



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Horsham | 26th October

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

25th October – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am Mass - Margaret Ward RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

12:30 pm - Mass for Lourdes Pilgrimage Purple Shirts

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

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

26th October – Sunday, Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Horsham (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Stanislawa Paz RIP

11:15 am Mass - Ian Aitken RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptism of Isabelle Baines

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

27th October – Monday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

12:00 noon Mass - Intentions of Ranah & Mariette Balabag

(25th Wedding Anniversary)

28th October – Tuesday, Ss Simon & Jude. Apostles (Feast)

7:30 am Mass - Lydie Pantenier RIP

10:30 am to 8:00 pm - *Adoration*

29th October – Wednesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

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

30th October – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

12:00 noon Mass - Fabiola, Silvio & Anthony Grech RIP

31st October – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

12:00 noon Mass - Tony Judd RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

1st November – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

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

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

1:00 pm Mass - signed for the deaf

3:00 pm - Baptism of Megan Smith

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

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Donovan & Joan Austin RIP

2nd November – Sunday, All Saints (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Edgardo Borres RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves at Hills Cemetery

5:00pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

Horsham Parish Office

01403-253667 - Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

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Bereavement Support

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Comprehensive, Crawley

Mike Ferry | 01293 421 421

Last Week's Collection

£2,670.82

(£920.82 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£420.00

Thank You

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

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Happy Feast! Today we celebrate 98 years since the consecration of our church. It's a wonderful moment to reflect on joy we have to encounter Jesus here in the sacraments here in Horsham, and give thanks for the lives that He has changed; to pray for the past - priests and people who served here who have gone to Him – as well as for the future....

There has also been so much written and discussed over the last few decades about the authentic renewal of 'how we do things' in the Church in 21st Century Britain and how we share the Gospel more effectively. But they all have one thing in common – an idea that comes straight from Jesus Himself: '**Apart from Me, you can do nothing**' (Jn 15:5) Our parish should be a community of **Prayer**; of **Formation** to understand the Catholic Faith, the Scriptures, and know Jesus better; and **Mission** to preach the Good News to all, which reaches out to young people, to the sick, the poor... but we cannot anything without Christ! He describes Himself as the Vine in which we, the Branches, must remain to produce fruit.

For this reason, I would like us here at St John's to hold what I am naming a 'Eucharistic Forum' three times a year. **Our first Forum will take place in two sessions on Friday 5th/ Saturday 6th December.**

Everyone – no matter their age or background – is invited to our Forum. As the name suggest, it will begin with a period of worship before the Blessed Sacrament, where we will seek to genuinely listen to the voice of the Lord speaking to us. This will be followed by a forum for 'conversations in the Spirit' - not a 'talking shop' or 'town hall' style meeting, but a period of listening to one another in groups, and being heard: **an act of worship and discernment**. These 'conversations in the Spirit' are conducted in the 'synodal' style by which members of the faithful, lay and ordained, listen together to each other and seek a way forward together to discern the Father's will.

Each Eucharistic Forum will have a general theme. In this Advent season, and as our first ever Forum, it seems particularly appropriate that we will take the theme of "Welcome". In this season we remember how Mary, docile to the Spirit, on behalf of the whole of humanity, welcomed the Word of God with her loving "yes" and He took flesh in her womb. So we will reflect and pray as a community on how welcoming we are as a parish to all who pass the doors of the Church, yearning to receive Him.

The Eucharistic Forum will be organised by a new **Community Mission Group**, consisting of members who work together with me to look more broadly across the work of prayer, formation and mission in general in our parish, and to be points of contact and advocates to help co-ordinate our mission together. Each is a representative for a particular area of the parish Mission: Prayer & Liturgy, Formation, Evangelization, Family, Social Outreach (inc. The Covenant with the Poor), Community Life, and Communications - as well as a Chairperson. The members of the Group look forward to introducing themselves through our renewed Facebook page, in the new flyers and posters you will see, and will be around to meet you after Masses over the next few weeks, to welcome you to the first Forum.

As we begin another year in the life of St John's, a massive 'thank you' to everyone for being such a vibrant community. Let us continue to keep our faces turned towards Christ, as members of His Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME – We are pleased to be able to open applications for next year's formation for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (school Year 3 and above). To register your interest, please speak to Fr Tristan or Deacon Tom after any Mass and they will be able to give you an Application Form in person; **these will not be available from the Parish Office or from the website.** Please return your completed Application Form, together with the necessary supporting documents, by the **closing date of Friday 14th November 2025**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - to be held on **Saturday 15th November** in the Church Hall (after the evening Mass) - 7pm for 7.30pm start. The price is £15 per person which includes a chilli supper. 6 people to a table. Anyone who would like to attend but does not have a "table" we will be able to accommodate you. Bring your own bottle. There will also be a raffle. Funds raised, this year, will go to St Catherine's Hospice, a local and very worthy cause. Tickets - call Lesley 07957 546265. Closing date for tickets is 10th November.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENING MORNINGS 2025 – St John's Catholic Primary School will be holding Open Mornings, 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.

