinternet.com. Anyone who has taken home a signup form please remember to drop it into the parish office as soon as possible. - *Andy & Moira Shepherd*

BISHOP STEPHEN'S MASS OF WELCOME - Nearly 1,000 people from across our Diocese gathered at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October to celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen Wang. Speaking during the homily, Bishop Stephen reflected on the gifts he received at his ordination and the mission that they represent: to grow in holiness, to love and support one another, and to share the love of

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Jesus with everyone we meet. As we welcome Bishop Stephen, let us pray for him and for our whole diocesan family, that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we grow closer to Jesus and to each other. You can see a **short film** from the Mass by scanning the QR code below or visiting: https://vimeo.com/1240717083 **Photos** from the celebration can be seen here: https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjD8Nc8.

THE SVP - would welcome donations of good quality used clothing, books, toys and bric-a-brac for the SVP shop in Broadfield after the Masses on Saturday 21st November and Sunday 22nd November.

SOUP LUNCHES - The SVP would cordially like to invite you to our Soup Lunches in the hall on Wednesday 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December and 16th December from 12.00 to 1.30. Funds donated will go to support SVP projects in South Sudan.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION BEFRIENDERS ANNUAL TRAINING – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2027 - Do you feel called to support those experiencing the loneliness and isolation of bereavement? We will be running our annual training for Ministry of Consolation Befrienders in January and February 2027 . The course is held via Zoom from 9.00am - 1.30pm on the following dates: January - 13, 20,27 and February - 3, 10, 17. The closing date for applications is 21 November 2026. For more information, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser. E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

BUY FAIRTRADE THIS CHRISTMAS - Buying Fairtrade products means that workers in developing countries receive a fair wage and that they have safe working conditions. It also means that no child labour is involved and that the environment is protected. There are a number of ways you can support Fairtrade this Christmas:

- Pick up a Traidcraft catalogue from the Covenant Chapel
- Buy a Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendar, with Christmas Story booklet. Available from the repository shop
- Look for the Fairtrade logo in shops and supermarkets
- Come to the Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market in the parish Hall on Saturday November 28th from 10am till 4pm

St John's is a Fairtrade Parish.

CAFOD DEBT CAMPAIGN - Thank you for your support of this campaign which is having an impact. The Foreign Secretary has stated that "we need a new deal on debt." But we need to keep the pressure on to ensure that these words lead to action. There are postcards in the Covenant Chapel to send to our MP John Milne to show your support for a debt justice law and for action at the upcoming G20 meeting https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/190461/action/1

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAYS IN THE DIOCESE - Grow in faith, build friendships, and find your community! Young adults aged 18–35 is invited to join the Youth Team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Young Adult Retreat Days at churches across the diocese. Each day offers two guest speakers, a choice of workshops, a shared lunch and time for prayer, reflection and fellowship with young adults from beyond your own parish. Retreat days are currently available at: **Arundel Cathedral** – January 2027, **St Joseph's Church Guildford** – February 2027 and **Christ the Prince of Peace Church Weybridge** – April 2027. Come along, deepen your faith, and meet other young adults on the journey. We'd love to see you there! Booking available via the Arundel & Brighton Diocese website: Events | Our Diocese Any questions, please contact Bex Driver, Youth Project Worker E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk.

WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS' ADVENT CAROL SERVICE; SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER AT 3.30 - As Christmas approaches, we warmly invite you to join us on Sunday 20 December for our Worth Abbey Pilgrims Advent Carol Service in the Abbey Church. Following the service, everyone is invited to gather in the Narthex for refreshments and festive treats. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow members of the Worth family, school families and alumni, parishioners, and friends of the Abbey. To add to the festive atmosphere, wine will be available to purchase after the service. Please bring cash or change if you would like to enjoy a glass. We look forward to welcoming you as we gather to celebrate the promise and joy of Advent. To help us plan for numbers, please register via our website https://worthabbey.net/adventcarolservice/.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

COP31 - UN Climate Talks - The thirty-first UN Climate Talks are underway. COP31 comes at a critical moment. With global temperatures on track to exceed 1.5°C and eleven consecutive hottest years on record, the message is clear: Action can't wait! For us as Catholics, caring for our common home is more than a response to science. It's a call of faith too. Visit CAFOD's website for up-to-date information about COP31 https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/why-cop31-matters-to-our-faith.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

THE COLLECT
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 31-31)
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R: Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1-6)
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 25:14-30)
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 told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING
Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, 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
ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND
(Eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND
(Eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm - Ps 23(22): 1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. R.1
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46