



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Solemnity of St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese | 19th October 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

18th October – Saturday, St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

N.B. 12:00 noon Mass - Intentions of Veronica and Malcolm Peppiatt
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Intentions of Prem Rajah and Malgorzata Sulimierska
(Wedding Anniversary)

19th October – Sunday, St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Ambi Kochikkat RIP & Paulose Vithayathil RIP

11:15 am Mass - Intentions of Veronica and Malcolm Peppiatt
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

20th October – Monday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 29

12:00 noon Mass - Rev David Cullen RIP

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

N.B. 12:00 noon Mass - May Tompkins RIP FM

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Adoration

22nd October – Wednesday, St John Paul II, Pope (Memorial)

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 October – Thursday, St John Capistrano, Priest (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Intentions for Andy Craven

24th October – Friday, St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Deceased Members of the Dufton Family RIP
Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

25th October – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am Mass - Margaret Ward RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

12:30 pm - Mass for Lourdes Pilgrimage Purple Shirts

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

26th October – Sunday, Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Horsham (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Stanislaw Paz RIP

11:15 am Mass - Ian Aitken RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptism of Isabelle Baines

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Last Week's Collection

£2,785.44

(£1,035.44 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£421.40

Thank You

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you give by joining **Gift Aid**.

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

BISHOP RICHARD'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Diocese has two principal patrons: Our Blessed Lady and St Philip Howard. This year, St Philip's Feast Day falls this Sunday. Perhaps we might think that a saint of the 16th Century may not have very much to say to us in this 21st Century. The world is, in many ways, so different. However, St Philip – as is the case with any saint – carries a message that is for any age.

In St Philip Howard, we see a man who knew what it was to be attracted by the cult of celebrity. In his case, it was the celebrity life of the Elizabethan Court. Today, the cult of celebrity is all around us and there can be a temptation to measure our lives accordingly – possessions, fashionable style, status, notoriety, a presence on social media.

He even neglected his own family for the bright lights of the Court, isolating himself from those who held him most dear. However, in time and through the witness of others, notably St Edmund Campion, he realised that the glitter and fripperies of the Court were hollow, without real meaning. His journey brought him home and, in time, to conversion to the Catholic Faith. This step led to imprisonment in the Tower of London, where he was to die in 1595.

From a life of celebrity and privilege, St Philip came to recognise that there could be nothing more important than his relationship with Christ in the community of the Church, and the love of his family, even though he was to be denied meeting with them when imprisoned in the Tower. His witness to the Catholic faith has brought him a different kind of celebrity – not one of worldly privilege, but that of a saint; not one of being served – but one of service.

May the patron of our Diocese intercede for us, as we seek to serve Christ in the mission He has given to us.

With every blessing,



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - This weekend is 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. We are called to be "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples" as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the **Missio envelope**, call 020 7821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk.

PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR 27TH ANNIVERSARY - This weekend we celebrate the 27th anniversary of our Parish Covenant with the Poor. This is a wonderful achievement. Thank you all for supporting the Covenant through all these years.

At all Masses this weekend the Covenant will be part of the offertory procession, and any parishioner who has not signed the Covenant is invited to do so at the end of each Mass. Our signed commitment to the Covenant symbolises our promise to pray for the poor, to speak out on behalf of those who have no voice, to study and reflect on the many causes of poverty and to give to those in need. There is information in the Covenant Chapel about the charities the parish currently supports through the Covenant.

2026 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - the application form for the 2026 Confirmation programme will be available for those in Year 9 and above to collect from Sunday 26th October. They will be available after any Mass from either Fr Tristan or Deacon Tom who will give you a form in person. **These will not be available from either the Parish Office or from the website.** Please return the completed form with all the relevant documents to the Parish Office by the **closing date of Friday 7th December 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

2026 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**

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Office or from the website. Please return your completed Application Form, together with the necessary supporting documents, by the **closing date of Friday 14th November 2025**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENING MORNINGS 2025 – St John's Catholic Primary School will be holding Open Mornings, from 9:15am – 10:15am on Tuesday 25th November, for families with children starting school in September 2026. Register your interest by emailing office@stjohnshorsham.school or by calling 01403 265447.

HAND-KNITTED NATIVITY SET TO BE RAFFLED – One of our parishioners has lovingly knitted a wonderful nativity set which is to be raffled, with all proceeds going to support Fr Xavier's parish in India. The raffle tickets will be available from the Covenant Chapel at the back of the church after the 9:15am and the 11:15 am Masses on Sunday 12th and 19th October. Please do show your support! The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 26th October.

