



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – Yr C | 23rd November 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

22nd November – Saturday, St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Annual Mass for the Bereaved

(Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall)

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass

NO CONFESSION

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Robert Horton RIP

23rd November – Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

9:15 am Mass - – Kevin Regan RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

**24th November – Monday, St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs of Vietnam (Memorial)**

12:00 noon Mass - Graciano Felicidad RIP & Maximino Mamerta RIP

**25th November – Tuesday, St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
NO MASS**

(9:30 am - Mass at St Gabriel's, Billingshurst)

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

**26th November – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34
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

27th November – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34

12:00 noon Mass - Bethany Jade Sadler RIP

28th November – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34

12:00 noon Mass - Harry Degan RIP

NO CONFESSION

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

29th November – Saturday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 34

10:00 am Mass - Patsy Morrow RIP

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm – Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Sean Doyle RIP

30th November – First Sunday of Advent, Year A

9:15 am Mass - Mrs Mary Jones RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Comprehensive, Crawley

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Last Week's Collection

£3,049.36

(£1,299.36 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£882.38

Thank You

You could **add 25p to every £1**
you give by joining **Gift Aid**.

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Christ is King of the Universe!

'Father, "...you anointed your Only Begotten, Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that....making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace..." These glorious words from the Mass of today's feast remind us of the words of St Paul to the Colossians, that all things were created by Christ, "through him and for him" and "in him all things hold together." (cf. Col [1:16-17](#)) He is King of creation not only because He is the Creator, but because on the Cross He has conquered sin that threatened to disrupt the people He has made, by means of washing them with His blood, saving them, and setting His throne in their hearts by way of His Holy Spirit dwelling in them.

The unusual thing about Christ's kingship, is, unlike flawed earthly rulers, it is totally selfless and manifests itself in service: the King who dies wearing a mocking Crown of Thorns. If the world around us does not yet completely show forth His Kingship, it is a call to us to show that we are His subjects in serving others. We cannot create a perfect world here below - and that is not our calling - but nonetheless in striving for 'truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace', we point others to Him, and to our heavenly homeland, even here below.

This is the last week of the liturgical year before Advent begins. We pray for a renewed courage, as the year turns into that new season, to proclaim to others Jesus as our King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND – This weekend's Second Collection is for the maintenance of the mother church of our Diocese, when we're asked to donate towards the heavy expenses associated with its upkeep. Thank you for your generosity. You can use your Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes for this collection.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – Here at St John's, we will remember and pray for the Holy Souls throughout November. Please note in particular:

- **PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE** – In the Lady Chapel, you'll find a box in which you can place the name and anniversary of your deceased loved ones. These names will be prayed for during Masses throughout November.

ADVENT IS NEARLY HERE!

- Candlelit '**RORATE**' **MASSES** will take place on the **first three TUESDAYS of ADVENT** starting 2nd December at **7am**. **Please note the earlier start time**. The Mass will take no more than 30 minutes and be followed by breakfast served in Hall, so people have time to get to school and work afterwards. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful way to mark the Advent season.
- **ADVENT RECONCILIATION** - Advent is a good time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that, as He cleanses from the sin with which we all too often reject Him, we can welcome Him anew to be born into our hearts at Christmas, just as Mary, Joseph and the shepherds welcomed His birth into the world. **Canon Tim Madeley will be hearing Confessions here on Saturday 13th December from 10.30am**. Additional Advent times in our soon-to-be parish communities are:
 - HENFIELD – Monday, 8th December at 7.00pm (Fr Hugh)
 - WEST GRINSTEAD – Friday, 12th December at 7.00pm (Canon Tim & Fr Tristan)
 - BILLINGSHURST – Saturday, 13th December at 10.00am (Fr Tristan)
 - CRAWLEY – Friday, 19th December at 6.00pm (Fr Nelson, Fr Anthony, Fr Peter, Fr Joachim, Fr Tristan)
 - CRAWLEY – Saturday, 20th December at 10.30am (Fr Nelson, Fr Anthony, Fr Peter, Fr Joachim)
 - WORTH ABBEY – Monday, 22nd December at 7.30pm (Priests of the Benedictine community)
- **FAMILY COME AND SING CAROLS** - As we journey through Advent and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas, we warmly invite you to our **Family Come and Sing Carols** event on **Sunday 7th December at 3pm in the Parish Hall**. Gather around the piano to sing favourite carols, with Advent-themed crafts for the children. We'd love it if you could bring a little something festive—like mince pies, cake, or mulled wine—to share. If you play an instrument, you're welcome to bring it along and join in the music-making. Let us come together as a parish community in joyful anticipation of Christmas.

