



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C | 27th July 2025

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

### 26<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday, Ss Joachim and Anne (Memorial)

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

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

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

**6:00 pm Vigil Mass** - Paulose Vithayathil RIP and Devassy Kallrackal RIP

### 27<sup>th</sup> July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:15 am Mass** - Intentions of Rohan Chacko

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

**1:45 pm** - Polish Mass

**5:00 pm** - Italian Mass

### 28<sup>th</sup> July – Monday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 17

**12:00 noon Mass** - Intentions of Joan Sullivan

### 29<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday, Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Memorial)

**N.B. 12:00 noon Mass** - Roma Tomaszewska RIP, Alfonso and

Jackie O’Gorman RIP

**12:30 pm to 8:00 pm** - Adoration

### 30<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday, St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

**NO MASS**

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

**NO POLISH ADORATION**

**NO POLISH MASS**

### 31<sup>st</sup> July – Thursday, St Ignatius Loyola, Priest (Memorial)

**NO MASS**

**(7:00 pm - Mass at St Gabriel’s, Billingshurst)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday, St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)

**12:00 noon Mass** - For Vocations to the Priesthood

**NO CONFESSION**

**4:30 pm** - Polish Adoration

**5:00 pm** - Polish Mass

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Saturday, St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (Memorial)

**10:00 am Mass** - Pauline Reece RIP

*Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction*

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

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:15 am Mass** - For the Intentions of Fr Xavier

**11:15 am Mass** - Alex Bleach RIP

**1:45 pm** - Polish Mass

**5:00 pm** - Italian Mass

## Useful Contacts

### Horsham Parish Office

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

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### Safeguarding

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### Health & Safety

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### Parish Hall Hire

Please inquire at the Parish Office

### Baptism Team

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### Bereavement Support

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Comprehensive, Crawley

Mike Ferry | 01293 421 421

## Last Week's Collection

**£2,455.57**

(£705.57 Offertory;  
£1,750 Standing Orders).

## Second Collection

No Collections

Thank You

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

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## FR TRISTAN WRITES

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus's response - the "Our Father" and the parable about the night visitor - point to the foundation of Christ's prayer, which is rooted in our discovering God to be paternal and merciful, rather than arbitrary and vindictive. We may find it a cop-out to pray for people in desperate situations and prefer physical action. But prayer is not inaction: it is very powerful. Some of the people who should be angriest right now, and the most disenchanted with prayer, are the Catholics of Gaza, whose church of the Holy Family was bombed last week. However, the parish priest, Fr Romanelli, reports: "There were fifteen wounded, three of whom have died. The doorman, Saad, died, along with the two elderly women, Foumia and Najwa. Among the wounded, I was injured in the leg, nothing serious, and in the side. But two people are seriously wounded. They're not in life-threatening condition anymore, but they're still in very serious condition: Najeeb is still hospitalized at the Anglican hospital, with a punctured lung. And Suhail, our postulant, our religious brother, whom many of you know. He's a very capable young man, very apostolic. Since he was 15, he felt his calling, and he was supposed to be in seminary two years ago, but the war started, and he couldn't leave or travel to officially begin his novitiate. He's very active here in the parish. He suffered a severe injury and had surgery, and now he faces a long recovery. So please pray for these two, who are the most seriously injured. The rest of the wounded are doing well. The situation remains very serious throughout the entire Gaza Strip. We've been comforted by the closeness of the Church, as always. Pope Leo called us. The Latin Patriarch visited once again, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, and he was accompanied by the Greek Orthodox Patriarch. It was a deeply heartfelt visit, truly beautiful. In the midst of this tragedy, we've felt comfort, prayer, the closeness of our pastors, all the faithful, and all people of goodwill. So I ask you again for your prayers, and let's try to convince the whole world to end this war, so we can begin rebuilding peace, justice, and reconciliation, both in Palestine and in Israel. May Our Lady bless you." Suhail has been transferred to be treated inside Israel, in Ashdot Hospital. (Source: Vatican News, 19th July, 22:11)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS** - Please be aware that our new Parish Safeguarding Reps are Michelle Downey, Mark Beckett and Adeline Hawkes. If you need to contact them for advice or support, please email them on [sg1.horsham@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.horsham@abdiocese.org.uk) and they will get back to you a.s.a.p. These names and contact details can be found at the bottom of the newsletter and on posters pinned on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Please remember that Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is **all** our responsibility and we should all remain alert to any issues we might see or feel uncomfortable about. If you are concerned about something you have witnessed and want advice on what to do, then do not hesitate in contacting the Safeguarding team. We are here to help you. You will never be alone to deal with a problem on your own. Please take time to note the 'Safespaces' posters on the noticeboard as you leave the church today. As Parish Safeguarding Reps, we are here for you should you have any past safeguarding concerns/issues, personally or with regard to someone you know. Please contact us in confidence, in whichever way is right for you.

