



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C | 16th November 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

15th November – Saturday, St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - For the Intentions of Priscilla
Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction
5:15pm to 5:45pm – Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

16th November – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - David and Connie Brown RIP
11:15 am Mass - Margaret Smith RIP
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

17th November – Monday, St Elizabeth of Hungary, Queen (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - In Thanksgiving for the Anderson Family

18th November – Tuesday, Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - Lamberto Sanchez RIP
10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

**19th November – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 33
NO MASS**

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

6:00 pm – NO Polish Adoration

7:00 pm – NO Polish Mass

20th November – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 33

12:00 noon Mass - Frank and Pamela Fitzpatrick RIP

21st November – Friday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Mary and Elsa Jordan RIP FM
Followed by Confession
7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

22nd November – Saturday, St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Annual Mass for the Bereaved
(Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall)
NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION
2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass
NO CONFESSION
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Robert Horton RIP

23rd November – Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

9:15 am Mass - Kevin Regan RIP
11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

Horsham Parish Office

01403-253667 - Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
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Safeguarding

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Parish Hall Hire

Please inquire at the Parish Office

Baptism Team

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Bereavement Support

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St John's Primary School

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Helen Connor | 01403252357

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Comprehensive, Crawley
Mike Ferry | 01293 421 421

Last Week's Collection

£2,970.16

(£1,220.16 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No Collection.

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

Today is the 9th World Day of the Poor. In his message to commemorate the day, the Holy Father writes, "The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting hopes to a lasting hope. Once we desire that God accompany us on the journey of life, material wealth becomes relativized, for we discover the real treasure that we need [...]"

Wealth often disappoints and can lead to tragic situations of poverty - above all the poverty born of the failure to recognize our need for God and of the attempt to live without him. A saying of Saint Augustine comes to mind: "Let all your hope be in God: feel your need for him, and let him fill that need. Without him, whatever you possess will only make you all the more empty". The word of God tells us that Christian hope is certainty at every step of life's journey, since it does not depend not on our human strength but upon the promise of God, who is always faithful. For this reason, from the beginning, Christians have identified hope with the symbol of the anchor, which provides stability and security. Christian hope is like an anchor that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus, who saved us by his death and resurrection and will come again among us. This hope continues to point us toward the "new heavens" and the "new earth" (2 Pet 3:13) as the true horizon of our existence, where every life will find its authentic meaning, for our real homeland is in heaven (cf. Phil 3:20).

The city of God, therefore, impels us to improve the cities of men and women. Our own cities must begin to resemble his. [...] The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration Pope Leo XIV writes...of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church's charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – Here at St John's, we will remember and pray for the Holy Souls throughout November. Please note in particular:

- **PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE** – In the Lady Chapel, you'll find a box in which you can place the name and anniversary of your deceased loved ones. These names will be prayed for during Masses throughout November.
- **ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED** – On **SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER AT 10:00 AM**, we will be holding our annual Mass for the Bereaved, when we remember all those who have died and offer prayers and support for the bereaved of our community. During the Mass, the names of those who have died over the last 12 months will be read out and there will be an opportunity to light votive candles for all those we love who have died. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall, hosted by the SVP. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like the name of anyone who has died in the last 12 months to be added to our list. All are most warmly welcomed to this Mass.

2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME - This has now closed and any more applications received after Friday 14th November will not be accepted.

CAR PARK RENEWALS 2025/26- Car parking Renewals for 2025-2026 are now due. This year's parking subscriptions for 1st Nov 2025 – 31st October 2026 are: £135 Short Term Carpark – 3 Hours; £405 Long Term Carpark – All day. Renewals can be made using the following link <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/car-parking>. We would encourage those that do not have access to the internet to get family or close friends to help with the renewals, as the Parish Office is not involved in this process. Once we have an idea of the number of renewals, any registered parishioner who is interested in obtaining a fob, may be put onto a waiting list, which will be held by the parish office.

THE GRANDPARENTS GROUP - invites all parishioners to join them on November 20th in the parish hall at 10.15. We are very pleased to be welcoming a parishioner from Henfield to tell us more about the work of the Hope in Action charity which delivers items to Ukraine including blankets knitted by our parish. We will also welcome a speaker from St Catherine's Hospice to describe the workings of the hospice.

TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - NEW TIMES - Due to a lack of back-ups on our Adoration Rota, we are going to have to scale back our hours of Adoration for the time being (at least through the winter months). The Blessed Sacrament will now be exposed from **10.30am - 3pm on a Tuesday** until further notice. We hope that we can revisit this vital ministry in the New Year, and plan for a revival of Adoration of our beloved Lord as much as we can throughout the week. Thank you to those who already commit to their time slots, and for their prayers. (NB: Current Adoration times on other days remains unaffected - please check the Mass schedule for details).

