



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 20th September 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

19th September – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

NO MORNING CONFESSION

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Baby Harry RIP

20th September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Devassy Kallrackal RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP

11:15 am Mass - Geoff Weaving RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - NO ITALIAN MASS

21st September – Monday, St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)

12:00 noon Mass - Andrew Harding RIP

22nd September – Tuesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 25

(Church doors open at 7:15 am)

7:30 am Mass - For the Wellbeing of Maureen Miller

10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration

23rd September – Wednesday, St Pius of Pietrelcina, "Padre Pio" (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

24th September – Thursday, Our Lady of Walsingham (Feast)

12:00 noon Mass - Barbara Cooper RIP

25th September – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 25

12:00 noon Mass - Geoff Weaving RIP

Followed by Confession

NO ROSARY & ADORATION

26th September – Saturday, Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (Memorial)

10:00am Mass - For the Souls of the Tynan and O'Meara Families RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - For the Intentions of Christine and Michael Evans

27th September – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Dominic Francis and Ian Bell RIP

11:15 am Mass - Josephine Butler RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - NO ITALIAN MASS

Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,
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to donate.



Last Week's Collection

£3,047.48

(£1,297.48 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£553.77

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

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Dear friends, as we prepare for the upcoming consecration of Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, let us pray for him every day at this time, with the Rosary, and with these words:

PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP-ELECT

'O God, eternal and loving Shepherd,
we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen,
to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.
May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude,
a spirit of knowledge and piety,
so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern
the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven.
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for
and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.'

Our Lady, assumed into Heaven, pray for us.

St Philip Howard, Patron of our Diocese, pray for us.

St John the Evangelist, pray for us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY - On *Home Mission Sunday*, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (*World Mission Sunday* gives due attention to this important work), but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him. Home Mission Sunday offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. You can donate via the baskets or via the Card machines at the back of the church, or via this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-home-mission-sunday/>.

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.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT – will take place during the Offertory collection at all weekend Masses from Saturday 19th September to Sunday 11th October inclusive.

THE CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA) - is inspecting safeguarding in Arundel & Brighton and would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding in our Diocese; any information shared with the CSSA will be treated confidentially by one of their expert and experienced team members. To find out more and share your views please visit: abdiocese.org.uk/news/safeguarding-in-the-diocese.

COLLECTION FOR HORSHAM DISTRICT FOODBANK - Our next collection will be over the weekend of **19th and 20th September**. Due to a huge rise in demand recently, the foodbank is running very low on stocks of many staple food items - especially Rice Pudding, Tinned Potatoes, Instant Noodles, Soup, Instant Coffee and Cooking Sauces (for pasta). So, let's all have a rummage in our kitchen cupboards, and see what non-perishable food items we can contribute. This really is a very worthy cause, and right now the foodbank needs all the help it can get. Please bring your offerings to Mass with you and leave them on the table at the back of the church. Many Thanks!

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY! - As several long-standing volunteers are stepping down, we need new leaders and helpers. Experience is not essential, as mentoring and training can be provided. The commitment can be as little as **one Sunday each half-term**. Your support will help our children continue to hear the Gospel each Sunday. **To find out more, please speak to us after Mass or contact Greg on 07447 451390 or Claudio on 07970 259607. Thank you!**

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS - As a way of building up the Kingdom of God and our parish community, Fr. Tristan has invited you to join in with a new venture: Parish Family Groups! Parish Family Groups are intended to be an exciting opportunity to help us grow as a parish community by getting to know one another beyond Sunday Mass. Each group brings together around 8-10 households of all ages and stages of life to build friendships, support one another, and grow together as members of the Body of Christ. Groups comprise a mixture of different kinds of households (i.e. families with children, couples, single people, grandparents and those living alone.) Meeting once a month for simple social gatherings and prayer, they become like an extended family, offering friendship, encouragement and a sense of belonging. Everyone is welcome, including those who may not regularly attend Mass but are connected to parish members. We are looking for people who would be willing to lead a Parish Family Group for an initial term of 12–18 months. The role is not to organise every event yourself, but to encourage and coordinate the group, helping to ensure there is a monthly gathering and that everyone feels welcomed, included and valued. Many of the activities can be shared among the group, with the leader encouraging others to contribute their gifts and talents so that the group can flourish. Full training and ongoing support will be provided by Deacon Simon South from the Diocese, so no previous experience is necessary. If you have a gift for welcoming others, enjoy bringing people together and would like to help build stronger relationships within our parish, we hope you will prayerfully consider taking on this role. Please contact horsham@abdiocese.org.uk to sign up.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ - The next meeting of our Bereavement Cafe will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 26th September, from 11am. Please do mention this to people you know who may benefit from an informal chat over tea and coffee. There are leaflets at the back of the church with more information.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40 - Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. The training is being highly subsidised and tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120). If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN TEACHING? - Join Xavier Teach Southeast for a relaxed Autumn Open Morning to explore primary, secondary, and SEND teacher training routes and hear more about your local training centre and school placement options across the Dorking/Redhill, Guildford, Woking, and Burgess Hill areas. Meet the team, chat with current trainees over coffee and hear which route might work best for your circumstances, with zero pressure to apply. Visit <https://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk/> to find an upcoming event.

CHARITIES SUPPORTED THROUGH OUR PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR - Please visit the Covenant with the Poor Chapel where the displays in respect of the overseas organisations we support have been updated with some very interesting and moving information received recently from Kuni Ledesma in the Philippines and Superemos in Nicaragua. You can read more about Superemos in their blog <https://www.superemos.org/blog-1>. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Covenant with the Poor.

"VILLAINS & VICTIMS IN THE OLD CITY OF LAWLESS LONDON" - Crawley Catenian Circle (which is actually based in Horsham!) have pleasure in offering places to members of St. John the Evangelist Church to join our walking tour of London, featuring "**Villains & Victims in the Old City of Lawless London**". It will take about **2 hours** at a comfortable pace, but you can leave at any point if you need to and we will be led by our regular **Blue Badge Guide, Vicky Bailey**. Our walk will start on **Thursday 8th October** and we meet at **11.00am** at **Temple Station** and finish near **St Paul's**. The cost of the walk is **£16.00pp**. We can promise an enjoyable Morning in good company and you will be educated and amused in equal parts by **Vicky Bailey**, who has led us on many other tours. If you would like to join us or like more details, please contact either **Mike Newman (01403 242909)** or **Peter Frisby (01403 252772)**.

THEATRE TRIP TO SEE EMERALD STORM, WORTHING PAVILION THEATRE, WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER @7:30PM - Sadly (for us) the show on 11th November is sold out. Apologies to all who signed up to go. *Trish Fitzsimmons*.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 4TH - Pope Leo reminds us that the deserts we see around us—lands wounded by war, polluted waters, communities suffering—can also reflect the deserts within the human heart. Yet no desert is beyond God's power to bring forth new life. "We pray that, hearing the Prophet's call to "beat swords into ploughshares," we may undergo a profound ecological conversion. May the energies currently spent on war be redirected to heal our wounded earth and care for the vulnerable. Let us become artisans of peace, transforming the deserts within us into gardens of justice, so that the peace of Christ may reign over all creation." To find out more about the Season of Creation visit <https://laudatosimovement.org>.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

THE COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: 55: 6-9)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The LORD is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a)

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 20: 1-16)

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 told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them

received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, Alexandra Cherriman,
Paul Wycliffe, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton,
Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley,
Ashley Elliott, Robin Sherfield, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky,
Wilma 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

Shelia Budgen RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

(not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SVP APPEAL

(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm - Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R.6a

Reading 2 - Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32