



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A | 29th March 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

28th March – Saturday of the Fifth Week in Lent

10:00 am Mass — Barry Perks RIP (Second Anniversary)

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

2:30 pm – Knanaya Mission Mass

3:30 pm - Silent Prayer (*Meet upstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshments, then proceed to the Church*)

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm – Confession

HOLY WEEK

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Ian Cooper RIP

29th March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am to 8:45 am - Confession

9:15 am Mass - In Thanksgiving for Antony

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

30th March – Monday of Holy Week

8:00 am to 8:30 am - Confession

12:00 noon Mass – Eddie, Brenda and Edward Sullivan RIP

31st March – Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Mass - For the Healing of Annmaria

8:00 am to 8:30 am - Confession

10:30 am to 3:00 pm - Adoration

1st April – 'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week

NO MASS

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

(6:00 pm - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral)

NO Polish Adoration

NO Polish Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

2nd April – Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm - Polish Mass

8:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by the Watching of the Altar of Repose until midnight

12:00 Midnight - Night Prayer

3rd April – Good Friday

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross (*open to all, aimed at families, followed by gathering at The Carfax at 11:15am*)

3:00 pm - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

4th April – Holy Saturday

1:30 pm - Blessing of Eggs (*Polish Community*)

8:30 pm - The Solemn Vigil of Easter

THE SEASON OF EASTER

5th April – Easter Sunday

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Sunny Moonan RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,
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Last Week's Collection

£2,850.31

(£1,100.31 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£731.91

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

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

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

OUR VISITING SEMINARIAN, BARNABAS, WRITES

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Today on Palm Sunday we hear the Passion narrative for the first time before it is proclaimed with even greater solemnity later in the week. Soon we will gather on the evening of Holy Thursday, in which we remember the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted a new Passover, The Sacrifice of the Mass. Then, having watched with Christ on the altar of repose, comforting Him as He sweats blood in Gethsemane, we will commemorate His Passion and death on the Cross on Good Friday. Then, after that unique stillness of Holy Saturday, we will enter into the pinnacle of the Church's liturgical year, the Easter Vigil, where we will light the new Paschal flame that symbolises the light of the living Christ who has defeated sin and death. And, at last, one mere week from now, we will gather to celebrate the day of the Lord's Resurrection.

I don't know about you, but whilst celebrating the Triduum, the different Holy Weeks of years past come back to me extremely vividly at rather unexpected moments, as well as my joys, sorrows, fears, and hopes of those times. I think this speaks to the nature of Holy Week; it happens in time, and yet is timeless. It comes to us each year, and yet it transports us to the moments in which Christ split time and space, re-creating the world, and indeed us, and bringing in the new age of grace, and our redemption. Let us then, with Christ's help, allow Him to enter into this sacred time, that we may celebrate it with Him, in anticipation of the joy that is to come after death's defeat and Christ's triumphant return from the tomb. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!* Blessed are we then, who come in the name of the Lord to Jerusalem, to the upper room, to Golgotha, to the empty tomb, and, at last, one day we hope, to the Father's house in Heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES – You'll find details of these in a flyer, copies of which are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home with you and encourage family and friends to join us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE – Fr Tristan does not receive a salary – his main source of income is the collection taken at our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses and at the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses. Please give generously when you come to Mass over the Easter weekend (4th/5th April), via the Offertory Basket, Card Machine or Online Banking. For Online Banking please use "Easter" as a reference along with your Gift Aid number, if applicable. For the Offertory Basket, if you gift aid, please put your offering in an envelope of any kind and write your name or Gift Aid number on it – cheques should be made payable to 'St John the Evangelist'. Please note that if you have a standing order with the parish, this is your parish offertory and it is **NOT** treated as part of the Easter collection. Thank you! (More details about online giving, and gift aid, can be found at: <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/church-giving>).

THE PARISH OFFICE – will be closed on Tuesday 31st March, Good Friday 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April.

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL - All are invited to this year's Horsham Churches Together Good Friday Service on Friday 3rd April at 11.15am at the Carfax Bandstand. With song and prayer, we stand together publicly in the centre of Horsham to declare the good news of Salvation through Jesus's death and Resurrection.

THE HOLY PLACES – There will be a Retiring Collection on Good Friday, at the end of the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, for the Holy Places. It is not a Gift Aid-eligible collection.

THE DIOCESE HAS CREATED THREE SHORT FILMS TO ACCOMPANY PEOPLE ACROSS OUR FAMILY OF FAITH THROUGH HOLY WEEK - The films are presented by Canon Kieron O'Brien from the Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove; Canon Jonathan Martin, Diocesan Administrator and parish priest of St Pancras, Lewes; and Fr Jonathan How, Moderator of Guildford Catholic Parish.

