



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 19th July 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

18th July – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am Mass - Norah Hart RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

3:30pm - 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

19th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Intentions of Gerry Hannan

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

20th July – Monday, St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Roma Tomaszewska RIP & Alfonso and Jackie O'Gorman RIP

2:00 pm Mass for St John's Primary School Leavers

21st July – Tuesday, St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor

7:30 am Mass - Intentions of the McDonogh and Austin Families

10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration

22nd July – Wednesday, St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

NO MASS

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

NO POLISH ADORATION

NO POLISH MASS

23rd July – Thursday, St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe (Feast)

NO MASS

(7:00 pm – Mass at St Gabriel's, Billingshurst)

24th July – Friday, St Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Stephen Slater RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

25th July – Saturday, St James, Apostle (Feast)

10:00 am Mass - Intentions for Bennett

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - In Thanksgiving

26th July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - David Brown RIP (First Anniversary)

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

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your generous donations,
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to donate.



Last Week's Collection

£2,634.58

(£884.58 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£704.83

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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It might seem a little early to do this, but it's worth flagging up that on the 26th August, the Church celebrates the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, which has also been designated by Pope Leo as the 'Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.' I was celebrating a wedding the other day and was struck - not for the first time - by the beautiful words of the Nuptial Blessing that is prayed over the new couple. This blessing invokes God's creation in the beginning, and the very first Covenant that God makes with His people, which is the marriage of Adam and Eve. There, man and woman are shown to have become one flesh, and so foreshadow the union of Christ, with His Bride the Church. The Nuptial Blessing asks God to pour down on the new couple many graces: to help them be faithful, to be equal partners, to keep the faith and commandments, to bear witness, and to be blessed with children. But the striking phrase comes near the end, because on top of all this it reads: may they "prove themselves virtuous parents, who live to see their children's children." In other words, in the liturgy, being a grandparent is something hoped for right from the wedding day! The Word in His Incarnation - Jesus, born of Mary - also ensured that in becoming man he was not without grandparents, hence the celebration of Mary's parents Joachim and Anne.

As many of us can testify, grandparents also perform a vital role in providing an example of faith, prayer and service that inflames the connection of existing baptismal grace in their grandchildren, even if this connection has for whatever reason seemed to have grown dim. Grandparents very often humanise the Church for those who have strayed away; they incarnate Jesus's tender love, and sometimes His steadfastness in suffering and witness over a whole life. Many times, too, at the end of life, our grandparents so often show us the courage and joy of approaching His kingdom with humble trust.

This year Pope Leo asks us to pray for grandparents and the elderly in terms of the unfailing nature of God's love. He never forgets us, at any age. As we get older, we may feel lonelier or even abandoned, but it is - the Holy Father reminds us in his message for this Sixth World Day - 'never too late to begin turning to him... We are 'fragile' and yet at the same time 'called'". I, for my part, would like to take this opportunity to recognise the wonderful work done so faithfully by older people in our parish, and for their prayer life which sustains us all - as well as for the work done visiting the housebound by the SVP group. We are also incredibly blessed to have a vibrant Grandparents' Group meeting at the heart of the parish, meeting regularly for prayer, friendship and support. If you have not been to a session yet, please do go along!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - is urgently raising funds to replace an ageing classroom hut that will be removed and replaced over the summer. The Diocese has kindly pledged support, but we still need to raise a substantial sum to fund a new modular classroom which is essential to school life. The new space will be much more than a classroom. It will provide structured small-group teaching, a calm room for counselling, dedicated therapy space for occupational therapy and speech & language work, music teaching, and daily lunchtime clubs for children who need extra structure and support. This facility will directly improve wellbeing, learning and inclusion for many of our pupils. Representatives from the school will speak at Mass this weekend and **there will be a second collection**. If you are able to give directly, donations can be made to:

Friends of St Johns School, Lloyds Bank

Sort code: 30-94-41

Account number: 00113180

Money is tight for many families, but any gift — large or small — will make a real difference to the children and families of St John's. Thank you for your prayerful and practical support. *Mrs Farr*

ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 16 – 19 July 2026 – This year's theme is "For the Joy of Music". See poster at the back of the church for more details. 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, speak to me or pop along to St Mary's Church (open 10am – 1pm) and put your name on the sign-up sheets. *Many Thanks, Irene Innes.*

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents Group at St John's will be held in the hall on Thursday July 23rd, gathering for coffee from 10.00am, the meeting beginning at 10.30 and ending at 11.30. (This is a change from 16th July.)

