

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, Year A | 22nd November 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

21st November – Saturday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
NO MORNING MASS
NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION
5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Kathleen Jordan RIP

22nd November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
9:15 am Mass - Mary and Elsa Jordan RIP FM
11:15 am Mass - Raphel Adessery RIP
1:45 pm - Polish Mass
3:30 pm - Baptisms of Matthew-Jordan Ibusca, Marc-Ashton Ibusca, Brodie Critchley
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

23rd November – Monday, St Clement I, Pope, Martyr
12:00 noon Mass – Dr Bijil Arackal RIP

24th November St Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs of Vietnam
NO MASS
8:00 am to 8:00 pm – Adoration

25th November – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34
NO MASS
6:00pm – Polish Adoration
7:00pm – Polish Mass

26th November – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34
12:00 noon Mass - Mauricio Felisa RIP

27th November – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34
12:00 noon Mass - Mass for the Holy Souls
Followed by Confession
7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

28th November – Saturday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34
NO MORNING MASS
NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION
2:30 pm – Knanaya Mission Mass
5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession
6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Alya and Chakkola RIP

29th November – First Sunday of Advent, Year B
9:15 am Mass - Brendan Donaghy RIP
11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo
N.B. 1:30 pm - Polish Mass
5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Our parish relies on your generous donations, please click or scan here to donate.

Last Week's Collection

£2,743.87

(£993.87 Offertory; £1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£1,089.91

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.

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PLEASE SEND BY TUESDAY MIDDAY to comms.horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

FR TRISTAN WRITES

Dear friends,

I have some personal news to share with you. A few weeks ago, I went to see Bishop Stephen to speak to him about my health. I've been having some debilitating issues and, having also consulted with a GP, have come to realise that I am experiencing a serious case of burnout. Burnout is a state of physical, mental and emotional exhaustion caused by stress building over a long time until it overwhelms the brain and body, actually impairing your ability to think, feel and function. It is not the first time in my working life I have felt this way, and I know from conversations that many of you will have experienced the same thing at some point. Burnout is very painful, and unfortunately common in our society.

Bishop Stephen is being incredibly supportive as my bishop and father. He and I both came to the conclusion that now is the time to take action to safeguard my well-being, which - while not only good for me - will also enable me to build back and continue to do what I love most: to pursue my vocation as a priest, serving you as the People of God, for many years to come, and - I pray - to flourish as a disciple!

With the bishop's blessing then, and the doctor's recommendation, the first step I will need to take is to scale back my activities in the parish for a little while, to get space for recovery, rest, and therapy. To do this, I will be away from the parish for the first few days of each week. This means there will be no Mass in Horsham on a Monday or Tuesday for the forseeable future. I will still continue to offer Mass each day wherever I am, for your intentions. I am not able to say how long this arrangement will need to go on for, so please be mindful that I can't set an end date for it right now. I am taking each day at a time. For now, speaking personally, it means that parish life - the celebration of the sacraments and spiritual accompaniment - will carry on just as usual from Thursday to Sunday, albeit at a slower pace, and in a new rhythm. Additionally, I have resigned as Vocations Director, and will not be taking on any new projects or responsibilities: so I would humbly ask you to reflect a little before asking me to undertake anything extra, to help give me a little space and so hasten my recovery. Please also be prepared to hear a gentle but firm 'no' to some things, too; thank you for your understanding!

I am incredibly grateful to all of you whom I have spoken to already, and to my brother clergy, for your wisdom, insight and support in coming to this decision. No-one in the Church is an island: we are all connected as members of Christ's Body, and that wonderful reality is so visible in your love and care for me and for each other. Not for the first time do I realise in a very profound way the communion of the Holy Spirit that binds us in prayer, and I thank Jesus for continually opening my eyes to it! He is King of the Universe, as we celebrate in this final week of the liturgical year, and he shares His kingly reign with us, not just through the ministerial priesthood, but through our baptism. He gives all the baptised a share in His Kingdom, to help build it. You are Christ's instruments, and you have a responsibility to take responsibility in the parish to help it grow, and I do look forward to seeing the spiritual fruit that Christ will coax from the parish in the months ahead, through His Spirit who dwells in us.

As a final thought, I would like to say to anyone who is reading this and privately shares what I am going through, that you have my prayers. Do speak to a friend about it and take some action. After all, the Lord Himself frequently rested and encouraged his disciples to do the same, in His love: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light" (Mt 11:28)

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IMPORTANT: NEW PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS – With effect from Monday 23rd November, the Parish Office will be open each week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**, 9:00am to 2:30pm only**. **It will be closed on Wednesdays.** You're welcome to email at any time, and the team will reply during Office opening hours. Thank you for your understanding and support.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND – Please give as generously as you can to this weekend's Second Collection. Arundel Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and the church of its chief pastor, the Bishop. The heavy expenses for its upkeep have to be shared by the parishes of the Diocese. You can use your purple Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes for this collection. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS – If anyone has booked a Mass Intention for a Monday or Tuesday Mass over the next few months, Fr Tristan will still be honouring these, unless you request otherwise, but not in church in Horsham (please see Fr Tristan Writes above).