CAR PARK RENEWALS 2025/26- Car parking Renewals for 2025-2026 are now due. This year's parking subscriptions for 1st Nov 2025 – 31st October 2026 are: £135 Short Term Carpark – 3 Hours; £405 Long Term Carpark – All day. Renewals can be made using the following link <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/car-parking>. We would encourage those that do not have access to the internet to get family or close friends to help with the renewals, as the Parish Office is not involved in this process. Once we have an idea of the number of renewals, any registered parishioner who is interested in obtaining a fob, may be put onto a waiting list, which will be held by the parish office.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS – Fr Tristan will be available on Monday 8th and Monday 15th December, between 4:30pm and 5:30pm, to sign Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs) for 2026/27 admissions to St John's and to St Robert Southwell primary schools. There is no need to make an appointment – please just come along to the Parish Office and bring the completed form, together with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate, with you.

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VIDEOGRAPHY/RECORDING IN CHURCH - It has come to our attention that certain people have been filming/streaming during Mass on their phones; please be aware this is **not** permitted under safeguarding regulations.

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.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING 2025 - St John's Catholic Primary School is holding an Open Morning, 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.

SVP ADVENT SOUP LUNCHESES - The SVP would like to invite you to our Soup Lunches in the Parish Hall from 12.00-1.30 starting on Wednesday 26th November and also on 3rd, 10th and 17th December. Any money donated will again go to SVP projects in South Sudan.

ADVENT TALK WITH ABBOT MARK BARRETT – on Saturday, 29th November at 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Unity Room, Worth Abbey Church. The title of the talk is "*Watching in Silence: A Benedictine Advent*" Abbot Mark will explore the quiet heart of Advent through the lens of Benedictine spirituality—a wonderful opportunity for reflection and preparation during this sacred season. To register please contact Kelly at kohara@worth.org.uk.

HORSHAM FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH - This year's Fairtrade Christmas Market will take place in the Hall on Saturday November 29th from 10am till 4pm. There will be stalls selling a wide range of fairtrade items including chocolate, clothing, jewellery and lots more! We also have a stall selling olive oil and soaps from Palestine. There will be a cafe serving hot drinks and homemade cakes. Donations of cakes, made using at least two fairtrade ingredients, would be very much appreciated. Please provide a full list of ingredients for allergy purposes. Thank you.

FAIRTRADE - There will be a Fairtrade stall in the Hall after 9:15am Mass on Sunday November 30th selling Christmas cards and gifts.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP TALK - On Sunday 30th November 2025 St John the Evangelist Justice and Peace Group are hosting a talk by Edmund Adamus from Palestinian Christian charity Friends of the Holy Land. All are welcome! The hall will be open from 12.30pm for teas and coffees and cake with the main talk starting between 13.00pm and 13.30pm. Parking may be limited on the day so please park in Swan Walk car park 7-8 minutes' walk from St John's.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - On Sunday 30 November Edmund Adamus of Friends of the Holy Land, will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and they will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk.

QUIZ NIGHT UPDATE - Thank you to everyone who attended the Quiz Night and in particular a very big thank you to all the helpers who worked so hard to make the evening such a great success. The amount raised for St Catherine's Hospice was an amazing £1,301, which includes a very generous donation. Thank you all again.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD – Saturday 24 January 2026 11-4pm at St Michael's church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL Cost: £40 Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. On the weekend of the [Sunday of the Word of God](#), this day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. To book a place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website or use this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(24-Jan-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#). If you have any questions about this day, do not hesitate to contact Catherine Christmas at catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk.

YOU'RE INVITED! JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURAL ST JOHN'S EUCHARISTIC FORUM - Together, we'll reflect and discuss how we can grow as a parish that truly shares Christ's love. We'll gather in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, spending 30 minutes in Adoration to prepare our hearts, before entering into conversations in the Spirit on our Advent theme: "Welcome". Come along on **Friday 5th December (7–9 pm)** or **Saturday 6th December (2:30–4:30 pm)**. Everyone is welcome. **CHOOSE FROM 3 EASY WAYS TO SIGN UP:** 1) Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera; 2) Visit www.tinyurl.com/stjohnsEF; 3) Use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office.



LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

HOME RECYCLING UPDATE - Aerosol cans and plastic toothpaste tubes can now be placed in your home recycling bin? Make sure they are as empty as possible. Foil medication blister packs can also go in your recycling bin, but not blister packs which are a mixture of plastic and foil. These can be recycled at Boots. The more we can recycle the less waste goes to harmful landfill and incineration.

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 (Second Book of Samuel 5:1-3)

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20)

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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 (Luke 23:35-43)

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: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are

the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

Edwina Slater, 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, Amanda Molloy, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge,
Margaret Georgeson, Jan Davies, and Katrina Sharpe.

WE PRAY FOR

Vic Tompkins RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

(eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

Next weekend's Second Collection is for
Friends of the Holy Land.

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

FUNDRAISING FOR ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm - Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R. cf.1

Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14a

Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44