



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 25th January 2026

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

**24<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday, St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)**

**10:00 am Mass** - Michael Connolly RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

**1:30 pm** - First Holy Communion Programme Session 2

**5:15 pm to 5:45 pm** - *Confession*

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Mary Tomaszewska RIP

**25<sup>th</sup> January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:15 am Mass** - Pro Populo

**11:15 am Mass** - Rose McNeil RIP (First Anniversary)

**1:45 pm** - Polish Mass

**3:30 pm** - Baptisms of Emily Clark and Emilie Theobald

**5:00 pm** - Italian Mass

**26<sup>th</sup> January – Monday, Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Memorial)**

**12:00 noon Mass** - Intentions of Daniel Kochikkat

**27<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday, St Angela Merici, Virgin (Memorial)**

**7:30 am Mass** - Phil and Derek Humphries RIP FM

**10:30am to 3:00pm** – *Adoration*

**28<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday, St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor (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

**29<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 3**

**12:00 noon Mass** - Anna Maria Cearn's RIP

**30<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 3**

**12:00 noon Mass** - Intentions of Lesley Kanga

*Followed by Confession*

**7:00 pm** - *Rosary & Adoration*

**31<sup>st</sup> January – Saturday, St John Bosco, Priest (Memorial)**

**10:00 am Mass** - Mary Easter RIP FM

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

**4:00 pm** - Silent Prayer

*(Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, then proceed to the Church)*

**5:15 pm to 5:45 pm** - *Confession*

**6:00pm Vigil Mass** - Eric and Sadie McIntyre RIP & Alan Oldham RIP

**1<sup>st</sup> February – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:15 am Mass** - Pro Populo

**11:15 am Mass** - Roy Martin RIP

**1:45 pm** - Polish Mass

**5:00 pm** - Italian Mass

## Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,  
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## Last Week's Collection

**£2,775.25**

(£1,025.25 Offertory;  
£1,750 Standing Orders).

## Second Collection

**£562.28**

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

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## FR TRISTAN WRITES

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the call of Simon Peter and Andrew, the fishermen, to leave their nets behind on the sea-shore and to follow the Lord. In that moment, they are given a new vocation. It would have been impossible at that moment to say what their time with Jesus would entail: walking with the Word Incarnate, experiencing His loving power to heal the world, witnessing His fulfillment of the prophecies, sacrificing Himself for mankind.... Nor can they have imagined to what end it would lead them: becoming, along with the other apostles, the foundation stones of the New Israel, the Church, abandoning Christ in His hour of need; being restored to His friendship and forgiveness at Easter when He appeared to them Risen in the flesh; receiving His Spirit poured out on them at Pentecost; preaching Him and celebrating His sacraments as leaders of the churches of Rome and Constantinople, converting both Jews and Gentiles, and finally experiencing a death like His, both crucified like their Master.

We do not know what wonderful graces we will receive nor the trials we will suffer when we follow Jesus: all we can do is leave our nets and go after Him! With this in mind, we pray especially this week for Archbishop-elect Richard Moth, who will celebrate his final Mass at our Cathedral this Friday. We pray that having served us here in Arundel & Brighton, he will be filled with great courage and zeal to follow the Lord to new pastures in the Archdiocese of Westminster. For him, it will surely be a moment needing great humility and strength from the Lord as he faces a new mission, not knowing what it might entail. We give thanks for his faithful ministry to us here in our diocese, and pray that the Lord will give him peace and joy and he continues to follow Him, and lead His flock in a new way. And we pray, too, for a new shepherd to be appointed soon to lead us.

*"Let us pray. O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant whom you will set at the head of your Church of Westminster as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example, he may be of service to those over whom he presides, so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to eternal life. Through Christ our*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SILENT PRAYER** - Are you looking to deepen your prayer experience? You are invited to join us on a journey of exploring silent prayer through the saints of Mount Carmel, including St Therese of Lisieux, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross and St Elizabeth of the Trinity. We will meet upstairs in the Hall at 4pm and then move across to the church and finish at 5.15pm. The next gathering will be on Saturday 31st January. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY** - Over the past week, Horsham Churches Together have been engaged in the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The events culminate this evening, **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January, with a United Service at St Mary's, The Causeway, Horsham RH12 1HE at 6pm – this will be led by Fr Tristan and he would love to see as many St John's parishioners there as possible!**

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP RICHARD'S MINISTRY IN ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON, 30 JANUARY, 6:30PM, ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL** - People across our diocesan family are invited to join a special cathedral Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop-Elect Richard, followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall, Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk. All are

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welcome - [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/c5a7autu](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/c5a7autu). On the same day, Fr Tristan will celebrate the 12 noon Mass here in thanksgiving for the Bishop's ministry.

**NEW PARISHIONERS – WELCOME EVENING** - If you have joined the Parish in the last three years, Fr Tristan is planning a drinks and canapés evening to welcome you. The date is **Saturday 7th February at 7.00 pm**, after the Vigil Mass, in the church hall. There will be a supervised area set aside for children, where they will be able to enjoy drinks, sandwiches and games. Please make a note in your diary and come along for this informal and enjoyable evening.

**WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026** – Please see the poster at the back of the church. We begin our programme of events in 2026 with a Lent Talk from Abbot Mark on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, an event you will not want to miss. Abbot Mark is an exceptional speaker, and the feedback from those who attended his previous talks has been outstanding. **Facing What Is: Lent, Listening, and Hope in a Time of Change.** At the beginning of Lent, this Saturday morning of reflection at Worth Abbey draws on the wisdom of the desert and the monastic tradition to explore how Christian faith learns to tell the truth, about ourselves, the Church, and God, without losing hope. Rooted in Scripture and monastic spirituality, this morning invites us to discover Lent not as escape or self-improvement, but as a gentle and faithful way of coming closer to God in a time of change. The morning will follow the familiar structure of our Lent and Advent talks: 10:30 am – Coffee and registration, 11:00 am – Prompt start for the talk in the Unity Room. After the talk, you are welcome to join us for lunch (available at a small charge), followed by 1:00 pm – Midday Prayer with Abbot Mark and the community. **To reserve your place, please email [kohara@worth.org.uk](mailto:kohara@worth.org.uk) and let us know whether you would like to stay for lunch.** For more information visit <https://worthabbey.net/latest-news/>.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 24<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026** – Applications are now open for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Full details are available at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING – SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2026 10-3PM AT THE ST PHILIP HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY** - 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. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. Tickets are now £40 per delegate (usual price £120). To register scan the QR code, or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events) If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).



## LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

**GREEN HUB SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST 10AM - 2:30PM** - The Green Hub will be open at the United Reformed Church, across the road from St John's, on Saturday January 31st. The Hub provides a recycling advice service - bring along any items you're not sure about - and a repair service for electrical items and textiles.

Also, the NEW Growing Hub, with everything you need to start growing your own food!

Email [livesimply\\_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com](mailto:livesimply_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com)  
with your Live Simply questions and ideas.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 9:1b-4)

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: The LORD is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple. **R**

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong;  
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! **R**

## SECOND READING (First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13, 17)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL (Matthew 4:12-23)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glorify you, O Lord.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet

Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## LET US PRAY FOR

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

John Maher, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton,  
Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes,  
Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Diana Foley, Robin Sherfield,  
Helen Daly, Pat Danielian, 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

Sybil Gasche RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

## Collections Announcements

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR  
RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY  
(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).**

## Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

## GRANDPARENTS' GROUP.

## Readings for Next Week

**Reading 1** - Prophet Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
**Psalm** - Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R. Mt 5:3  
**Reading 2** - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31  
**Gospel** - Matthew 5:1-12a