



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | 27th September 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

26th September – Saturday, Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (Memorial)

10:00am Mass - For the Souls of the Tynan and O'Meara Families RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - For the Intentions of Christine and Michael Evans

27th September – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Dominic Francis and Ian Bell RIP

11:15 am Mass - Josephine Butler RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

28th September – Monday, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) Martyrs of the Philippines

12:00 noon Mass - The Coleman and Dunne Families RIP FM

29th September – Tuesday, Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

NO MASS

10:30 am to 3:00 pm – Adoration

30th September – Wednesday, St Jerome, Priest, Doctor (Memorial)

NO MASS
(12:00 noon - Mass at Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead)

NO POLISH ADORATION

NO POLISH MASS

1st October – Thursday, St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor (Memorial) St Thérèse of Lisieux

12:00 noon Mass - Antony Leaver RIP FM

2nd October – Friday, The Holy Guardian Angels (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

3rd October – Saturday, The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex (Memorial)

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

4th October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Helen Daly RIP

11:15 am Mass - Georg Kuon RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,
please click or scan here
to donate.



Last Week's Collection

£2,997.11

(£1,247.11 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£560.30

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.

FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENT - PLEASE SEND BY WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM TO

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Dear friends, as we prepare for the upcoming consecration of Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, let us pray for him every day at this time, with the Rosary, and with these words:

PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP-ELECT

'O God, eternal and loving Shepherd,
we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen,
to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.
May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude,
a spirit of knowledge and piety,
so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern
the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven.
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for
and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.'

*Our Lady, assumed into Heaven, pray for us.
St Philip Howard, Patron of our Diocese, pray for us.
St John the Evangelist, pray for us.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026 SVP APPEAL - This weekend is the feast of St Vincent de Paul. The St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) is a group of volunteers whose focus is befriending and giving practical support to individuals and families locally and abroad. **On the weekend of the 26th and 27th of September (this weekend) the second collection is for SVP.** This is our main source of annual income. Once again, we'd be very grateful for your generosity. You can donate via the baskets, the electronic donation points at the back of church, via the SVP page on the Parish website and by cheque, left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER - We're asking all parishioners to complete a simple registration form so that we can keep our parish records **accurate, up to date and secure**. Your details will also help us manage our new car park system effectively, making sure spaces remain available for those who are genuinely using the church and parish facilities. This registration form registers you for parish parking. **You must complete the form to continue using the church car park.** Please scan the QR code on the pew stickers, pick up a leaflet from the Narthex or head straight to our website to register.

2027 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 13th November 2026.** We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY - is on **Friday 2nd October**. Please go without one meal on the day and put the money saved, plus any other donations, into the envelopes that will be put out on the benches, and at the back of the church, from Monday 28th September. You can also scan the QR code on the envelopes to pay online or go to cafod.org.uk or use the church payment terminal. Please hand the envelopes in at the second collection at any Mass on the weekend 3rd - 4th October. 86% of CAFOD funds come from the 2 Family Fast Day Appeals so these appeals support a lot of vulnerable people around the world. Many thanks!

PARISH SHARED LUNCH, SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER - We're delighted to be holding a Parish Shared Lunch on **Sunday 4th October**, to celebrate Fr Xavier's visit and his forthcoming 66th birthday on 18th October. We know it's short notice, but we do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us. As always, please bring a savoury or sweet dish to share. An Indian-themed menu would be lovely, though of course it isn't essential, all contributions are welcome! **When:** 12:30pm / **Where:** Church Hall

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THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT – will take place during the Offertory collection at all weekend Masses from Saturday 19th September to Sunday 11th October inclusive.

THE CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA) - is inspecting safeguarding in Arundel & Brighton and would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding in our Diocese; any information shared with the CSSA will be treated confidentially by one of their expert and experienced team members. To find out more and share your views please visit: abdiocese.org.uk/news/safeguarding-in-the-diocese.

PARISH CINEMA NIGHTS - Wednesday 14th October/Friday 23rd October. Time: 5pm - 8pm. We're thrilled to offer an exclusive early preview of *The Chosen, Season 6, Episode 1*, alongside a screening of *King of Kings* for children, 2 free screenings running side by side, so the whole family can join us without worrying about childcare. Adults can watch *The Chosen* downstairs in the Hall (13yrs+); children enjoy *King of Kings* upstairs in the large Meeting Room (PG, 7+, DBS-checked supervision). Popcorn provided! Sign up at: <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/event-page>

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY! - As several long-standing volunteers are stepping down, we need new leaders and helpers. Experience is not essential, as mentoring and training can be provided. The commitment can be as little as **one Sunday each half-term**. Your support will help our children continue to hear the Gospel each Sunday. **To find out more, please speak to us after Mass or contact Greg on 07447 451390 or Claudio on 07970 259607. Thank you!**

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS - As a way of building up the Kingdom of God and our parish community, Fr. Tristan has invited you to join in with a new venture: Parish Family Groups! Parish Family Groups are intended to be an exciting opportunity to help us grow as a parish community by getting to know one another beyond Sunday Mass. Each group brings together around 8-10 households of all ages and stages of life to build friendships, support one another, and grow together as members of the Body of Christ. Groups comprise a mixture of different kinds of households (i.e. families with children, couples, single people, grandparents and those living alone.) Meeting once a month for simple social gatherings and prayer, they become like an extended family, offering friendship, encouragement and a sense of belonging. Everyone is welcome, including those who may not regularly attend Mass but are connected to parish members. We are looking for people who would be willing to lead a Parish Family Group for an initial term of 12–18 months. The role is not to organise every event yourself, but to encourage and coordinate the group, helping to ensure there is a monthly gathering and that everyone feels welcomed, included and valued. Many of the activities can be shared among the group, with the leader encouraging others to contribute their gifts and talents so that the group can flourish. Full training and ongoing support will be provided by Deacon Simon South from the Diocese, so no previous experience is necessary. If you have a gift for welcoming others, enjoy bringing people together and would like to help build stronger relationships within our parish, we hope you will prayerfully consider taking on this role. Please contact horsham@abdiocese.org.uk to sign up.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40
- Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. 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. The training is being highly subsidised and tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120). If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

CHARITIES SUPPORTED THROUGH OUR PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR - Please visit the Covenant with the Poor Chapel where the displays in respect of the overseas organisations we support have been updated with some very interesting and moving information received recently from Kuni Ledesma in the Philippines and Superemos in Nicaragua. You can read more about Superemos in their blog <https://www.superemos.org/blog-1>. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Covenant with the Poor.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 4TH - This year's theme of Living Water prompts us to think about taking small actions for the good of our Common Home. Just as a few small drops of water can become a flowing stream. A short prayer, a small change of habit, a reaching out to engage others in our care for the planet. All of these can make a real difference. To find out more about the Season of Creation visit: <https://laudatosimovement.org>.

Email livesimply_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com with your Live Simply questions and ideas.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Ezekiel 18:25-28)

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Remember your compassion, O LORD.

O LORD, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;

for you are the God of my salvation. **R**

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. **R**

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11)

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 21:28-32)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and

said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, Alexandra Cherriman,
Paul Wycliffe, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton,
Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley,
Ashley Elliott, Robin Sherfield, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky,
Wilma Marshall, Carolyn Whitefield, 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

Ian Evans RIP, Shelia Budgen RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SVP APPEAL

(not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

(not eligible for Diocesan gift aid envelopes).

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

THE SVP.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm - Ps 80(79): 9,12.13-14.15-16.19-20. R. Is5:7a

Reading 2 - Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43