



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 18th January 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

17th January – Saturday, St Antony, Abbot (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Intentions of Helena Kochikkat

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 1

4:00 pm - Silent Prayer

(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, then proceed to the Church)

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Margaret Sherfield RIP

18th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - John Collins RIP (First Anniversary)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

19th January – Monday, St Wulstan, Bishop (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Mark Forster RIP

20th January – Tuesday, St Fabian, Pope, Martyr (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - Romeo & Rogel Directo RIP

10:30am to 3:00pm – Adoration

21st January – Wednesday, St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

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

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Last Week's Collection

£2,786.22

(£1,036.22 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
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POPE LEO PRAYED FOR PEACE AND DIALOGUE IN IRAN AND SYRIA ON SUNDAY.

Demonstrations against the Iranian regime, which have spread to many of the country's provinces, have been violently suppressed by security forces in Iran, with widespread fighting in Syria between the army and Kurdish forces in the northern city of Aleppo. "I pray for those who are suffering," he said, "and I renew my call for an end to violence and for intensified efforts to achieve peace."

On Monday, the Pope met Venezuelan Nobel Prize winner, politician, and activist, María Corina Machado, at the Vatican's Apostolic Palace. The meeting took place about 10 days after the capture of the Venezuelan president, Nicolás Maduro, and his wife Cilia Flores during a United States military operation in the Venezuelan capital, Caracas.

Speaking during his Angelus address the day after Maduro's capture (during which about 80 people, including civilians, were killed) Pope Leo said he was following developments in Venezuela "with deep concern" and called for the respect of "the human and civil rights of each and every person."

The Pope reiterated his appeal during the 9 January meeting with the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See. Referring to Venezuela, he urged efforts to build "a society founded on justice, truth, freedom and fraternity, and thus enable the nation to rise from the grave crisis that has afflicted it for so many years." He also invited all parties to "respect the will of the Venezuelan people, and to safeguard the human and civil rights of all, ensuring a future of stability and concord."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PAX CHRISTI - Peace Sunday is being held on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January. Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. Pax Christi promote Peace Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference and have produced a number of resources to help us reflect, including a liturgy and activities for children. You can download these from the Peace Sunday 2026 page on their website www.paxchristi.org.uk. On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a Second Collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. If you are unable to give on the day then you can also donate via their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/.

THE PARISH OFFICE – will be closed on Thursday 22nd January. We apologise for any inconvenience.

SILENT PRAYER - Are you looking to deepen your prayer experience? You are invited to join us on a journey of exploring silent prayer through the saints of Mount Carmel, including St Therese of Lisieux, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross and St Elizabeth of the Trinity. We will meet upstairs in the Hall at 4pm and then move across to the church and finish at 5.15pm. The next gathering will be on Saturday 31st January. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, SUNDAY 18TH TO SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY – We invite you to join Horsham Churches Together for the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from 18th to 25th January 2026. This year, we are guided by the ancient, prayerful traditions of the Armenian Church and St. Paul's timeless call to be 'one body and one Spirit' in Ephesians 4. There will be daily prayer meetings and a **United Service at St Mary's, The Causeway, Horsham RH12 1HE at 6pm on Sunday 25th January 2026** – this will be led by Fr Tristan and he would love to see as many St John's parishioners there as possible! Other events taking place during the week are as follows: Sunday 18th Jan, 6:30pm – Prayer Meeting at Horsham United Reform Church, RH12 2RG. Monday 19th Jan, 1pm – Prayer Meeting with Horsham Eco Church @ St Marks, Holbrook, RH12 5PU. Tuesday 20th Jan, 7:30pm – Prayer Meeting at Cornerstone Methodist Church St Andrew's, Roffey, RH12 4DX. Wednesday 21st Jan, 7:30pm – Turn the Battle Encounter Night at Kingdom Faith Church, Horsham, RH13 5PX. Thursday 22nd Jan, 7:30pm – Prayer Meeting at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham, RH13 5BD. Friday 23rd Jan, 1:30pm – Prayer Meeting at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church, Horsham, RH12 2QL. Saturday 24th Jan, 10am – Prayer Meeting at St Margaret's Church, Warnham, RH12 3QW.

