



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Yr C | 20th July 2025

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 19<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am Mass - Gregory Singleton RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Mary Tomaszewska RIP

### 20<sup>th</sup> July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Ian Aitken RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

### 21<sup>st</sup> July – Monday, St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor

12:00 noon Mass - Private Intentions

### 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Tuesday, St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

7:30 am Mass - Nicholas Perks RIP

10:30 am to 8:00 pm - Adoration

### 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Wednesday, St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe (Feast)

**NO DAILY MASS**

**NO POLISH ADORATION**

**NO POLISH MASS**

### 24<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday, St Sharbel Maklūf, Priest (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - In Thanksgiving for Kunju and Mathew

### 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, St James, Apostle (Feast)

12:00 noon Mass - Stephen Slater RIP

*Followed by Confession*

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

### 26<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday, Ss Joachim and Anne (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Paulose Vithayathil RIP and Ambi Kochikkat RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Paulose Vithayathil RIP and Devassy Kallrackal RIP

### 27<sup>th</sup> July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Intentions of Rohan Chacko

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

## Useful Contacts

#### Horsham Parish Office

01403-253667 - Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm  
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#### Safeguarding

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#### Parish Hall Hire

Please inquire at the Parish Office

#### Baptism Team

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#### Bereavement Support

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## Last Week's Collection

**£2,703.27**

(£953.27 Offertory;  
£1,750 Standing Orders).

## Second Collection

**£508.45**

Thank You

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## POPE LEO XIV WRITES

*The Holy Father is currently giving a cycle of catechesis on the theme of Hope in this Jubilee Year. Anyone struggling at the moment to connect with Jesus, our Hope, may find power in this extract from one of his recent reflections, given on 25th June.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will again consider the healings of Jesus as a sign of hope. In Him, there is a strength that we too can experience when we enter into a relationship with His Person.

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so we switch off, we fall asleep, in the delusion that, upon waking, things will be different. But reality has to be faced, and together with Jesus, we can do it well. At times we feel blocked by the judgment of those who claim to put labels on others. It seems to me that these situations can find an answer in a passage from the Gospel of Mark, where two stories intertwine: that of the twelve-year-old girl, who is sick in bed and is dying; and that of a woman who has been bleeding for precisely twelve years, and seeks out Jesus in order to be healed (cf. Mk 5:21-43). This woman, with great courage, made the decision that would change her life: everyone continued to tell her to keep her distance, to keep out of view. They had condemned her to stay hidden and isolated. At times, we too can be victims of the judgment of others, who presume to put a robe on us that is not our own. And then we suffer, and cannot come out of it.

That woman embarks on the path of salvation when the faith that Jesus can heal her germinates: so, she finds the strength to come out and go in search of him. She wants to reach out and at least touch his garment.

Around Jesus there is a large crowd, and therefore many people were touching him, and yet nothing happens to them. Instead, when this woman touches Jesus, she is healed. Where does the difference lie? In his commentary on this point of the text, Saint Augustine says – in Jesus' name – "The crowd jostles, faith touches" (Sermon 243, 2, 2). It is thus: every time we perform an act of faith addressed to Jesus, contact is established with Him, and immediately his grace comes out from Him. At times we are unaware of it, but in a secret and real way, grace reaches us and gradually transforms our life from within.

Perhaps today too, many people approach Jesus in a superficial way, without truly believing in his power. We walk the surfaces of our churches, but maybe our heart is elsewhere! This woman, silent and anonymous, conquers her fears, touches the heart of Jesus with her hands, considered unclean because of her illness. And she is immediately healed. Jesus says to her: "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace" (Mk 5:34).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRE PRACTICE AT END OF MASSES: 19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> JULY** - A requirement of the insurance covering the church building is to have a simple walk through of what would need to be done in the unlikely event of a fire in the church on Sunday/Vigil Masses.

- Fr Tristan will remind people about what to do at each Mass. There's no need to worry about avoiding these; all you will be asked to do is leave promptly, immediately after the Blessing, rather than lingering in the church. It will give our volunteer Fire Marshals a feel for what they ought to do. Please leave your hymn books and Mass sheets behind rather than returning these to the back of the church. ***If you require assistance to leave the church quickly, please wait in your seat until others have left and the Fire Marshals will assist you.***
- Once you have left the church, you can consider the drill over for yourself and you are free to go straight to coffee, linger to chat outside, or head for home as usual (just please do not go back into the church!).
- We would welcome those who normally donate to the offertory using the card machines to do so before Masses. Thank you for your co-operation!

