



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 21st June 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

20th June – Saturday, St Alban, Protomartyr of England (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Deceased Members of the Hayes Family RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

3:30 pm - Silent Prayer (*Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, input then into the Church for silent prayer*)

N.B. 5:30 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Raymond Smale RIP

21st June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Raymond Smale RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

(including Rite of Welcome for the Recently Baptised)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

2:45 pm - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

22nd June – Monday, Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs (Feast)

12:00 noon Mass – Maureen Ryan RIP

23rd June – Tuesday, St Thomas Garnet, Priest, Martyr

7:30 am Mass - Mary and Elsa Jordan RIP FM

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

24th June – Wednesday, The Birth of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)

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

25th June – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 12

12:00 noon Requiem Mass for Geoffrey Weaving RIP

26th June – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 12

12:00 noon Mass - Norah Hart RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

27th June – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

NO MORNING CONFESSION

(12:00 noon - Mass at Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Shrine church)

2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Norah Hart RIP

28th June – Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Graham Threader RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

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your generous donations,
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to donate.



Last Week's Collection

£2,893.36

(£1,143.36 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.

FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENT - PLEASE SEND BY WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM TO

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

OUR VISTING SEMINARIAN, BARNABAS, WRITES

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

This image serves to help us remember that even the most minute detail of our lives is under the care of God's providence due to His great love for us. Sometimes it can be tempting for us to think that there are details of our lives too complicated, or perhaps indeed too mundane to be worthy of the Lord's care. But in reminding us that each sparrow, too small to be even priced individually but in pairs as one penny, is under the great care and interest of the Father, Christ shows to us the great personal interest that our Father in Heaven takes in our lives. Remembering this can then lead us to maintain more of a dialogue with the Lord in the day to day. Before going for an interview, when in traffic, when we realise that *yet again* we can't find our keys, whatever it is, from the great to the mundane, we can share our desires, fears and petitions with the Lord, knowing that He is greatly interested, and invested in us and our concerns.

This is certainly for me a comforting thought as I prepare to leave Horsham to return to the Eternal City! Whilst, of course, being in Rome is such a great privilege, it is with a heavy heart that I leave you after what has been such a wonderful placement. Thank you so very much for all the support, care and fine example you have given me. I will be treasuring my memories of my time here with you all in my heart as I return to seminary to continue the journey to, please God, priesthood. It's always sad to close a happy chapter to begin a new one, but I am comforted knowing that I have your ongoing prayers to accompany me on the journey, and please be assured of mine as I set out to continue on the road ahead. Seeing as Pope Leo in his encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* did not hesitate to quote Tolkien, perhaps I can follow suit by ending with quoting Bilbo's walking song, which Frodo also sings as he begins his epic journey away from home: "*The Road goes ever on and on; Down from the door where it began. Now far ahead the Road has gone, And I must follow, if I can, Pursuing it with eager feet, Until it joins some larger way; Where many paths and errands meet. And whither then? I cannot say.*"

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE DAY FOR LIFE – This Sunday, 21 June, we mark *Day for Life*, the day in the Church's calendar when we come together to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. This year's theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. A child is a gift from God to be nurtured and cherished, but the theme also recognises the tragedy of babies who died before birth and the grief experienced by their parents and families. The message and prayers from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales can be found on the website: www.dayforlife.org. The Second Collection will go toward the [Day for Life Fund](#), which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also [donate online](#) on the Day for Life website.

FOODBANK COLLECTION (THIS WEEKEND) - SVP Horsham will be collecting goods for the Horsham Matters Foodbank this weekend, **20th and 21st June**. When cupboards are empty, and money is tight, a food donation can be the difference between panic and relief. By donating food to Horsham Matters, you help local people across Horsham District get emergency support quickly, with dignity and care. All donations are much appreciated, but currently the following items are in short supply: Coffee, Custard, Long Life Milk, Rice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veggie Meals (Not Pulses or Beans). You can leave your goods at the back of the church on the table provided. Many Thanks. **URGENT APPEAL** - In addition to this weekend's food collection on behalf of Horsham Matters, organised by our parish SVP, we have been informed that the stock levels at Horsham Matters have become

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seriously low. Therefore, we will extend the appeal into next weekend. If you are able to do so, please donate whatever you can in order to support those in need. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - are deeply grateful for our financial support from the appeal they made in the parish. If you would like to hear more detail about their work supporting vulnerable Christian communities in the Holy Land, there is a free webinar on Monday 22nd June at 7.30pm-8.15pm. Just use this link <http://bit.ly/4xkvWTA> to register to attend and receive the online invitation. If you cannot make this date, the webinar will take place same time on the fourth Monday each month.

THE SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION AND ST FRANCIS, WEST GRINSTEAD - On Saturday 27th June the parish of Billingshurst & West Grinstead will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Shrine church in West Grinstead. **Mass**, presided by the Most Reverend George Stack, Archbishop Emeritus of Cardiff, will be at **12 noon** with a Reception in the grounds afterwards. Address: Shrine Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead RH13 8LT. If you're planning to attend this, please email billingshurst@abdiocese.org.uk, so that they have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. There will be no morning Mass (or Confession) here at St John's on that day.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 27TH JUNE (11AM–2PM) - We're excited to invite you to our annual **St John's Summer Fair**. Join us for a fun-filled day with: 🏠 Inflatables; 🎰 Raffle; 🎮 Games; & stalls 🍔 Food & drinks. **Can you help?** We're looking for volunteers to support with stalls, refreshments, and setup/clear down. If you're able to lend a hand, please contact the school office or email friends@stjohnshorsham.school. Your support helps make events like this possible while raising funds to replace our outdoor hut. We look forward to welcoming you and your families!

PARISH SUMMER PICNIC - Join us for our Parish Summer Picnic in Horsham Park on **Sunday 12th July 2026 from 12.30pm**. Find us midway between the old Rec Rink and the duck pond for an afternoon of games, fellowship, and community fun for all ages. Whether you're new to the parish or have been part of our community for many years, everyone is warmly welcome. Bring your own picnic as we come together to celebrate friendship and community.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS - **Saturday 3 October, 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral**. 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. Mass will be celebrated 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 Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your free place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

GREEN HUB SATURDAY JUNE 27TH 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. The Hub offers a Recycling Advice service - bring along any items you're not sure about - an Energy Advice service (helping you save money **and** the planet!) the Repair Cafe, repairing electrical items and textiles (booking required), and a Refill Stall, providing refills and selling refillable cleaning products, toiletries and oat milk. Repair cafe booking form and more info here: <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/sussex-green-hub/>.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

THE COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 Jeremiah 20:10-13)

Jeremiah said: I hear many whisperings. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me. **R**

But I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind,
in your great compassion, turn towards me. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15)

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 10:26-33)

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: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Alexandra Cherriman, Celia Longley, Paul Wycliffe, 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

Craig Boswell RIP, John Peers RIP, Geoff Weaving RIP, and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE DAY FOR LIFE

(not eligible for diocesan gift aid envelopes).

Next weekend's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence

(not 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 12:1-11

Psalm - Ps 34(33):2-3.4-5.6-7.8-9. R.5

Reading 2 - Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-19