**UPDATED: CHURCH HALL KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT** - A Contract has been placed with One Stop Kitchens Limited to refurbish the hall kitchen. The work will commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The work will take two weeks. During the work period, the hall and kitchen will be a construction site and therefore out of bounds to the congregation/public. The toilets will remain open. ***If you have any items in the kitchen that belong to you, please liaise with the Parish Office to arrange to remove them by the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025. Anything left in the kitchen after this date will be removed by the Contractor on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and will be disposed of.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – There will be no Children's Liturgy over the school summer holidays, so the next gathering for Children's Liturgy during the 9:15am Sunday Mass will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**THE TODDLER GROUP** – will be taking a break over the school summer holidays and will restart on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. We wish everyone a happy and blessed Summer.

**THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ** – will be taking a break over the summer. Its next meeting will be on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11am in the Parish Hall.

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - The Catenians are holding a relaxed Charity Golf match at **Rookwood**, tee off at 08.30; followed by a Steak Pie, Chips & Peas lunch at 14.20. All are welcome to join us for **Golf & Lunch at £46.00** or **just for Lunch at £16.00**. After lunch there will be a **Raffle**. All proceeds are in aid of the '**All Faiths Missionary Initiative in Nigeria & Ghana**'. To book, or for more details, contact Mike Newman on 01403 242909 or [mike.newman1@sky.com](mailto:mike.newman1@sky.com) or Peter Frisby on 01403 252772 or [jrbkjl@btinternet.com](mailto:jrbkjl@btinternet.com).

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES** – Please visit the Diocesan website for full details of the following two job vacancies:

- **Head of Finance, full-time, permanent. Salary:** £60,000 to £65,000. **Location:** The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site). **Application deadline:** 18 August 2025 at 5pm. **Interviews:** 26 August 2025. For details of the role and to apply, go to [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/head-of-finance](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/head-of-finance)
- **Communications Officer, part-time, permanent. Salary:** £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000). **Location:** Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required. **Application deadline:** 13 August 2025 at 5pm. **Interviews:** 19 August 2025. For details of the role and to apply, go to [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications)

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS, SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 11.30AM AT CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE, WEYBRIDGE, SURREY KT13 8JD** - Whether you are 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. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us 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 Parish Hall. Family and friends are very welcome. The church and hall are wheelchair friendly, with a number of disabled parking spaces available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk).

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – 11-4pm Saturday 1 November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge.** Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Parking is available in the church car park but we suggest that you car share, if at all possible. To book a place follow this link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(01-Nov-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the events page on the Diocesan website.

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

**POPE LEO XIV CELEBRATES NEW CARE OF CREATION MASS** - Pope Leo began his summer holiday with the first celebration of a new 'Mass for the Care of Creation', attended by the staff of Laudato Si village, an educational centre based in Castel Gandolfo. The Mass calls us to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us, both in our daily choices and in our prayer and worship. Citing Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si, the text of the Mass emphasises that the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are one. <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/52768>.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**THE COLLECT**  
O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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** (Book of Genesis 18:20-32)  
In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**R: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R**

I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
For you have exalted over all  
your name and your promise.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;  
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes. **R**

With your right hand you save me;  
the LORD will accomplish this for me.  
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

**SECOND READING** (Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14)  
Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia. You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** (Luke 11:1-13)  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING**

John Maher, Tony Sefton, Susan Elliott, Baby Ruby, Canon Lisa Barnett, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Mark Forster, 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, Yunas Khushi, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge, Margaret Georgeson, Jan Davies, Vic Tompkins, and Katrina Sharpe.

**WE PRAY FOR**

Pauline Reece RIP & ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

**NO SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND.**

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

**NO COFFEE AFTER MASS.**

Readings for Next Week

**Reading 1** - Book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
**Psalm** - Ps 90(89):3-4.5-6.12-13.14, 17. R.1  
**Reading 2** - Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
**Gospel** - Luke 12:13-21