



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

18th April – Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass – Private Intentions

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

(1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 7
in the Parish Hall)

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - In Thanksgiving for Zoe, Natan and Izak

19th April – Third Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Lorraine Tanner RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

20th April – Monday after the Third Sunday of Easter

12:00 noon Mass - Diana Foley RIP

21st April – Tuesday, St Anselm, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - For God and His Kingdom

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

22nd April – Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter

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

23rd April – Thursday, St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)

12:00 noon Mass - Gerard Lynch RIP

24th April – Friday after the Third Sunday of Easter

12:00 noon Mass - Rose McNeil RIP

NO Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

25th April – Saturday, St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

10:00 am Mass – Intentions of Peter Pike

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 8 (in the Church)

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 - Paulose Vithayathil RIP and Devassy Kallrackal RIP

26th April – Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - John Newman RIP

(First Holy Communion Mass)

11:15 am Mass - Theresa Frendo-Cumbo RIP

(First Holy Communion Mass)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptisms of Luca Perez and Rowan Chamberlain

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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your generous donations,
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Last Week's Collection

£2,748.85

(£998.85 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

No Collections.

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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OUR VISITING SEMINARIAN, BARNABAS, WRITES

And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight.

At the breaking of the Bread, the disciples finally recognise Jesus, who has been with them throughout their walk on the road to Emmaus. As if to confirm their realisation, Jesus vanishes the moment their eyes are opened. In some ways it seems strange; having spoken to them at great length before they recognised Him, Jesus slips away the moment they realise that they had Him with them all along. Perhaps we too have, in some way, experienced this. There can be moments where, quite suddenly, Christ's presence is so unambiguously obvious to us; whether that be whilst reading the scriptures, praying before bed, or indeed during Adoration or Mass. For a brief moment all the specific details of our fears and anxieties that weigh us down are simply not in the picture when we behold Being, Truth, Love *Himself*, who has not merely entered the scene just now, but has been with us the whole time, though we may not have known it. And then, perhaps as suddenly as it began, the moment passes.

However, the disciples not only realise that they had Christ in their midst the whole time, but that they had been given a sign of His presence throughout; "*Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?*". This burning within our hearts, be it a great furnace, or just the tiniest flicker of a candle, is the sign of the peace that only Christ can give, the consolation of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, when we chase the spiritual consolations that God gives us for their own sake, it can be frustrating when they are fleeting. But if we search our hearts, even in the midst of turmoil so great that prayer feels impossible, we can know, as long as we acknowledge that Christ is Lord and that we trust in Him, that Christ is there with us, walking alongside us on the road, and wants to listen to our troubles and sorrows. So let us this week be particularly mindful of Christ's presence to us, beside us, and within us, as we continue to celebrate His conquering of sin and death this Eastertide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIFT AID BOXES FOR THE 2026/2027 TAX YEAR - The Gift Aid boxes for this new tax year are at the back of the church for collection. Please don't use any of your current envelopes for future collections, as a number of the box numbers have been changed. There are special, thinner, boxes of envelopes for those of you who normally donate by monthly standing order and only use envelopes for the second collections, and for Easter and Christmas. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support.

FOODBANK COLLECTION (THIS WEEKEND) - SVP Horsham will be collecting goods for the local Foodbank this weekend, 19th April. Horsham District Foodbank provides three to five days' worth of emergency food for those in crisis. 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.

LINE DANCING EVENING - The Governors of St John's School are hosting another Line Dancing Evening to help raise money for the school's 10% costs of replacing the outside classroom. Please come along and support the school whilst having a fun evening. **Friday 24th April 7.30pm in the church hall.** £10 cash on the door. Bring your own refreshments. Adults and older teenagers (accompanied) only please. See the poster at the back of church.

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 25th April** and then **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.

DIOCESAN FINANCE SPRING WEBINAR, SATURDAY 25 APRIL AT 11AM - People across Surrey and Sussex are invited to join Fr Jonathan How and members of the Diocesan Finance Team for a Spring Webinar, aimed at all those supporting the work and mission of the Church in parish finance. The morning will include a range of topics and updates, with opportunities for Q&A. Register your place here: uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zjQ9C6zYTSSQ3lrDS6vRgw#/registration

PRAYER VIGIL WITH ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD - After Good Shepherd Sunday, on Monday the 27th April between 5-8 PM, there will be a three-hour prayer vigil with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. All are welcome!

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CORPUS CHRISTI EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Wednesday 3 June 2026 7pm-9pm at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, London Rd, Arundel BN18 9AY - *"Open wide your hearts to allow Jesus to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity," Pope Leo XIV, Jubilee of Youth, July 2025.* - You are invited to an evening for Young Adults (aged 18-35) to gather together as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers Diocesan event. The event will be hosted by the Diocesan Youth team at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard. The evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral. With a pub and pizza social to follow in Arundel for those who wish to join. Any questions about this event should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk To sign up to this event visit: [Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event \(03-Jun-2026\) - ChurchSuite Events](#).

WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - Guests are warmly invited to gather at Worth Abbey for the Feast of Corpus Christi, a joyful celebration rooted in prayer, procession, and community. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am in the Abbey Church, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30am. Benediction will take place at 11.15am, concluding the liturgical celebrations. Refreshments will be available from 11.30am. Following the service, visitors are encouraged to enjoy the natural beauty of the Abbey Estate with a walk to the Quiet Garden, led by a member of the monastic community. Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic and spend time enjoying the grounds together. Friends and families are especially welcome. For more information, please visit: worthabbey.net/corpus-christi.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA – The next World Youth Day will take place from 3rd to 8th August next year in Seoul, South Korea. There is further information on the website: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. If you're aged between 18 and 35 and would like to go, please register your interest via the Parish Office or speak to Fr Tristan.

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS - Thank you for your donations last Sunday for St Catherine's Hospice in Memory of Dereck Warwick, which came to £130.

ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 16 – 18 July 2026 – dates for your diary! Our church, along with Holy Trinity, are involved in the organising of the flower festival. This year's theme is "For the Joy of Music". Please plan to visit and support the event. **Vintage Afternoon Tea** will be available during the festival. Booking required which can be done via this link [Vintage Afternoon Teas](#). If you would like to volunteer to help at the festival, please leave your details with the parish office or speak to me. Many Thanks, Irene Innes.

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE, THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION & ST FRANCIS, WEST GRINSTEAD, WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 11AM – 3PM - A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUNG ADULT RETREAT DAYS - **Would you be interested in being a small group leader, refreshment maker or prayer minister at our diocesan Young Adult retreats?** The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton are looking to run Young Adult retreat days for those aged 18-35 across the diocese. Each will be a day of Faith, Fellowship, Formation and Food! But we need your help...if you are aged 18+ and are interested in supporting these events, please email the Diocesan Youth Project Officer, Bex Driver E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk.

RED BOX 2025 – In 2025, our parish raised £1,044 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St John's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS - As we get used to our new Food Waste collections a reminder of the some of the less obvious items which can be put in your home recycling bin: Foil (scrunched up into a tennis ball size bundle), Trigger sprays (attached to plastic bottles), Aerosol cans and plastic Toothpaste tubes (as empty as possible).

Check out the A-Z of recycling for any item you are unsure about <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention-in-west-sussex/a-to-z-of-recycling/>

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 (Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33)

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'

O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot. **R**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the LORD before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your holy one see corruption. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Peter 1:17-21)

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 24:13-35)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding

with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Paul Wycliffe, John Maher, 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

Diana Foley RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collections Announcements

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS
(eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm - Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 1

Reading 2 - First Letter of St Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel - John 1-10