SUNDAY 26 JULY IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY - So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. The link below takes you to the Pope's full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many parishes have a grandparents' group, but if this is something you would like to know more about or explore, please email Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

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CAFOD – UK DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers. **We will be holding a special Second Collection at our Masses here on the weekend of 25th/26th July to raise funds for this appeal.**

SUGGESTIONS REQUESTED FOR COVENANT WITH THE POOR CHARITIES TO SUPPORT - Every year 10% of parish funds are donated to charities. There are 6 charities, 3 local and 3 International, with the funds split between them. This fulfils our pledge under the Covenant with the Poor to "Give to the Poor". Every 3 years the charities are up for renewal. This year the International charities are up for renewal. The process is administered by the Justice and Peace Group and we are asking all parishioners if they can recommend British registered international charities who may benefit from such support. It would be best if you or a family member have a direct link to the charity. Thank you.

A DAY WITH MARY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, 29-31 JULY – Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details of this event taking place at St Mary's Catholic Church, 70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon CR0 2AR. Free registration, details and enquiries: www.adaywithmary.org/symposium.

INTERCESSIONS FOR LOURDES - Fr Tristan will be off to Lourdes this week, as chaplain to one of the hotel groups. He would be delighted to take any prayers with him from parishioners who would like to seek the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. He has placed a book and pen in the Lady Chapel; please write your prayers there, **by Monday 20th July**, and he will take them with him to the Grotto.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - On Monday 3rd August, we will have the great honour in Horsham of receiving the relics of St Gerard Majella, in the 300th anniversary year of his birth in 1726. Fr Royston Price of the Redemptorists has been touring parishes throughout the country with the relic, for people to venerate and invoke the intercession of St Gerard, who is the **patron saint of children, especially the unborn; expectant mothers; as well as those who suffer false accusations**. The relics will only be with us for one night, so please keep the evening free and come to hear his story, celebrate Mass, venerate the relics and enjoy some refreshments in the Hall - all are welcome. In the run-up to the 3rd August, please pray this prayer each day, that the event will be a grace-filled time for all of us who need this saint's example and aid: "O Great Saint Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of your meek and humble Savior, and devoted Child of the Mother of God: enkindle within my heart one spark of that heavenly fire of charity which glowed in your heart and made you an angel of love. O glorious Saint Gerard, because when falsely accused of crime, you did bear, like your Divine master, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men, you have been raised up by God as the Patron and Protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me from danger and from the excessive pains accompanying childbirth, and shield the child which I now carry, that it may see the light of day and receive the lustral waters of baptism through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

PAX CHRISTI FILM - You can sign up here <https://www.anordinaryinsanity.com/> for a film detailing the current threat to humanity of nuclear weapons and how we can reduce this threat.

THE TODDLER GROUP – has now broken up for the summer. Its next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th September.

✿ **YOUTH CLUB – COME AND BE PART OF SOMETHING NEW!** ✿ - We were delighted to see such enthusiasm and fantastic ideas at our first youth session at the parish! Those who attended shared what they would love to explore in a new Youth Club, including Bible studies, catechism, open debates, discussions on today's challenges, and even diving deeper into how we can understand and defend our faith through science and reason. It was truly inspiring to hear such thoughtful, curious and motivated voices from the young people in our parish. If you're in secondary school or aged 16–22 (and let's be fair—no older than 22! 😊), we'd love to hear from you. If you're older, don't worry—you can still join us as a helper and support the group. We're planning to launch on **18 September**, and will then meet **fortnightly during term time from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm**. More than anything, we want to create a welcoming community where friendships grow, faith deepens, questions can be explored freely, and everyone feels they belong. **Register your interest via this link** www.shorturl.at/2ocEs (or you can get in touch via our parish office), and we'll be in touch with more details. Come along and be part of this exciting new chapter for the young people of our parish! 🙌 ✨

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS KEEN TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! - The Catholic Medical Association has been helping Catholic healthcare professionals integrate their faith with their clinical practice since 1911. If you are a Catholic in healthcare, whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional, join us today and grow in fellowship. Find out more here W: catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

GREEN HUB SATURDAY JULY 26TH 10AM - 2:30PM - The Green Hub will be open at the United Reformed Church, across the road from St John's, on Saturday June 27th with lots of friendly help and advice. Recycling - bring along any items you're not sure about - Energy (helping you save money and the planet!), Repair Cafe, repairing electrical items and textiles (booking required), and a Refill Stall for cleaning products, toiletries and oat milk. Cafe serving hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes. Repair cafe booking and more info here <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/sussex-green-hub/>

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