HAND-KNITTED NATIVITY SET- A big thank you to all those people who have supported our parishioner with their donations and purchasing of raffle tickets over the last few weeks. The winning ticket will be drawn at coffee after the 9.15am Mass. Your generosity has so far raised over £900.00 for Fr Xavier and his parish in India.

PARTY OF LIGHT – SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER (All Saints' Day Celebration) - Join us after the 9:15am Mass on Sunday 2nd November for a joyful Party of Light celebrating the light of Christ shining through His Saints. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint and learn how these holy men and women followed Jesus with love and courage. Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments as we come together to honour the Saints and rejoice in the light of Christ!

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Fr Tristan will be at Hills Cemetery on **Sunday 2nd November at 3pm** for the annual Blessing of the Graves. Please gather at Fr Gregory Williams' grave.

CATENIANS ON A WALKING TOUR - Thursday 20th November at 11.00am: You are invited to join the Catenians on a Walking Tour within the City of London led by blue badge guide, Vicky Bailey. We will meet at [Wesley's Chapel](#) 49 City Rd, London EC1Y, (nearest tube stations are Old Street and Moorgate on the Northern Line). Cost of tour is £16.00 per head. The tour takes two hours and there are no stairs to negotiate. Contact Peter Frisby jrbkjl@btinternet.com (01403 252772) or Mike Newman mike.newman1@sky.com (01403242909) for more details.

OPEN DAYS AT ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - We are delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to visit our school and see all that St Robert Southwell has to offer. Come and experience our warm, welcoming community, meet our dedicated staff, and see our children's learning in action. **Visit Dates: Thursday 13th November** – from **1:30pm–2:30pm** and **4:30pm–6:00pm** and **Saturday 22nd November** – from **10:00am**. To book your place, please contact the school office on 01403 252357 or email secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

UPDATED: PARISH VOLUNTEERS' PARTY, FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – If you volunteer *in any capacity* here at St John's – for example, with any element of the Liturgy, with anything to do with our buildings or grounds, in any of our Sacramental or formation programmes, with supporting our housebound parishioners – please join Fr Tristan for a little party on **Friday 21st November from 7pm in the Main Hall**. If you're planning to attend, please email the Parish Office at horsham@abdiocese.org.uk, by **Friday 31 October**, giving your name and the number in your party, split between adults and children.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY! Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in our parish collection and online are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support this Harvest will help more communities have better access to safe water. You can read more about Ware's story here: cafod.org.uk/harvest.

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – REACHING OUT - We are exploring the possibility of starting a support group here at the parish for individuals and families affected by dementia and Alzheimer's. If you or a loved one are living with these conditions, or if you are a caregiver seeking community, understanding, and encouragement, then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the parish office to express your interest, ask questions, or learn more. Your response will help us shape a group that truly meets the needs of our parish family.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

HEARING THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR - As we celebrate the anniversary of our parish Covenant with the Poor this weekend, we remember that the effects of climate change are felt much more keenly by the poor, especially those living in the Global South. As we strive to minimise our impact on the planet, we are helping not only our planet Earth, but also those living in the most climate-challenged places. Thus, we heed Pope Francis' call to hear "The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor."

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with your Live Simply questions and ideas.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Wonderful are you, O God in your holy place. The God of Israel himself gives his people strength and courage. Blessed be God!

THE COLLECT

O God, who year by year renew for us the day when this your holy temple was consecrated, hear the prayers of your people and grant that in this place for you there may always be pure worship and for us, fullness of redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING (First Book of Kings 8:22-23, 27-30)

In those days: Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands towards heaven, and said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you have said, "My name shall be there", that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers towards this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray towards this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

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**

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
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. **R**

For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will seek good things for you. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 2:19-22)

Brothers and sisters: You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool, says the LORD; what is the house that you would build for me? Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 19: 1-10)

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: Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, 'He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.' And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Recalling the day when you were pleased to fill your house with glory and holiness, O Lord, we pray that you may make of us a sacrificial offering always acceptable to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of God, which you are, is holy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the people consecrated to you, O Lord, we pray, receive the fruits and joy of your blessing, that the festive homage they have offered you today in the body may redound upon them as a spiritual gift. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING**

Edrina Slater, Charlotte Curson, 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, Vic Tompkins, and Katrina Sharpe.

WE PRAY FOR

Yunas Khushi RIP, Catherine Cooke RIP, Mark Forster RIP,
Fr Kevin Taggart RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Additional Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE THE TRANSFERRED
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
THE FOLLOWING MONDAY WILL BE ALL SOUL'S DAY.**

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

CATENIANS.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Book of Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

Psalm - Ps 24 (23): 1-2.3-4b. 5-6. R. cf 6

Reading 2 - 1st Letter of St John 3: 1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12a