- **In the first film – which can be shared on parish websites and Facebook feeds before Holy Week begins** - Canon Kieron O'Brien introduces Holy Week, highlighting the importance of reflection and prayer and the invitation to contemplate, at a deep level, the foundational mysteries of our Faith. **You can watch an introduction to Holy Week here:** vimeo.com/1176144932
- **In the second film, Canon Jonathan Martin explores the Good Friday Liturgy;** Jesus' self-offering on the Cross for the love of us, the "immense goodness of God", and the veneration of the Cross as an act and expression of our love. **You can watch Good Friday's film here:** vimeo.com/1176142344
- **The third film, presented by Fr Jonathan How, explores the wonder of the Easter Vigil** as the greatest celebration in the Church's year, highlighting that we are made in the image of God, and are not only witnesses to the Resurrection but also, "sharers in The Word Who is Life." **You can watch film 3 on the Easter Vigil here:** vimeo.com/1176140606

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA DAY, SATURDAY 18 APRIL 11AM-3.30PM, ST PETER & ST JOHN CHURCH HALL, CAMBERLEY, SURREY GU15 4ED - Do you manage Facebook or Instagram feeds for your church community – perhaps you are looking to expand your reach or increase your parishes' social media presence? The programme for the day includes:

- An overview of social media trends and platforms
- Identifying your audience and key messages
- The importance of a brand identity
- Sourcing copyright free images and managing comments
- Creating basic "reels"

There is parking available at the church. Please bring a packed lunch. You can sign up through the Diocesan website events page www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have questions about the day, please contact Laura Maydew-Gale E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk

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TODDLERS - The Toddlers group will not be meeting over the Easter period. The next session will be Wednesday 15th April 2026. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE CATECHISTS & AMBASSADORS' FORMATION DAY, CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE, WEYBRIDGE, SATURDAY 18 APRIL 10.30AM – 3PM - For all those involved in the Marriage Preparation process across the Diocese or anyone who is keen to support and build the understanding of sacramental marriage in their parishes. Join us for a day of sharing, listening and learning from the many teams across the diocese; sharing your experience and ideas from the important work you are doing. We will also be discussing ways of engaging, educating and raising the understanding of a sacramental marriage with the young adults of our parishes. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

ADORATION - On Saturday the 18th of April, our usual time of adoration at St John's will be offered in unity with the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, who will be holding a Holy Hour that weekend "for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands". This is "to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law". For more information, please see the following link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA – The next World Youth Day will take place from 3rd to 8th August next year in Seoul, South Korea. There is further information on the website: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. If you're aged between 18 and 35 and would like to go, please register your interest via the Parish Office or speak to Fr Tristan.

GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY – Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham. Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

LINE DANCING EVENING - The Governors of St John's School are hosting another Line Dancing Evening to help raise money for the school's 10% costs of replacing the outside classroom. Please come along and support the school whilst having a fun evening. **Friday 24th April 7.30pm in the church hall.** £10 cash on the door. Bring your own refreshments. Adults and older teenagers (accompanied) only please. See the poster at the back of church.

REFUGEE TALES -GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP - Show solidarity with people seeking sanctuary in the UK, who find themselves detained, and join a public walk for one day or all five days from Angmering to Portsmouth via Arundel, Bognor Regis and Emsworth - 8 to 12 July. In the evenings established writers and people with lived experience of detention share their experiences. For more information please see refugeetales.org

ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 16 – 18 July 2026 – dates for your diary! Our church, along with Holy Trinity, are involved in the organising of the flower festival. This year's theme is "For the Joy of Music". 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 or speak to me. Many Thanks, Irene Innes.

PLEASE JOIN US ON A MARY'S MEALS WALKING PILGRIMAGE - Would you like to join a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage this year? Details of all the pilgrimages are available here: www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope. Options include the Augustine Camino from Rochester to Ramsgate via Aylesford Priory, Canterbury Cathedral and Minster Abbey from 5-11 September, and The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral from 8-9 May. You are very welcome to join us for a single day, for several days, or for a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more or to sign up, please go to www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at info@marysmeals.org.

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE, THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION & ST FRANCIS, WEST GRINSTEAD, WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 11AM – 3PM - A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster. If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND – are looking for **Volunteer Ambassadors** to present and promote their work through talks in Catholic parishes and in places of education. If you are interested in helping them raise awareness of their spiritual and pastoral work, you can find more information at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/volunteer.

LIVE SIMPLY "Live simply so others may simply live"

LAST WEEK CATHOLIC LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD met to call for a just transition beyond fossil fuels, rooted in care for people and our common home and. You can find out more about this historic moment, and what it means for us as Catholics, on the Laudato Si Movement's website: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/catholic-leaders-from-the-global-south-and-europe-call-for-a-just-transition-beyond-fossil-fuels>.

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen

FIRST READING (Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me;
 they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
 'He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;
 let him release him, for in him he delights.' **R**

If For dogs have surrounded me;
 a band of the wicked besets me.
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
 I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them,
 they cast lots for my robe.
 But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
 my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my kin,
 and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
 'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;
 all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
 revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' **R**

SECOND READING (Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 26:14-27:66 - See Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Missalette.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING
 Paul Wycliffe, John Maher, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater,
 Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Diana Foley, 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
 ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collections Announcements

NEXT WEEKEND'S MAIN COLLECTION IS FOR THE PARISH PRIEST
(Eligible for Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes).

Other Announcements

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.
There will be a Collection on Good Friday, at the end of the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, for the Holy Places.
It is not a Gift Aid-eligible collection.

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

NO COFFEE AFTER MASS.

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm - Ps 118(117):1-2.16-17.22-23. R. 24
Reading 2 - First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel - John 20:1-9