**THE PARISH OFFICE** – will be open **from 9am to 11am only** on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UPDATED: CHURCH HALL KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT** - A Contract has been placed with One Stop Kitchens Limited to refurbish the hall kitchen. The work will commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The work will take two weeks. During the work period, the hall and kitchen will be a construction site and therefore out of bounds to the congregation/public. The toilets will remain open. *If you have any items in the kitchen that belong to you, please liaise with the Parish Office to arrange to remove them by the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025. Anything left in the kitchen after this date will be removed by the Contractor on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and will be disposed of.*

**THE TODDLER GROUP** – will be taking a break over the school summer holidays and will restart on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. We wish everyone a happy and blessed Summer.

**ELIM CAFE** - A big thankyou to all who came to the cafe on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July; it was a glorious day. Through your overwhelming generosity we have been able to donate £368.00 to the charity Medecins sans Frontieres. Moira and I are hoping that Elim Cafe will once again be a regular feature in the parish, so watch this space. Blessings to you all and hope to see you soon. Andy Shepherd.

**FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON** - A big thank-you to everyone who attended and supported our fundraising luncheon on 3rd July. The amount raised was a fantastic £539 - this figure includes some very generous donations. Thank-you again from Louise and Lesley.

**HELEN AND JOE WALKER** - would like to thank the parishioners of St John's for all the generous help and support given to them before, during and after their wedding on 12th July. We send a special thanks to the flower ladies, Sacristy team, Altar Servers, organist and choir. And to all who held us in prayer during our engagement. Please continue to keep us and our families in your prayers. As we continue to pray for you. God bless you all.

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - The Catenians are holding a relaxed Charity Golf match at **Rookwood**, tee off at 08.30; followed by a Steak Pie, Chips & Peas lunch at 14.20. All are welcome to join us for **Golf & Lunch at £46.00** or **just for Lunch at £16.00**. After lunch there will be a **Raffle**. All proceeds are in aid of the 'All Faiths Missionary Initiative in Nigeria & Ghana'. To book, or for more details, contact Mike Newman on 01403 242909 or [mike.newman1@sky.com](mailto:mike.newman1@sky.com) or Peter Frisby on 01403 252772 or [jrbkjl@btinternet.com](mailto:jrbkjl@btinternet.com).

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS, SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 11.30AM AT CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE, WEYBRIDGE, SURREY KT13 8JD** - Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Parish Hall. Family and friends are very welcome. The church and hall are wheelchair friendly, with a number of disabled parking spaces available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).

## LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

**GREEN HUB SATURDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM - 2:30PM** - Sussex Green Living's monthly Green Hub takes place on Saturday July 26th at the United Reformed Church, across the road from St John's, from 10am until 2:30pm. Featuring Horsham Repair Cafe for free textile and electrical repairs (booking required <http://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/repair>), Zero Waste shop providing refills for many cleaning products and toiletries, and Recycling Information stand. Plus Horsham Community Fridge, Horsham Eco Churches and Community Energy Horsham. Pop in for help and information on recycling, energy saving and lots more! Cafe serving drinks and homemade cakes.

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with your Live Simply ideas and questions.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

THE COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 (Book of Genesis 18:1-10a)

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Whoever walks without fault;  
who does what is righteous,  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
whoever does not slander with his tongue. **R**

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
who casts no slur on a friend,  
who looks with scorn on the wicked,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

Who lends no money at interest,  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a one shall never be shaken. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28)

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 10:38-42)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Tony Sefton, Susan Elliott, Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett,  
Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley,  
Mark Forster, 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

Fr Ray Blake RIP, Pauline Reece RIP & ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

NO SECOND COLLECTIONS  
FOR THIS WEEKEND.

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Book of Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm - Ps 138(137): 1-2a.2b-3.4-5.7c-8. R. 3a  
Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14  
Gospel - Luke 11:1-13