THE FUNERAL MASS OF JOHN PHILIP NEWMAN 1932-2025, (FATHER OF MIKE) - will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Church, Henfield on Monday 19th January at 11.00am.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER 24TH JANUARY @ 7.30 PM - Tickets are now available, after all Masses, for this evening. There is no fixed price just a donation on the night. Help would be appreciated on the day from 10.30am to set tables, peel tatties & neeps, catch the Haggis etc. Thank You in advance.

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MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP RICHARD'S MINISTRY IN ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON, 30 JANUARY, 6:30PM, ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL - People across our diocesan family are invited to join a special cathedral Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop-Elect Richard, followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall, Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk. All are welcome - abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/c5a7autu.

MARY'S MEALS IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey (roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit marysmeals.org.uk. Thank you for your support!

NEW PARISHIONERS – WELCOME EVENING - If you have joined the Parish in the last three years, Fr Tristan is planning a drinks and canapés evening to welcome you. The date is **Saturday 7th February at 7.00 pm**, after the Vigil Mass, in the church hall. There will be a supervised area set aside for children, where they will be able to enjoy drinks, sandwiches and games. Please make a note in your diary and come along for this informal and enjoyable evening.

WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026 – Please see the poster at the back of the church. We begin our programme of events in 2026 with a Lent Talk from Abbot Mark on **Saturday 14th February**, an event you will not want to miss. Abbot Mark is an exceptional speaker, and the feedback from those who attended his previous talks has been outstanding. **Facing What Is: Lent, Listening, and Hope in a Time of Change**. At the beginning of Lent, this Saturday morning of reflection at Worth Abbey draws on the wisdom of the desert and the monastic tradition to explore how Christian faith learns to tell the truth, about ourselves, the Church, and God, without losing hope. Rooted in Scripture and monastic spirituality, this morning invites us to discover Lent not as escape or self-improvement, but as a gentle and faithful way of coming closer to God in a time of change. The morning will follow the familiar structure of our Lent and Advent talks: 10:30 am – Coffee and registration, 11:00 am – Prompt start for the talk in the Unity Room. After the talk, you are welcome to join us for lunch (available at a small charge), followed by 1:00 pm – Midday Prayer with Abbot Mark and the community. **To reserve your place, please email kohara@worth.org.uk and let us know whether you would like to stay for lunch. For more information visit <https://worthabbey.net/latest-news/>**

THE ABORTION UP TO BIRTH AMENDMENT (CLAUSE 191) - of the [Crime and Policing Bill](#) is now in the House of Lords, with Peers tabling several amendments scheduled for consideration on January 22nd (available on pp. 92-97 [here](#)). Clause 191 - which was introduced by Tonia Antoniazzi MP - would change the law, so that it is no longer illegal for women to perform their own abortion for any reason, including sex-selective purposes, up to birth. To contact members of the House of Lords visit: www.parliament.uk/business/lords/whos-in-the-house-of-lords/get-in-touch-with-members/. Writing to Peers in your own words is believed to be most effective method of communication, although Right to Life also offers a "30 second" contact facility available here: righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthlords.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING – SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026 10-3PM AT THE ST PHILIP HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY

CRAWLEY - One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. Tickets are now £40 per delegate (usual price £120). To register scan the QR code, or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.



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ADDITIONAL RECYCLING COLLECTIONS - Old and broken small electrical items e.g. irons and hairdryers, can be left out for recycling on your normal bin collection day. You must book this additional collection online in advance. Textile collections are also available. Batteries will be collected if you leave them in a small clear plastic bag on top of your green-top refuse bin or your blue-top recycling bin on collection day. There is no need to book this service in advance. Do NOT put batteries in your bin.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 Isaiah 49:3, 5-6)

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R**

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' **R**

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:

'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.' **R**

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3)

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (John 1:29-34)

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: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly, Pat Danielian, 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

John Newman RIP, Judy Moore RIP and
ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collections Announcements

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR PAX CHRISTI
(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).**

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

ST WILFRID'S.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Prophet Isaiah 9:1b-4

Psalm - Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R. 1a

Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23