



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

16th May – Saturday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass - Dean Bedgood RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

2:30 pm - Commissioning Workshop for Ministers of the Word (Mass Readers)

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - *Confession*

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

17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - Jack and Kitty Kavanagh RIP FM

(First Holy Communion Mass)

11:15 am Mass - Paola and Salvatore Massimo RIP

(First Holy Communion Mass)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

18th May – Monday, St John I, Pope, Martyr (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Ruth Woollacott RIP

19th May – Tuesday, St Dunstan, Bishop

7:30 am Mass - Nicholas Perks RIP (First Anniversary)

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - *Adoration*

20th May – Wednesday, St Bernardine of Siena, Priest (Memorial)

NO MASS

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

NO POLISH ADORATION

NO POLISH MASS

21st May – Thursday, St Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Martyrs.

Martyrs of Mexico (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Clare Drew RIP

22nd May – Friday, St Rita of Cascia, Religious (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Philip Johnson RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - *Rosary & Adoration*

23rd May – Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass - Varghese & Mary Varghese Pookombil RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

3:30 pm - Silent Prayer

(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, input then into the Church for silent prayer)

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - *Confession*

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Philip Tomaszewski RIP

24th May – Pentecost

9:15 am Mass - In Thanksgiving – Jonathan Warwick-Godfrey

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

NO POLISH MASS

2:00 pm - Holy Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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Last Week's Collection

£2,985.83

(£1,235.83 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£868.98

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.

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Come, Holy Spirit! We are in the midst of the "Novena", the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost. During these days, the disciples entered into a waiting time: a time of prayer and expectation. In a way we are in a similar time here in our diocese as we await the appointment of a new bishop. We pray for a man who, as a successor to those very same Apostles, will be filled with the same gifts of wisdom, counsel and courage that came upon them, to enable him to lead us to Christ in fidelity to his teachings. Whoever Pope Leo chooses, this new bishop will need many graces, to inspire his people and help them navigate the challenges of proclaiming the gospel in our particular place and time. So let us pray during this Novena time to the Holy Spirit to send us the Shepherd we need!

Having said all this, we must also remember that it was not the Twelve Apostles alone on whom the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. The Spirit is Christ's to the whole Church, as the presence of Mary and the women along with other disciples gives witness. The Lord gives a variety of vocations through his Holy Spirit to us all, especially through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are praying during this month in our diocese in particular for priestly vocations but we must also pray to discern our own particular type of service which we can give as single and married people. These particular gifts will be of exceptional importance as we come together more closely as different parishes seeking to work as one within our Crawley deanery.

Finally, during these special days let us give thanks for the many ways in which the Spirit is manifest in our parish. We pray especially for all those who have received the Lord's Body and Blood for the first time in Holy Communion recently, and for our young people who will be confirmed here in the parish on Pentecost Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN – This weekend, at our two Sunday Masses, we extend our heartfelt welcome to a number of the children who've been preparing, under the guidance of Fr Tristan, to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers at this special time in their lives. We are grateful to be sharing in this wonderful moment today with Adam, Adriano, Alice, Annie, Ayda, Cristina, Eva, Evan, Holly, Jacinta, Jacob, Jakub, Jessica, Layla, Leon, Lucas, Maija, Maria, Mariana, Megan, Mikayla, Olivia, Olivia, Pola and Tymon.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION - is for World Communications Day, which supports the Church's apostolate in the mass media. The theme for this year, chosen by Pope Leo, is 'Preserving Human Voices and Faces'. You can donate via the baskets or the card machines at the back of the church. Please note that this is not a Gift Aid-eligible collection. Thank you for your generosity. More information can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/>

FOODBANK COLLECTION (NEXT WEEKEND) - St John's SVP will be collecting goods for the local Foodbank next weekend, **23rd and 24th May**. Horsham District Foodbank provides food parcels to those at risk of going hungry. Each parcel contains a minimum of three to five days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable, tinned and dried foods that have been donated by the local community. The Foodbank is grateful for whatever you can provide but they currently have a particular need for the following goods: Tinned Vegetables, Rice, Instant / Pot Noodles, Tinned Spaghetti, Cooking Sauces, Jams and Spreads. You can leave your goods at the back of the church on the table provided. Many Thanks.

HOLD THE DATE – LEAVING PARTY FOR BARNABAS: FRIDAY 19TH JUNE – Barnabas, our Visting Seminarian, will be leaving us on 23rd June, to return to the Venerable English College in Rome. On Friday 19th June, we'll be having a Leaving Party for him in the Parish Hall – a '**Bring a Dish' Shared Supper** - starting at 7pm. Barnabas will be giving us a short talk on his experiences while he's been with us in the Parish. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along, so that we can give Barnabas one of our famous Parish send-offs and ***please bring a dish with you, savoury or sweet, for people to share***. Drinks will be provided. There will be an opportunity to donate on the evening to a leaving gift for Barnabas.