PARTY OF LIGHT – SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER (All Saints' Day Celebration) - Join us after the 9:15am Mass on Sunday 2nd November for a joyful Party of Light celebrating the light of Christ shining through His Saints. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint and learn how these holy men and women followed Jesus with love and courage. Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments as we come together to honour the Saints and rejoice in the light of Christ!

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Fr Tristan will be at Hills Cemetery on **Sunday 2nd November at 3pm** for the annual Blessing of the Graves. Please gather at Fr Gregory Williams' grave.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - The fund-raising Quiz this year is being held on Saturday 15th November in the Church Hall at 7:00 for 7:30pm. Further details to follow. (Lesley 07957 546265).

CATENIANS ON A WALKING TOUR - Thursday 20th November at 11.00am: You are invited to join the Catenians on a Walking Tour within the City of London led by blue badge guide, Vicky Bailey. We will meet at **Wesley's Chapel** 49 City Rd, London EC1Y, (nearest tube stations are Old Street and Moorgate on the Northern Line). Cost of tour is £16.00 per head. The tour takes two hours and there are no stairs to negotiate. Contact Peter Frisby jrbkjl@btinternet.com (01403 252772) or Mike Newman mike.newman1@sky.com (01403242909) for more details.

OPEN DAYS AT ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - We are delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to visit our school and see all that St Robert Southwell has to offer. Come and experience our warm, welcoming community, meet our dedicated staff, and see our children's learning in action. **Visit Dates: Thursday 13th November** – from **1:30pm–2:30pm** and **4:30pm–6:00pm** and **Saturday 22nd November** – from **10:00am**. To book your place, please contact the school office on 01403 252357 or email secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

UPDATED: PARISH VOLUNTEERS' PARTY, FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – If you volunteer *in any capacity* here at St John's – for example, with any element of the Liturgy, with anything to do with our buildings or grounds, in any of our Sacramental or formation programmes, with supporting our housebound parishioners – please join Fr Tristan for a little party on **Friday 21st November from 7pm in the Main Hall**. If you're planning to attend, please email the Parish Office at horsham@abdiocese.org.uk, by **Friday 31 October**, giving your name and the number in your party, split between adults and children.

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – REACHING OUT - We are exploring the possibility of starting a support group here at the parish for individuals and families affected by dementia and Alzheimer's. If you or a loved one are living with these conditions, or if you are a caregiver seeking community, understanding, and encouragement, then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the parish office to express your interest, ask questions, or learn more. Your response will help us shape a group that truly meets the needs of our parish family.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

HEARING THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR - As we celebrate the anniversary of our parish Covenant with the Poor this weekend, we remember that the effects of climate change are felt much more keenly by the poor, especially those living in the Global South. As we strive to minimise our impact on the planet, we are helping not only our planet Earth, but also those living in the most climate-challenged places. Thus, we heed Pope Francis' call to hear "The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor."

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, and keep a festival in honour of Saint Philip our patron. Let us join with the angels in joyful praise to the Son of God.

THE COLLECT

God our Father, you have honoured the Church with the victorious witness of Saint Philip Howard, our patron, who died for his faith. As he imitated the sufferings and death of the Lord, may we follow in his footsteps and come to eternal joy. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING (Wisdom 3:1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an evil thing, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace, he tried them, and like a sacrificial whole burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. **R**

Into your hands I commend my spirit.
You will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.
Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy,
for you who have seen my affliction. **R**

From the hands of my enemies deliver me,
and from those who pursue me.
Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love. **R**

SECOND READING (Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:7-15)

Brothers and Sisters: We have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke', we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 10:17-22)

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: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, accept this offering of praise and peace in memory of your martyr Saint Philip. May it bring us your forgiveness and inspire us to give you thanks now and for ever. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I tell you solemnly: unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we receive your gifts from heaven at this joyful feast. May we who proclaim at this holy table the death and resurrection of your Son come to share his glory with Saint Philip and all your holy martyrs. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

LET US PRAY FOR**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING**

Edrina Slater, Charlotte Curson, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby,
Canon Lisa Barnett, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley,
Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield, Helen Daly,
Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Derek Warwick, Carolyn Whitefield,
Sheila Budgen, Zoe Keane, Mark Wiesner, Brian Harris,
Shane Campbell, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe), Grace Khushi,
Yunas Khushi, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge, Margaret Georgeson,
Jan Davies, Vic Tompkins, and Katrina Sharpe.

WE PRAY FOR

Mark Forster RIP, Fr Kevin Taggart RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
(not eligible for diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).**

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

SCOUTS.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - First Book of Kings 8:22-23, 27-30

Psalm - Ps 122(121):1-2.3-4.8-9. R. cf.1

Reading 2 - Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 2:19-22

Gospel - Luke 19: 1-10