



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter

**10:00 am Mass** - Varghese & Mary Varghese Pookombil 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)*

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Philip Tomaszewski RIP

### 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost

**9:15 am Mass** - In Thanksgiving – Jonathan Warwick-Godfrey

**11:15 am Mass** - Pro Populo

**NO POLISH MASS**

**2:00 pm - Holy Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation**

**5:00 pm - Italian Mass**

### 25<sup>th</sup> May – Monday, Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)

**12:00 noon Mass** - Chris Banks RIP

1:30 pm - Wedding of Olga Wyszczanska and Jamie Nichols

### 26<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday, St Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial)

**7:30 am Mass** - Deceased Members of the Frisby Family RIP FM

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

### 27<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday, St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Feast)

**NO MASS**

**(12:00 noon - Mass at Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead)**

**NO POLISH ADORATION**

**NO POLISH MASS**

### 28<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)

**N.B. 10:00 am Mass** - John Carter RIP

### 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 8

**12:00 noon Mass** - Susan Pearce RIP

*Followed by Confession*

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

### 30<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady on Saturday

**10:00 am Mass** - Uru RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

**2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass**

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Pro Populo

### 31<sup>st</sup> May – Sunday, The Most Holy Trinity

**9:15 am Mass** - Connie Brown RIP

**11:15 am Mass** - Intentions of Anne Wood

**1:45 pm - Polish Mass**

**5:00 pm - Italian Mass**

## Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,  
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to donate.



## Last Week's Collection

**£3,359.19**

(£1,609.19 Offertory;  
£1,750 Standing Orders).

## Second Collection

**£380.34**

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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## OUR VISITING SEMINARIAN, BARNABAS, WRITES

***"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit."***

There are many striking aspects to this moment of Jesus sending the Holy Spirit to His disciples. Jesus does not pick a time when they are triumphant and confident to come to them. Instead, He comes to them through locked doors in a time of fear and hiding. It is remarkable that the Resurrected Christ can pass through physical matter to get to His disciples, but it is more remarkable that through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ not only passes through mere physical barriers, but spiritual ones as well, the parts of us that are closed off due to fear and shame. And what does he do once He has entered into that dark place? He shows us His wounds, the very wounds that we have caused, but not to condemn us, but instead to show us that what before brought death is now for God's glory and victory, and to bring us peace, the peace that only He can give. Finally, having given us the Holy Spirit, He immediately sends us on mission, so that we too may proclaim the Gospel boldly.

Today our young people and Ralph Montilla will receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Assisting to prepare our young people to receive this great sacrament during my time at St John's has been such a privilege, and I ask you to keep them and Ralph in your prayers, that they may be strengthened to proclaim the gospel boldly wherever the Lord sends them in their daily lives.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION** – is for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese, specifically our link with the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru, a diocese and a country with very close links to our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Your donations to this annual collection help us to support diocesan priests serving in the missions and to assist students from missionary dioceses. Thank you for your generosity. Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes can be used for this collection.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION** - St John's SVP will be collecting goods for the local Foodbank this weekend. Horsham District Foodbank provides food parcels to those at risk of going hungry. Each parcel contains a minimum of three to five days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable, tinned and dried foods that have been donated by the local community. The Foodbank is grateful for whatever you can provide but they currently have a particular need for the following goods: Tinned Vegetables, Rice, Instant / Pot Noodles, Tinned Spaghetti, Cooking Sauces, Jams and Spreads. You can leave your goods at the back of the church on the table provided. Many Thanks.

**CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK, 24-30 MAY** - is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/your-catholic-legacy>.

**PETALS NEEDED FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** – There will be a Eucharistic procession after both the 9:15am and 11:15am Masses on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please could we ask parishioners to bring petals for the First Holy Communion children to scatter as they accompany the Blessed Sacrament in procession. You can leave your petals at the back of the church in the days running up to the 7<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you!

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP** - On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a short ceremony in the courtyard after the 9:15am Mass, organised by the parish Justice and Peace group, to commemorate two much loved parishioners who were active in the group: our former parish secretary Rose McNeil, and longstanding parishioner Peter Mullarky. A rose bush and olive tree planted in their memory will be blessed. Followed by coffee in the Hall hosted by the Justice and Peace group.

**THE TODDLER GROUP** – will be taking a week off over Half-Term, so its next meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - On the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June Michael Agius the Diocesan Adoration co-ordinator will give a presentation at our masses Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9.15/11.15. We are hoping to extend the hours of Adoration on Tuesdays.

**HOLD THE DATE – LEAVING PARTY FOR BARNABAS: FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – Barnabas, our Visting Seminarian, will be leaving us on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, to return to the Venerable English College in Rome. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, we'll be having a Leaving Party for him in the Parish Hall – a **'Bring a Dish' Shared Supper** - starting at 7pm. Barnabas will be giving us a short talk on his experiences while he's been with us in the Parish. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along, so that we can give Barnabas one of our famous Parish send-offs and ***please bring a dish with you, savoury or sweet, for people to share***. Drinks will be provided. There will be an opportunity to donate on the evening to a leaving gift for Barnabas.

