



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C | 28th September 2025

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

27th September – Saturday, St Vincent de Paul, Priest (Memorial)

10:00 am Mass - For the Intentions of Andrew and Stella Laird

(Golden Wedding Anniversary)

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

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

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

28th September – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - For the Intentions of Mara and Gianluca Farneti

(25th Wedding Anniversary)

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

29th September – Monday, Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

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

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

NO MASS

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

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

NO MASS

6:00 pm - Polish Adoration

7:00 pm - Polish Mass

2nd October – Thursday, The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass - Antony Leaver RIP FM

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

12:00 noon Mass - Lyn Murray RIP

Followed by Confession

4:30 pm - Polish Adoration

5:00 pm - Polish Mass

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

4th October – Saturday, St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)

NO MORNING MASS

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

1:00 pm - Signed Mass

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

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Joseph Thresiamma RIP

5th October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am Mass - David Brown RIP

11:15 am Mass - Laurie Harding RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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Last Week's Collection

£2,711.69

(£961.69 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£413.73

Thank You

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you give by joining **Gift Aid**.

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horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

BISHOP RICHARD'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is, I always find, especially strong in tone. Jesus gives the rich man no name, yet the poor man has that dignity. At the end of the parable, Jesus points out that "even if someone should rise from the dead" the rich man's relatives would not be convinced. Jesus, of course, does rise from the dead and His warning is an indication of the all-absorbing lure of riches and power.

Like the people against whom Amos speaks in the first reading, the rich man in the parable cares nothing for others.

Jesus speaks elsewhere in the Gospel about the lure of riches – in the Parable of the Sower, this is one of the things that chokes the growing shoots, strangling them and preventing the crop.

St Paul, writing to Timothy, provides us with the way forward: our lives must be marked by faith, love, patience and gentleness. We are called to be saints. This path is not an easy one – the gospels are filled with the Lord's warning of the hard road, the narrow gate, the call not to look back, but to keep our gaze on Him, that our steps do not stray.

Let us take the warning of the parable to heart, together with the guidance offered us by St Paul, that we do not fall into the traps that lie all around us, but keep mind and heart, every effort, on the building of the Kingdom of God in love and service – for this is true riches.

With every blessing,



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025 SVP APPEAL - This weekend is the feast of St Vincent de Paul. The St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) are a group of volunteers whose focus is befriending and giving practical support to individuals and families locally and abroad. **On the weekend of the 27th and 28th 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 will find Gift Aid envelopes at the end of the benches. Please provide your name and address on the back of the envelope as without these details we cannot claim Gift Aid. You can also 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.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT – will take place during the Offertory collection at all weekend Masses from Saturday 20th September to Sunday 12th October inclusive.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from September 22nd until October 5th with the theme "Brew It Fair," highlighting the injustices faced by tea workers and tea farmers. Look out for special offers on Fairtrade products, and share the Fairtrade message, during Fairtrade Fortnight. St John's is a Fairtrade Church.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – The Diocese of A&B is renewing and developing its **Adoration Lay Committee** in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an **Information Meeting on Thursday 2nd October, at 8pm, for one hour.** Registration from 7:15pm, includes light refreshments, in St Francis School Hall immediately behind the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP.

ELIM CAFÉ - We are pleased to announce that the Elim Cafe will be opening up again on Thursday 2nd October in the Hall 11.00am to 3.00pm. Please come and join us for a chat, some cake and a coffee. All donations will be in aid of St Catherines Hospice.

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER - 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 here will be a **Raffle**, with all proceeds 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 or Peter Frisby on 01403 252772 or jrbkjl@btinternet.com.

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CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY – is on Friday 3rd October. It's a day when we're asked to pray, eat simply and give generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Harvest is a way for us to offer new signs of hope this Jubilee year, by giving practical help to people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change in our volatile world. Our second collection next weekend will be in support of CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. During baptism, parents are also called to promise the Lord that they will teach and pass on the faith to their children. But what do they pass on? It can be a daunting promise, and after all "you can't give what you don't have" (2Cor 8:12). So, how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord. Join us as we explore the concept of the Domestic Church and all it means for our families in faith. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

111TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ON 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER 2025 - The theme this year is migrants, missionaries of hope, which was chosen by Pope Francis and highlights the resilience of displaced people and their ability to be witnesses of hope in their new communities, contributing to the faith and dialogue of those who welcome them. Pope Leo XIV emphasises that migrants and refugees in a special way can become witnesses of hope and show tenacity amidst adversity and calls for a future of peace and respect for human dignity. The Jubilee year is a time to renew our commitment to justice, hospitality, and hope.

A Prayer for the 111th World Day for Migrants and Refugees: *O God, whose presence is in every homeland and in every life, you call us to be "pilgrims of hope". On this 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees we pray for all those forced to leave their homes. May our actions reflect your love by receiving the stranger, defending human rights and promoting peace. We pray through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

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.

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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS' PARTY, FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – If you volunteer in any capacity here at St John's, 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.

BLANKETS FOR UKRAINE - Many thanks to the parishioners from St John's, Horsham and St Gabriel's, Billingshurst who have been busy with their knitting needles and crochet hooks, making squares and strips which have been joined together to make blankets for the soldiers and people affected by the war in Ukraine. Over the last 3 years more than a hundred blankets have been sent from our parishes. Sadly, the war continues and so do the needs of the people there. There will be a further delivery heading for Ukraine in the next few weeks. The blankets will be most gratefully received and will provide some comfort and warmth during the forthcoming bitterly cold Ukrainian winter.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

ANNIVERSARY OF BECOMING A LIVE SIMPLY PARISH - This week we celebrate 5 years of being a Live Simply parish! We give thanks for our parish's ongoing commitment to "living more simply so that others may simply live."

RECYCLING NEWS - Sadly Horsham District Council no longer offers the recycling of medication blister packs via the home recycling collection service. However, blister packs can be recycled at Boots in a collection bin near the Pharmacy counter. Check out what can and can't be recycled through this handy A-Z : <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
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 Amos 6:1a, 4-7)

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: My soul, give praise to the LORD.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger. **R**

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING (First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 6:11b-16)

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 16:19-31)

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 said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover,

even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."'

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**

Charlotte Curson, Tony Sefton, 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

Carmine Mancini RIP and ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE ANNUAL SVP APPEAL**

(not eligible for diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

Next weekend's Second Collection is for
CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - cafod.org.uk/envelope
(not eligible for diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host**THE SVP.****Readings for Next Week**

Reading 1 - Prophet Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm - Ps 146(145):6c-7.8-9a.9b-10. R. 1b

Reading 2 - First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 6:11b-16

Gospel - Luke 16:19-31