A NEW DIGITAL NEWSLETTER FROM ADVENT - We are launching a new digital newsletter, which will arrive in your inbox from the first week of Advent. We are called to care for our earth, and printing large numbers of newsletters has a cost to both the environment and the parish. If you can, please consider receiving the newsletter by email instead of taking a printed copy. **Not sure whether you signed up for the newsletter when you registered?** We now use ChurchSuite, a secure management system, to look after our records. You can update your communication preferences in your ChurchSuite profile at **login.churchsuite.com**, or email us and we'll be happy to help.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS. Please email newsletter items and announcements to comms.horsham@abdiocese.org.uk by the latest **midday on Tuesday** for that weekend's newsletter. Space is limited, so we will curate what goes in weekly. Thank you for your help and understanding.

HORSHAM FOODBANK COLLECTION - Thank you for your generous donations to the October collection - we donated 57.4 kg in total. Our next collection will be over the weekend of **28th/29th November.** Right now, the foodbank has a particular need for the following items: Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned

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Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Potatoes, Cooking Sauces and Instant Cup A Soup. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONATED BEFORE, this is how it works: as you're leaving home to come to Mass, you pause for a moment. You go to your kitchen cupboard, and you stick a couple of cans of something in your pocket. You bring them along to Mass with you, and you leave them in the Big Blue Bag at the back of the church. Simple as that. Many Thanks!

THE QUIZ NIGHT - Our annual Parish Quiz Night was, again, a great success and the Chilli and rice meal was a knock out. Thank you to everyone who attended and a big thank you to the magnificent band of helpers. I'm thrilled to say that the evening made a grand total of £978.50 for the youth of the parish. Lesley Kanga.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH CLUB - St John the Evangelist Youth Club is off to a fantastic start! Our first sessions have been full of energy, great discussions and new friendships. If you're in secondary school or college, it's not too late to join us. We meet fortnightly on Fridays, 7.00–9.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. 📅 **Upcoming dates: 4 & 18 December**. We're also looking for adult volunteers (18+) to help run the club, whether regularly or occasionally. To find out more and register your interest head to our website >Groups/YouthGroup.

THE SVP - would welcome donations of good quality used clothing, books, toys and bric-a-brac for the SVP shop in Broadfield after the Masses on Saturday 21st November and Sunday 22nd November.

SOUP LUNCHES - The SVP would cordially like to invite you to our Soup Lunches in the hall on Wednesday 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December and 16th December from 12.00 to 1.30. Funds donated will go to support SVP projects in South Sudan.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION BEFRIENDERS ANNUAL TRAINING – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2027 - Do you feel called to support those experiencing the loneliness and isolation of bereavement? We will be running our annual training for Ministry of Consolation Befrienders in January and February 2027 . The course is held via Zoom from 9.00am - 1.30pm on the following dates: January - 13, 20,27 and February - 3, 10, 17. The closing date for applications is 21 November 2026. For more information, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser. E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

BUY FAIRTRADE THIS CHRISTMAS - Buying Fairtrade products means that workers in developing countries receive a fair wage and that they have safe working conditions. It also means that no child labour is involved and that the environment is protected.

- Pick up a Traidcraft catalogue from the Covenant Chapel
- Buy a Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendar, with Christmas Story booklet. Available from the repository shop
- Look for the Fairtrade logo in shops and supermarkets

Come to the Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market in the parish Hall on Saturday November 28th from 10am till 4pm
As well as the usual wide range of fairtrade stalls, this year we are delighted to have three stalls selling goods from Palestine, including soaps, olive oil and candles. Buying Palestinian products is a practical and very effective way of supporting the suffering Palestinian people. St John's is a Fairtrade parish.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAYS IN THE DIOCESE - Grow in faith, build friendships, and find your community! Young adults aged 18–35 is invited to join the Youth Team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Young Adult Retreat Days at churches across the diocese. Each day offers two guest speakers, a choice of workshops, a shared lunch and time for prayer, reflection and fellowship with young adults from beyond your own parish. Retreat days are currently available at: **Arundel Cathedral** – January 2027, **St Joseph's Church Guildford** – February 2027 and **Christ the Prince of Peace Church Weybridge** – April 2027. Come along, deepen your faith, and meet other young adults on the journey. We'd love to see you there! Booking available via the Arundel & Brighton Diocese website: Events | Our Diocese Any questions, please contact Bex Driver, Youth Project Worker E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk.

WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS' ADVENT CAROL SERVICE; SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER AT 3.30 - As Christmas approaches, we warmly invite you to join us on Sunday 20 December for our Worth Abbey Pilgrims Advent Carol Service in the Abbey Church. Following the service, everyone is invited to gather in the Narthex for refreshments and festive treats. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow members of the Worth family, school families and alumni, parishioners, and friends of the Abbey. To add to the festive atmosphere, wine will be available to purchase after the service. Please bring cash or change if you would like to enjoy a glass. We look forward to welcoming you as we gather to celebrate the promise and joy of Advent. To help us plan for numbers, please register via our website https://worthabbey.net/adventcarolservice/.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

COP31 - UN Climate Talks - The thirty-first UN Climate Talks are underway. COP31 comes at a critical moment. With global temperatures on track to exceed 1.5°C and eleven consecutive hottest years on record, the message is clear: Action can't wait! For us as Catholics, caring for our common home is more than a response to science. It's a call of faith too. Visit CAFOD's website for up-to-date information about COP31 https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/why-cop31-matters-to-our-faith.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT
Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)
Thus, says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R: The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. **R**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28)
Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 25:31-46)
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 said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."
'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING
Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, Paul Wycliffe, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Robin Sherfield, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky, Vilma 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
ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND (eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; THE SUNDAY READINGS WILL BE FROM YEAR B.

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

THE SVP.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Prophet Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8
Psalm - Ps 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. R. 4
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel - Mark 13:33-37