**DISABLED SPACES IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK** - Disabled spaces (there are only three) are sometimes being used by parishioners who are not displaying blue badges. For the benefit of those who are disabled and have blue badges, please ensure that these spaces are only used by those displaying blue badges. And please do not park in front of the right side of the car park exit gate as this can block access to the disabled space beside the pedestrian gate. Thank you.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY**- Our parish raised at least £1749.94 for CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day. As there were various ways to make online payments and not all were counted against the parish the true total was probably much higher. This was a fantastic amount!. CAFOD send many thanks to everyone in the parish for their generosity. God Bless you all.

**DAY FOR LIFE (Sunday 21 June)** - Please pray for life! The Bishops' Conference invites us to publicise and join in the Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life. The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). The full Novena is available via their website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/> The intentions of the Novena are: Day 1: Expectant Mothers; Day 2: Expectant Fathers; Day 3: The End of Abortion; Day 4: Unborn Children; Day 5: Healing after Abortion; Day 6: Mothers Choosing Adoption; Day 7: Civic Leaders; Day 8: For All who Support or Participate in Abortion; Day 9: For All who Defend Life.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CLEANING** - The church is cleaned weekly usually on Wednesday morning when there is no Mass. We are in need of more willing hands. Can you spare half an hour or an hour alternate week? Depending on the response to this appeal it may be monthly!! If you can help please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office. Thank you in anticipation.

**MASS FOR JUBILARIAN PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE - Thursday 28 May at noon at Arundel Cathedral** All are welcome to join the priests of our Diocese who are celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of priestly ordination, to give thanks for their years of service at this special Mass in Arundel Cathedral. No booking is required.

**CHURCH CAR PARK** - It is appreciated that the Church car park can become very full, particularly at Mass times. However, please **do not park** across the **fire exit doors** leading from the side chapel/flower room. This area is marked out on the car park surface and full access is required at all times.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS - Saturday 3 October, 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral.** Whether you are you 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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events).

## HEALING MASS

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon, we will be holding a Mass of Healing, with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. As in previous years, the SVP is organising this celebration, providing transport to some of our parishioners and a reception in the Hall afterwards. All are very welcome! Fr Tristan would like to invite anyone who is needful to receiving the Sacrament of Anointing at this Mass, but to do so **you must register in advance to make sure we can accommodate numbers**. Not everyone can or needs to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, so before getting in touch, please read the following guide carefully.

### A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

#### 1. Who can be Anointed?

*The Sacrament of the Sick is spoken about in the New Testament by St James (cf James 5:14-16) and is of special help to Catholics who are suffering bodily illness. According to the Church, its effect is to **strengthen the faith the sick person already has in God against the temptations of the Evil One that he or she may experience during his/her suffering, and to heal him/her from anxiety over death.***

#### *If you or your loved one is all of the following:*

- A) a believing Catholic, over the age of seven, able to receive Holy Communion **and**
- B) has health seriously impaired by either sickness, or old age, or is about to undergo a serious operation, **and**
- C) is able to make their own decisions; or if not, would have certainly asked for the sacraments when they could

*...then they can and should receive this healing Sacrament without delay.*

#### 2. What if I cannot be Anointed on this occasion?

*If you have read the above, but are unable to attend the Healing Mass, don't worry; Fr Tristan is happy to come to you and anoint you in your home at any available time; please don't hesitate to get in touch with the parish office.*

*Perhaps instead you have also read the above and feel that while you do not meet the criteria (A, B & C) you have a great need for healing in your life (perhaps through depression, grief, bereavement, family troubles and so on), then remember that the Church also provides two other great sacraments of renewal: the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) for the forgiveness of sins and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is the greatest sacrament of all, an encounter with Jesus Himself present in His Body and Blood. It is for the Eucharist that Reconciliation and Anointing in fact prepare us, and that complete those other sacraments. The Eucharist prepares us for heaven.*

To register in advance to be Anointed, please contact Felicity Harrington at [PresidentA010810@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentA010810@svp.org.uk) or on 07765 778413 by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks!

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

**GREEN HUB SATURDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 10AM - 2:30PM** - The Green Hub will be open at the United Reformed Church, across the road from St John's, on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 2:30pm. Featuring: Horsham Community Fridge (free food between 10 and 11am), Horsham Repair Cafe (booking required); Recycling - collection point, educational display and advice; Bottle refills - Personal hygiene and household cleaning products; Art Hub - bring your own project or join in with our activity of the month; Growing Hub -everything you need to grow your own food including seeds, soil, pots and our friendly expert gardener to answer your questions. And a Community Café offering tea, coffee and cakes. More information here: <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/sussex-green-hub/>

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

## THE COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, how great you are!  
How many are your works, O LORD!  
The earth is full of your creatures. **R**

You take away their breath, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!  
May the LORD rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I will rejoice in the LORD. **R**

## SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13)

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE: Veni, sancte Spiritus

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL (John 20:19-23)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## LET US PRAY FOR

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING**  
 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, Rosina Ricca RIP, Geoff Weaving RIP,  
 John Michael Carr RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

## Collections Announcements

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE MISSIONARY ENDEAVOUR OF THE DIOCESE – DIOCESE OF CHULUCANAS**  
*– eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes.*

## Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

## THE SVP.

## Readings for Next Week

**Reading 1** - Book of Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
**Psalm** - Dn 3:52.53.54.55.56. R. 52b  
**Reading 2** - Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-14  
**Gospel** - John 3:16-18