



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter, Year A | 26th April 2026

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 25<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday, St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

10:00 am Mass – Intentions of Peter Pike

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

1:30 pm - First Holy Communion Programme Session 8  
(in the Church)

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 - Paulose Vithayathil RIP and Devassy Kallrackal RIP

### 26<sup>th</sup> April – Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - John Newman RIP

*(First Holy Communion Mass)*

11:15 am Mass - Theresa Frendo-Cumbo RIP

*(First Holy Communion Mass)*

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptisms of Luca Perez and Rowan Chamberlain

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

### 27<sup>th</sup> April – Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter

12:00 noon Mass - Peter Mullarky RIP (First Anniversary)

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Prayer Vigil with Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood

### 28<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter

NO MASS

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

10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration

### 29<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday, St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe (Feast)

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

### 30<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday, St Pius V, Pope (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Nina Vaccarosa RIP FM

### 1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday, St Joseph the Worker (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - For Vocations to the Priesthood

*Followed by Confession*

4:30 pm - Polish Adoration

5:00 pm - Polish Mass

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

### 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Saturday, St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - Ambi Kochikkat RIP and Paulose Vithayathil RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

1:00 pm - Signed Mass

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - In Thanksgiving for Jisha and Dany

### 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:15 am Mass - Jimmy and Elisabeth Dale RIP

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass *(including First Holy Communion)*

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

## Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,  
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to donate.



## Last Week's Collection

**£2,921.00**

(£1,171.00 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.**

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## OUR VISITING SEMINARIAN, BARNABAS, WRITES

*"And the sheep follow him, for they know his voice".*

*This Good Shepherd Sunday, on which we pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, we are reminded of one of its most beautiful aspects. As the Good Shepherd, Christ brings His sheep unto Himself; sheep who are lost, thirsty, or in danger, yet still able to hear the unique authority with which Christ speaks. Christ calls some men to share in His eternal ministerial priesthood to call the lost sheep back to Him, and preach to those outside the fold. This only can happen when these men give themselves over to Christ in total surrender to Him, so that He may increase, and they may decrease. As Christ's minister, the priest does not preach a message that is his own, nor does he speak with his own voice. This is also true for the whole being of the priest. His hands, anointed with sacred chrism, are not his own, but have been set apart for Christ's use. His feet, taking him where he has been sent, belong to Christ, who sends him to a place not of his own choosing, but wherever the Church needs him to be. His heart, consecrated to Christ's Sacred Heart, beats with His wounded love for souls. The priest, though weak and sinful himself, makes Christ present at the altar by the changing of gifts of bread and wine, and, with Christ's authority, forgives our sins. As St John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests tells us, if the priest truly understood his office, he would die, not out of fear, but out of love. How can we not pray, then, that the Lord may call more men to this most sacred calling? How wonderful it is that Christ takes fallen men and invites them to share in His life in this particular way!*

*From Good Shepherd Sunday to Pentecost, we will be praying as a diocese for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. This Monday, from 5PM to 8PM, we will have a three hour prayer vigil with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. I encourage you, if you're able, to come, even for five minutes, to pray for this intention. Let us also keep in our prayers those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, as well as our seminarians, particularly in this parish.*

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**OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN** – This weekend, at our two Sunday Masses, we extend our heartfelt welcome to a number of the children who've been preparing, under the guidance of Fr Tristan, to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time in their lives. We are grateful to be sharing in this wonderful moment today with Ansel, Callum, Chikamso, Daniel, Daniel, Finn, Giorgio, Isabella, Isla, Jael, Jessica, Julian, Leopold, Logan, Lucas, Sebastian, Sophie, Tala and Theodore.

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS** – This weekend's Second Collection, on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, is for the Education of Future Priests. The formation journey that our future seminarians and clergy go through is long, but it's also expensive. We are asked each year to support them in their journey, through prayer, but also through this Collection. Please give as generously as possible – and thank you! You can use your Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes for this collection.

**GIFT AID BOXES FOR THE 2026/2027 TAX YEAR** - The Gift Aid boxes for this new tax year are at the back of the church for collection. Please don't use any of your current envelopes for future collections, as a number of the box numbers have been changed. There are special, thinner, boxes of envelopes for those of you who normally donate by monthly standing order and only use envelopes for the second collections, and for Easter and Christmas. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support.

**BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ** - The next meeting of our Bereavement Cafe will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, from 11am. Please do mention this to people you know who may benefit from an informal chat over tea and coffee. There are leaflets at the back of the church with more information.

**SILENT PRAYER** - We warmly invite you to our Silent Prayer gatherings, now moving to a monthly meet-up. We will continue to gather in the same gentle rhythm and format: arriving at 3.30pm in the hall, upstairs, for refreshments, followed by a short reflection on Silent Prayer and the Carmelite Saints. We will then move into the church for a time of Silent Prayer, finishing at around 5.00pm. Our next date is **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, keep an eye on the newsletter for future dates. Whether you are new to silent prayer or have been walking this path for some time, you are most welcome to join us. Please feel free to come along at any point.

**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.

**PRAYER VIGIL WITH ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD** - After Good Shepherd Sunday, on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> April between 5-8 PM, there will be a three-hour prayer vigil with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. All are welcome!

**CORPUS CHRISTI EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Wednesday 3 June 2026 7pm-9pm at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, London Rd, Arundel BN18 9AY** - *"Open wide your hearts to allow Jesus to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity," Pope Leo XIV, Jubilee of Youth, July 2025.* - You are invited to an evening for Young Adults (aged 18-35) to gather together as part of the Arundel & Brighton Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers Diocesan event. The event will be hosted by the Diocesan Youth team at Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard. The evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral. With a pub and pizza social to follow in Arundel for those who wish to join. Any questions about this event should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: [bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk) To sign up to this event visit: [Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event \(03-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

**WORTH ABBEY PILGRIMS CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** - Guests are warmly invited to gather at Worth Abbey for the Feast of Corpus Christi, a joyful celebration rooted in prayer, procession, and community. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am in the Abbey Church, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30am. Benediction will take place at 11.15am, concluding the liturgical celebrations. Refreshments will be available from 11.30am. Following the service, visitors are encouraged to enjoy the natural beauty of the Abbey Estate with a walk to the Quiet Garden,

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led by a member of the monastic community. Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic and spend time enjoying the grounds together. Friends and families are especially welcome. For more information, please visit: [worthabbey.net/corpus-christi](http://worthabbey.net/corpus-christi).

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** – The next World Youth Day will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August next year in Seoul, South Korea. There is further information on the website: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. If you're aged between 18 and 35 and would like to go, please register your interest via the Parish Office or speak to Fr Tristan.

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS – LONDON** - Save the Date: Saturday, 10th October 2026: It is confirmed by the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales that the next Eucharistic Congress will take place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. The day will start with Holy Mass followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be various events throughout the day. More details to follow.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUNG ADULT RETREAT DAYS** - **Would you be interested in being a small group leader, refreshment maker or prayer minister at our diocesan Young Adult retreats?** The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton are looking to run Young Adult retreat days for those aged 18-35 across the diocese. Each will be a day of Faith, Fellowship, Formation and Food! But we need your help...if you are aged 18+ and are interested in supporting these events, please email the Diocesan Youth Project Officer, Bex Driver E: [bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk).

**CAFOD: STAND WITH SUDAN. GIVE MONTHLY** – On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](http://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan).

## 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"

**RECYCLE BINS** - A reminder of the some of the less obvious items which can be put in your home recycling bin: Foil - scrunched up into a tennis ball size bundle - Trigger sprays (attached to plastic bottles); Aerosol cans; Plastic toothpaste tubes (as empty as possible).

Check out the Council's A-Z of recycling for any item you are unsure about <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention-in-west-sussex/a-to-z-of-recycling/>

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

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia..

## THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 2:14a, 36-41)

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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.  
Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name.  
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **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 Peter 2:20b-25)

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL (John 1-10)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## LET US PRAY FOR

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING**  
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**  
ALL HOLY SOULS.

## Collections Announcements

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS**  
*(eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).*

## Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

**NO COFFEE AFTER MASS.**

## Readings for Next Week

**Reading 1** - Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7  
**Psalm** - Ps 33(32): 1-2.4-5.18-19. R.22  
**Reading 2** - First Letter of St Peter 2:4-9  
**Gospel** - John 14:1-12