DISABLED SPACES IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK - Disabled spaces (there are only three) are sometimes being used by parishioners who are not displaying blue badges. For the benefit of those who are disabled and have blue badges, please ensure that these spaces are only used by those displaying blue badges. And please do not park in front of the right side of the car park exit gate as this can block access to the disabled space beside the pedestrian gate. Thank you.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – hosted by the Justice & Peace Group, **Wednesday 20th May from 7pm to 9pm max, in the Parish Hall**. If, like a lot of people, you have heard something about Catholic Social Teaching, but don't know much about it, this evening could be for you. 2 short films will be shown "**A Catholic Approach to Poverty and Social Justice**" and "**A Catholic Approach to the Common Good**". We will have discussions in groups after each film on topics such as "how can I live this out in my own life?" or "how can we as a community live this out in our parish?". We will then have a round up session at the end to share between groups. This is a relaxed, introductory evening, nothing too academic. Tea, coffee and cakes and biscuits will be available. All are welcome! Entry is free.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents group at St John's will be in the parish hall on Thursday, 21st May at 10.15am ending at 11.30am.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP - On **Sunday, May 31st** there will be a short ceremony in the courtyard after the 9:15am Mass, organised by the parish Justice and Peace group, to commemorate two much loved parishioners who were active in the group: our former parish secretary Rose McNeil, and longstanding parishioner Peter Mullarky. A rose bush and olive tree planted in their memory will be blessed. Followed by coffee in the Hall hosted by the Justice and Peace group.

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MASS FOR JUBILARIAN PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE - Thursday 28 May at noon at Arundel Cathedral All are welcome to join the priests of our Diocese who are celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of priestly ordination, to give thanks for their years of service at this special Mass in Arundel Cathedral. No booking is required.

SILENT PRAYER - We warmly invite you to our Silent Prayer gatherings, now moving to a monthly meet-up. We will continue to gather in the same gentle rhythm and format: arriving at 3.30pm in the hall, upstairs, for refreshments, followed by a short reflection on Silent Prayer and the Carmelite Saints. We will then move into the church for a time of Silent Prayer, finishing at around 5.00pm. Our next date is **Saturday 23rd May**, keep an eye on the newsletter for future dates. Whether you are new to silent prayer or have been walking this path for some time, you are most welcome to join us. Please feel free to come along at any point.

CHURCH CAR PARK - It is appreciated that the Church car park can become very full, particularly at Mass times. However, please **do not park** across the **fire exit doors** leading from the side chapel/flower room. This area is marked out on the car park surface and full access is required at all times.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS - Saturday 3 October, 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral. Whether you are you celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your free place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events.

HEALING MASS

On **Friday 19th June at 12 noon**, we will be holding a Mass of Healing, with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. As in previous years, the SVP is organising this celebration, providing transport to some of our parishioners and a reception in the Hall afterwards. All are very welcome! Fr Tristan would like to invite anyone who is needful to receiving the Sacrament of Anointing at this Mass, but to do so **you must register in advance to make sure we can accommodate numbers**. Not everyone can or needs to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, so before getting in touch, please read the following guide carefully.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

1. Who can be Anointed?

*The Sacrament of the Sick is spoken about in the New Testament by St James (cf James 5:14-16) and is of special help to Catholics who are suffering bodily illness. According to the Church, its effect is to **strengthen the faith the sick person already has in God against the temptations of the Evil One that he or she may experience during his/her suffering, and to heal him/her from anxiety over death.***

If you or your loved one is all of the following:

- A) a believing Catholic, over the age of seven, able to receive Holy Communion **and**
- B) has health seriously impaired by either sickness, or old age, or is about to undergo a serious operation, **and**
- C) is able to make their own decisions; or if not, would have certainly asked for the sacraments when they could

...then they can and should receive this healing Sacrament without delay.

2. What if I cannot be Anointed on this occasion?

If you have read the above, but are unable to attend the Healing Mass, don't worry; Fr Tristan is happy to come to you and anoint you in your home at any available time; please don't hesitate to get in touch with the parish office.

Perhaps instead you have also read the above and feel that while you do not meet the criteria (A, B & C) you have a great need for healing in your life (perhaps through depression, grief, bereavement, family troubles and so on), then remember that the Church also provides two other great sacraments of renewal: the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) for the forgiveness of sins and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is the greatest sacrament of all, an encounter with Jesus Himself present in His Body and Blood. It is for the Eucharist that Reconciliation and Anointing in fact prepare us, and that complete those other sacraments. The Eucharist prepares us for heaven.

To register in advance to be Anointed, please contact Felicity Harrington at PresidentA010810@svp.org.uk or on 07765 778413 by Friday 12th June. Many thanks!

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

LAUDATO SI WEEK MAY 17TH-24TH

- Each year we unite across the world to mark the date Laudato Si' was signed by Pope Francis. This year's theme is: From Hope to Action. Together, we can turn our faith into concrete steps for our common home. Join the online 'Creation Care' Ceremony: A Blessing and Sending Forth on Saturday, May 23rd. More information on this and other Laudato Si Week activities here: <https://laudatosiweek.org>.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING (Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14)

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple. **R**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Peter 3:15-18)

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (John 17:1-11a)

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 lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church

what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Celia Longley, Craig Boswell, Paul Wycliffe, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, 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, Alan Frendo-Cumbo, and Katrina Sharpe.

WE PRAY FOR

John Michael Carr RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collections Announcements

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

– not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes.

**Next weekend's Second Collection is for
the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese – Diocese of Chulucanas**
– eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes.

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

NO COFFEE AFTER MASS.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Psalm - Ps 104(103):1ab,24ac. 29b-30. 31,34. R. cf.30
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel - John 20:19-23