



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity), Year A | 28th June 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

27th June – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

NO MORNING CONFESSION

(12:00 noon - Mass at Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Shrine church)

2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Norah Hart RIP

28th June – Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Graham Threader RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

29th June – Monday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 13

12:00 noon Mass – Dereck Warwick RIP

30th June – Tuesday, The First Martyrs of the See of Rome (Memorial)

7:30 am Mass - In Thanksgiving for Mini's Family

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

1st July – Wednesday, Dedication of Arundel Cathedral (Feast)

NO MASS

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

NO POLISH ADORATION

NO POLISH MASS

2nd July – Thursday, St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Norah Hart RIP

3rd July – Friday, St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)

12:00 noon Requiem Mass for Craig Boswell RIP

NO CONFESSION

4:30 pm - Polish Adoration

5:00 pm - Polish Mass

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

4th July – Our Lady on Saturday

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 - Deceased Members of the Fernandez Family RIP

5th July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Teresa Hannan RIP and Gerry Hannan (Wedding Anniversary)

11:15 am Mass - Deceased Members of the Bleach and Tucker Families RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

NO ITALIAN MASS

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Last Week's Collection

£2,619.00

(£869.00 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£578.56

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you give by joining **Gift Aid**.

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OUR VISTING SEMINARIAN, BARNABAS, WRITES

On today's feast, we celebrate two of the greatest figures of the Church - St Peter, our first pope, the rock upon which Christ builds his Church, and St Paul, the great proclaimer of the Gospel and establisher of so many churches. The fact that both men struggled with significant weakness and had fallen short of the exhortations of the Gospel is a great source of comfort to us. Through their example, we ourselves know that Christ calls us to mission in the midst of our own struggles and brokenness. Moreover, these imperfect men were chosen specifically to demonstrate that *the gates of Hell will not prevail* against the Church. No matter the times we are in, no matter the weaknesses, difficulties, and yes, sins we encounter in the Church and in ourselves, Christ assures us that the ship will not sink, that all will not be lost, that the Lord will triumph - in fact, He already has! This impresses on us all the more how essential it is that, no matter what our frustrations may be, we must remain in unity with the See of Peter under the Holy Father, not merely in a cold, legalistic way but in a positive affirmation that, amidst it all, we are called to live out our vocations in union with his. At times this can be a bit of a challenge, when we face divisions and difficulties in the Church, and when we know that there are so many Christians whom we love, benefit from and respect who are not in full communion with the See of Peter. But in preaching the beauty of the gift that the Papacy is for the Church, we can hopefully encourage others to also receive that gift and continue to pray for them and walk with them with loving patience.

I am particularly mindful of this today, as I go to St Peter's for the Pallium Mass, in which Archbishop Richard Moth and other recently appointed Archbishops will receive the Pallium from Pope Leo. The Pallium (the word coming from the Latin for 'mantle' or 'cloak') is an ancient sign of the Pope's authority, which Archbishops wear to indicate their participation in that authority, and indeed their unity with it. This isn't something that merely constrains bishops to 'toe the line' as one would expect from a secular institution; instead, it is ultimately a gift that leads to a great spiritual freedom, as it means that their authority to *bind and loose* is the same authority granted to the Apostles in union with Peter, giving them the great confidence that they are indeed appointed by the Church, and therefore sent by God to be a part of His great mission.

Much as I love being back with my brethren at the seminary, it is with a heavy heart that I have left Horsham. I'll be keeping you all in my prayers as I brave the heat in the Eternal City, and I'll raise an Aperol Spritz in your honour. God bless you, and happy Solemnity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PETER'S PENCE – This weekend's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence. Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and closeness to his mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world. By donating, you are supporting Pope Leo in his apostolic mission, charitable initiatives and humanitarian aid. "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." 1 Thess. 3:12. Thank you for your generosity. You can also donate online via <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html> This collection is not eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes.