VIDEOGRAPHY/RECORDING IN CHURCH - It has come to our attention that certain people have been filming/streaming during Mass on their phones; please be aware this is **not** permitted under safeguarding regulations.

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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.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING 2025 - St John's Catholic Primary School is holding an Open Morning, from 9:15am – 10:15am on 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.

MARY'S MEALS - In the past 10 years St John's has donated to Mary's Meals proceeds from soup lunches, coffee mornings, personal donations and Burns Suppers enough to feed **1078** children for a school year providing **210,438** meals!! Mary's Meals now feed over 3 million children in a place of education. Thank you to all who have supported this and I look forward to Burns Supper 2026. *Trish Fitzsimmons*

CATENIANS ON A WALKING TOUR - Thursday 20th November at 11.00am: You are invited to join the Catenians on a Walking Tour within the City of London led by blue badge guide, Vicky Bailey. We will meet at Wesley's Chapel 49 City Rd, London EC1Y, (nearest tube stations are Old Street and Moorgate on the Northern Line). Cost of tour is £16.00 per head. The tour takes two hours and there are no stairs to negotiate. Contact Peter Frisby jrbkjl@btinternet.com (01403 252772) or Mike Newman mike.newman1@sky.com (01403242909) for more details.

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 Date: 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!

SVP ADVENT SOUP LUNCHESES - The SVP would like to invite you to our Soup Lunches in the Parish Hall from 12.00-1.30 starting on Wednesday 26th November and also on 3rd, 10th and 17th December. Any money donated will again go to SVP projects in South Sudan.

FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH - This year's Fairtrade Christmas Market will take place in the Hall on Saturday November 29th from 10am till 4pm. There will be stalls selling a wide range of fairtrade items including chocolate, clothing, jewellery and lots more! There will be a cafe serving hot drinks and homemade cakes. Donations of cakes, made using at least two fairtrade ingredients, would be very much appreciated. Please provide a full list of ingredients for allergy purposes. Thank you.

ADVENT TALK WITH ABBOT MARK BARRETT – on Saturday, 29th November at 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Unity Room, Worth Abbey Church. The title of the talk is "*Watching in Silence: A Benedictine Advent*" Abbot Mark will explore the quiet heart of Advent through the lens of Benedictine spirituality—a wonderful opportunity for reflection and preparation during this sacred season. To register please contact Kelly at kohara@worth.org.uk.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP TALK - On Sunday 30th November 2025 St John the Evangelist Justice and Peace Group are hosting a talk by Edmund Adamus from Palestinian Christian charity Friends of the Holy Land. All are welcome! The hall will be open from 12.30pm for teas and coffees and cake with the main talk starting between 13.00pm and 13.30pm. Parking may be limited on the day so please park in Swan Walk car park 7-8 minutes' walk from St John's.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - On Sunday 30 November Edmund Adamus of Friends of the Holy Land, will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and they will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk.

YOU'RE INVITED! JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURAL ST JOHN'S EUCHARISTIC FORUM - Together, we'll reflect and discuss how we can grow as a parish that truly shares Christ's love. We'll gather in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, spending 30 minutes in Adoration to prepare our hearts, before entering into conversations in the Spirit on our Advent theme: "Welcome". Come along on **Friday 5th December (7–9 pm)** or **Saturday 6th December (2:30–4:30 pm)**. Everyone is welcome. **CHOOSE FROM 3 EASY WAYS TO SIGN UP:** 1) Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera; 2) Visit www.tinyurl.com/stjohnsef; 3) Use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office.



LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

DID YOU KNOW THAT EMPTY AEROSOL CANS can be placed in your home recycling bin? Hairspray, deodorant, shaving foam etc. Spray, Squirt, or Shake to make sure cans are empty before placing them in your recycling bin.

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 (Prophet Malachi 4:1-2a)

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the LORD. **R**

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. **R**

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. **R**

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. **R**

SECOND READING (Second Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12)

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 21:5-19)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things

must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

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

Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett,
Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley,
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, Amanda Molloy, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge,
Margaret Georgeson, Jan Davies, and Katrina Sharpe.

WE PRAY FOR

Vic Tompkins RIP, Yunas Khushi RIP, Mark Forster RIP,
and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

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 ROBERT SOUTHWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Second Book of Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm - Ps122(121): 1-2.4-5. R. cf.1

Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel - Luke 23:35-43