



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 18th October 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

17th October – Saturday, St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial)
10:00am Mass - Deceased Members of the Sheppard and Morrow Families RIP
Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction
5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Muriel Aristide RIP

18th October – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 am Mass - Kathleen Goble RIP (Third Anniversary)
11:15 am Mass - Paul Connolly RIP
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

19th October – Monday, St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese (Solemnity)
NO MASS
(12:00 noon - Mass of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Stephen Wang, Arundel Cathedral, Invitation only. Join via Livestream at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream>)

20th October – Tuesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 29
(Church doors open at 7:15 am) **7:30 am Mass** - For Mary and the people of Donbas
N.B. 8:00am to 8:00pm – Adoration

21st October – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 29
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

22nd October – Thursday, St John Paul II, Pope (Memorial)
12:00 noon Mass - May Tompkins RIP FM

23rd October – Friday, St John of Capistrano, Priest (Memorial)
12:00 noon Mass - Ana Maria Benevenia RIP
Followed by Confession
7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

24th October – Saturday, St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop (Memorial)
10:00am Mass - Rev. David Cullen RIP
Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction
12:00 noon - Baptism of Lottie Petz
2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass
5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - George Greenhalgh RIP

25th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 am Mass - Jack and Kitty Kavanagh RIP FM
11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
3:30 pm - Baptism of Eliza Marie White
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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your generous donations,
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Last Week's Collection

£3,056.07

(£1,306.07 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£619.15

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

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Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen Wang as the new Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Thursday 2 July 2026. Bishop-elect Stephen will be installed as the sixth Bishop of our Diocese at Arundel Cathedral on Monday 19 October.

In the last of Deacon Jon Harman's reflections, he explores what happens when a priest is ordained bishop.

The ordination of a bishop is not simply an appointment or an installation into a new role. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Fr Stephen will be ordained to the episcopate - the Order of Bishops - and will receive the fullness of the sacrament he first received as Deacon and then as a Priest.

During the Rite of Ordination Fr Stephen will be questioned about his willingness to undertake the responsibilities of the episcopal office. In the Promise of the Elect, he will publicly declare his readiness to serve the Church faithfully, to proclaim the Gospel, guard the faith, and care for the people entrusted to him.

The Litany of Supplication follows. Fr Stephen will lie prostrate before the altar, with people across our family of faith calling upon Our Lady and all the saints to pray for him. This is a powerful reminder that Fr Stephen does not begin this ministry alone: the whole Church on earth and in heaven, accompanies him in prayer.

At the heart of the ordination itself are two particularly important moments: the laying on of hands and the Prayer of Ordination.

During ordination, the bishops present will lay their hands upon Fr Stephen's head. Through this visible sign, the Church invokes the Holy Spirit and expresses the 'handing on' of the apostolic ministry; the unbroken mission of the Church handed down from the time of the Apostles. The laying on of hands is followed by the solemn Prayer of Ordination, in which the Church asks God to pour out the grace Fr Stephen needs for the ministry to which he has been called.

The Book of the Gospels has a central place in the celebration. It is held over the head of the Bishop-elect during the Prayer of Ordination, signifying that the proclamation of the Gospel is at the heart of his ministry. After his ordination, the Book of the Gospels is presented to him as a reminder of his responsibility to proclaim the Gospel faithfully, and to teach the people entrusted to his care.

Another significant moment is the anointing of his head with Sacred Chrism (perfumed oil). The chrism used during this Mass was consecrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, at the Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral in April. This anointing is a visible sign of the Holy Spirit's presence and of the bishop's consecration for his ministry.

Then come the familiar symbols we explored last week: the ring, mitre and crozier. The ring is presented as a sign of the bishop's fidelity to the Church and his bond with our diocese. The mitre is placed upon his head as a sign of his episcopal ministry, while the crozier is given to him as a reminder that he is called to be a shepherd of God's people.

Please pray for Fr Stephen as he prepares to begin this ministry, and pray for our whole Diocese as we enter this new chapter together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme **'One in Christ, united in mission'** to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes** (available at the back of the church), the card machines, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit **missio.org.uk** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

MASS OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT STEPHEN WANG – Bishop-elect Stephen will be installed as the sixth Bishop of our Diocese at Arundel Cathedral on Monday 19 October. Space within Arundel Cathedral is limited, with attendance at the Mass of Episcopal Ordination by invitation only. People across our parishes and schools are warmly encouraged to join the celebration at 12 noon online, by watching the Cathedral's livestream at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream>. To mark this occasion, you'll find a supply of Episcopal Ordination prayer cards at the back of the church – please do take one home with you and pray for Bishop-Elect Stephen, his family and friends.

COLLECTION FOR HORSHAM DISTRICT FOODBANK - Firstly, a big thank-you to all who contributed so generously to our September collection. In total, your food donations weighed in at 60 (SIXTY) kilograms - a magnificent effort! Our next collection will be on the weekend of **24th and 25th OCTOBER**. Let's aim to match - *or even beat* - last month's effort. The foodbank will gratefully accept any non-perishable food, but right now they are particularly short of Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes, and Instant Cup A Soup. Please bring your offerings to Mass with you and leave them on the table at the back of the church. Many Thanks!

LOST SHEEP (AND MISSING BOOKS!) - Last year, thanks to your generosity, we fundraised and sourced a selection of quality Christian children's books for families to use during Mass. Sadly, more than half have since gone missing. If one has found its way home with you by mistake, please return it to the box in the narthex so other families can enjoy them. Thank you! Equally if you would like to donate an appropriate Christian children's book to the box, please feel free.

28TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR - At all Masses this weekend we will be celebrating the 28th anniversary of our Parish Covenant with the Poor. Through the Covenant we walk alongside our brothers and sisters suffering from poverty, war and oppression. We speak out on their behalf, we include them in our liturgies, we give 10% of our parish income to our six partner charities (three in the UK, three overseas), and we pray for them. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Parish Covenant with the Poor. If you are interested in helping to bring the Covenant commitments to fruition in the parish please get in touch with us at the Justice and Peace group through Deacon Tom, or by emailing livesimply_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com. The full Covenant can be found at the end of the electronic version of the newsletter.

PARISH CINEMA NIGHT - Friday 23rd October. Time: 5pm - 8pm. We're thrilled to offer an exclusive early preview of *The Chosen, Season 6, Episode 1*, alongside a screening of *King of Kings* for children, a free screening running side by side, so the whole family can join us without worrying about childcare. Adults can watch *The Chosen* downstairs in the Hall (13yrs+); children enjoy *King of Kings* upstairs in the large Meeting Room (PG, 7+, DBS-checked supervision). Popcorn provided! Sign up at: <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/event-page>.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Fr Tristan will be at Hills Cemetery on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm** for the annual Blessing of the Graves. Please gather at Fr Gregory Williams' grave.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – On **Saturday 7th November at 10:00am**, 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.

CAFOD FAMILY HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL - The CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal on the weekend 3rd and 4th October raised £995.26, just from the baskets and machines; this did not include online donations. Also, the recent CAFOD appeal for Nepal raised £1799.20. The CAFOD Disaster fund donated £10,000 in total to Caritas Nepal, so our donation was nearly 20% of the total donated! A very, very, big thankyou to all in the parish for your generosity!

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: 16 October, 6 & 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.

THANK YOU – AND A FRIENDLY REMINDER - A big thank you to the 500+ parishioners who have already completed our new parish registration form! It helps us keep our records accurate & secure and also registers you for parish parking. If you haven't yet, please do so soon, especially if you ever use the car park. **From Sunday 1st November, only registered parishioners will be able to park there**, so spaces remain available for those attending church. Register in <2mins, **scan the QR code on the pew stickers**, pick up a leaflet from the Narthex, visit our website or pop in the office.

CHURCH FIRST AID TRAINING AT THE ST PHILIP HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY ON SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER. COST £60 - If you are involved in leading a group in your Parish (particularly Sacramental Preparation and would like to complete a first aid course tailored specifically for your needs, then please contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk who will send you information about the training taking place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on 24 October. Basic life support training will be offered, as well as how to respond to allergic reactions and other life-threatening situations. Certificate valid for 3 years.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: A DEEP DIVE INTO POPE LEO'S NEW ENCYCLICAL - *Conference Afternoon Exploring Catholic Social Teaching with Dr Jack Norman.* **Sunday 8 November · 1:30–4:15pm · Fitzherbert Community Hub.** Dr Jack Norman, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, will explore our vision of the human person: what does it mean to be human? How can we safeguard the human person in the age of AI? In a world that is reshaping how we live, relate and think, we have an urgent task: to rediscover the path to true human flourishing. All are welcome to join early for a shared lunch at 12:45pm (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share). No booking required. Donation only. Tea, coffee, and cake provided. **Venue:** The Fitzherbert Hub, St John the Baptist Church, BN2 1AP. **More info:** joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk.

2027 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 13th November 2026**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

AUTUMN ECO TIPS:

- Time to put the heating on - but bleed your radiators first so that your heating system runs efficiently.
- Shorter days mean more lights switched on - use LED bulbs to save energy.
- Leave the garden a bit wild to provide food and shelter for insects and wildlife through the winter.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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 45:1, 4-6)

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.

For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens. **R**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5b)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 22:15-21)

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: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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.**

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

THE SCOUTS.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Book of Exodus 22:21-27

Psalm - Ps 18(17): 2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. R. 2

Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR

St. John the Evangelist, Horsham

In preparation for the Jubilee Year of celebration of the second Millennium of the Incarnation of the Son of God, we, the Bishop, clergy, religious and people of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton enter into a new Covenant with the poor as we hear, through the Church, the call to "proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

We commit to the following:

On behalf of the poor of the world to deepen by reflection and study our awareness and concern for those who lack a just share in the world's resources.

Our church has a special space for prayer and reflection on the needs of the poor, our Chapel of the Covenant with the Poor, and we provide opportunities for parishioners to increase their understanding of the Church's social teaching through study and reflection.

To give more generously and substantially from our abundance of material goods to help the needy.

Our parish gives 10% of its parish income to help the poor, half to UK-based organisations and half to the poor overseas.

To be a voice for, and to develop partnerships with, the under-privileged at home and abroad.

A number of groups in the parish assist the needy in our town. We promote the sale of fair trade goods within the parish and we work with and help a number of communities in poor countries. During the twenty four years of the Covenant we have developed relationships with communities in Pakistan, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Rwanda, Malawi and the Philippines.

To bring to the Lord in prayer and worship the brokenness of so many that He may show us His ways to be His instruments of justice, mercy and compassion and thus be a source of hope for all.

We include the poor and oppressed in our bidding prayers and we hold special liturgies dedicated to the poor throughout the year.

So may our light shine before all, that seeing our good works, they may give praise to the Father in heaven and believe in his Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World.

Signed October 3rd 1998