FOODBANK COLLECTION (THIS WEEKEND) - SVP Horsham will be collecting goods for the Horsham Matters Foodbank this weekend, **27th and 28th June**. When cupboards are empty, and money is tight, a food donation can be the difference between panic and relief. By donating food to Horsham Matters, you help local people across Horsham District get emergency support quickly, with dignity and care. All donations are much appreciated, but currently the following items are in short supply: Coffee, Custard, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veggie Meals (Not Pulses or Beans), Ketchup/Mayo. They have plenty of pasta, cereal and tea. You can leave your goods at the back of the church on the table provided. Many Thanks.

PARISH SUMMER PICNIC - Join us for our Parish Summer Picnic in Horsham Park on **Sunday 12th July 2026 from 12.30pm**. Find us midway between the old Rec Rink and the duck pond for an afternoon of games, fellowship, and community fun for all ages. Whether you're new to the parish or have been part of our community for many years, everyone is warmly welcome. Bring your own picnic as we come together to celebrate friendship and community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 16 – 19 July 2026 – This year's theme is "For the Joy of Music". See poster at the back of the church for more details. Please plan to visit and support the event. **Vintage Afternoon Tea** will be available during the festival. Booking required which can be done via this link [Vintage Afternoon Teas](#) If you would like to volunteer to help at the festival, please leave your details with the parish office, speak to me or pop along to St Mary's Church (open 10am – 1pm) and put your name on the sign-up sheets. Many Thanks, Irene Innes

YOUNG ADULTS' RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026 10AM-6.30PM AT ST WILFRID'S BURGESS HILL. TICKETS START FROM £20PP - Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from Arundel and Brighton Diocese for a Retreat Day. A jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun as together, we will seek hearts open to His healing presence, trusting that Jesus desires to bring freedom, restoration, and transformation to our lives. As we encounter Him, we pray to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire burning brightly within our hearts. Lunch and refreshments are included in the ticket price. To book your place or find out more, visit the Diocesan website events page or use this link: [Young Adults Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) Participants are very welcome to join the Parish Mass at 6.30pm, with social time at a local pub to follow.

ADOREMUS 2026, THE NEXT EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 10 OCTOBER IN LONDON, AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK AND WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL - Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and includes a gathering in London, as well as parish events. If you wish to be part of the 'representative group' which will attend Mass at noon and join in the Eucharistic Procession from Southwark to Westminster during Adoremus, please visit the Diocesan website events page or click here to find out more and reserve your place: [W: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/okyqqxt0](http://W:abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/okyqqxt0) . Places are very limited. Those attending will travel to London independently and meet at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

'MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY' DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 23-25 OCTOBER 2026 - Led by Fr David Murphy, journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at "England's Nazareth". Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To book your place or find out more, visit the Diocesan website or use this link <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp> .

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, Catholic social teaching and add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office: Jenny Finlayson T: 07710 094448 E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk W: cafod.org.uk [Sign up to volunteer.](#)

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

THE RECENT HEATWAVE - This week we have been given a stark reminder of the reality of climate change, with temperatures reaching almost 40 degrees Centigrade. It is natural to feel helpless in the face of this, but there are things we can do to help. Small things like recycling, and cycling or walking instead of driving. Bigger things like installing solar panels or heat pumps. Fly less and oppose the expansion of UK airports, Tell the government not to reopen oil and gas fields. We are lucky to have an MP in John Milne who is in favour of action to prevent climate change. One positive action we can all take is to let him know that you support him on this. You can email him at john.milne.mp@parliament.uk.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

THE COLLECT

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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 (Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11)

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

I will bless the LORD at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the LORD my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the LORD with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called; the LORD heard, and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the LORD is encamped around those who fear him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R**

SECOND READING (Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Matthew 16:13-19)

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: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Alexandra Cherriman, Celia Longley, 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

Craig Boswell RIP, John Peers RIP, and ALL HOLY SOULS.

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR PETER'S PENCE

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COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Prophet Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm - Ps 145 (144): 1-2.8-9.10-11.13c-14. R. cf.1

Reading 2 - Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30