



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday, Year B | 31st March 2024

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

30th March – Holy Saturday

9:30 am - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

1:00 pm - Blessing of Eggs (*Polish Community*)

8:30 pm - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

31st March – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Mass - Pro Populo

9:15 am Mass - Angela Hendry RIP & Antonino Spinelli RIP

11:15 am Mass - In Thanksgiving

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

1st April – Easter Monday

12:00 noon Mass - Annie & George Cupples RIP

1:45pm - Polish Mass

2nd April – Easter Tuesday

10:00 am Mass - David Cleere RIP

10:30 am to 8:00 pm – Adoration

3rd April – Easter Wednesday

10:00 am Mass – Ria Paul, Thanksgiving for Birthday

7:00 pm - Polish Mass

4th April – Easter Thursday

No Mass

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

5th April – Easter Friday

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

6th April – Easter Saturday

10:00am Mass – Poulose Vithayathil RIP & Ambi Kochikkat RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

1:00 pm - Signed Mass

4:00 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass

5:15pm to 5:45pm – *Confession*

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

7th April – Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:00 am Mass - Helen McMenamin RIP

11:15 am Mass - Vincent Drake 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

Sue Smith | Cozette Rice

Safeguarding

Bernadette Cooper, Jackie Dockreay &

Claire Moorhouse

07701360966 | sg1.horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Health & Safety

hs1.horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Hall Hire

Please inquire at the Parish Office

Baptism Team

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

Chair of Parish Finance

David Innes | stjohnsfin@gmail.com

SVP President A010810@svp.org.uk
07765778413

Bereavement Support

Please contact Darren at fricker@blueyonder.co.uk
for further information on how to access ministry of
consolation support.

St John's Primary School

Finula Farr | 01403-265447

St Robert Southwell Primary School

Helen Connor | 01403252357

St. Wilfrid's Catholic

Comprehensive, Crawley
Mike Ferry | 01293 421 421

Last Week's Collection

£3,077.12

(£1,327.12 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders)

Second Collection

No Collection

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



HE IS *Risen*

“Let your light shine before others.”

Matthew 5:16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE PARISH OFFICE – will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. We wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME – The clocks go forward by 1 hour at 1am on Easter Sunday, 31st March. Please remember to adjust your clocks or you might miss Mass on Easter Sunday morning!

TODDLER GROUP – The Toddler Group is having a break over Easter but will resume on Wednesday 17th April.

FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE - The Easter Offertory Collection at this weekend's Masses is our gift to Fr Xavier, who does not receive a salary but relies on our generosity in the Christmas & Easter collections, and the offerings we give for Mass Intentions and sacramental celebrations. If you are giving through online banking, please make a separate payment with the reference 'Easter'. You can give via the basket or the card machine as normal. 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 is **not** transferred to Fr Xavier. Thank you! (More details about online giving, and gift aid can be found at: <https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/church-giving>).

FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS - The Fairtrade 'Real Easter Egg' is now on sale in the Repository shop. It includes a 24-page Easter Story booklet and the egg is made from Fairtrade chocolate, is palm oil free, and is packaged without plastic. The 'Real Easter Egg' costs £5.

GIFT AID BOXES FOR USE AFTER 5TH APRIL - The Gift Aid boxes for the coming tax year are at the back of the church for collection. ***Please don't use any of your current envelopes for collections after 5th April, as a number of the box numbers have been changed.*** There are special, thinner, boxes of envelopes for those of you who normally donate by monthly standing order and only use envelopes for the second collections, Easter and Christmas. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support.

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE - Arundel Cathedral Centre & Online. THE NEW EVE Weds 10 April 8pm, SALVATION Weds 17 April 8pm, NEW LIFE Weds 24 April 8pm, RECEIVING THE PROMISE Weds 8 May 8pm, MISSION Weds 15 May 8pm, PENTECOST VIGIL @ Arundel Cathedral Mass, Adoration and Prayer Ministry Sat 18 May 6pm, A NEW CREATION Thurs 23 May 8pm. Talks from Fr Graham Ricketts, Deacon Phil Richardson, Fr Rod Jones OSB, Michelle Moran, Fr Richard Ounsworth OP and Bishop Richard Moth. More information and to book go to: <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/> or email: dabcdsc@gmail.com.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE - Pope Francis has been quoted as saying that “we are not living in an era of change, but a change of era”. That means we need to review the way that we work with young people, because our tried and tested methods can sometimes cause us frustration when we don't see the results we desire – particularly when **we pour our hearts and souls into what we do**. Our Diocesan Youth Adviser is offering a two day course that will allow Confirmation Catechists and Youth Group leaders to reflect on our practice in a whole new way, you will be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in. The dates are 20th April & 18th May. Please Contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are **repeating** the event on Saturday 20th April at the St Philip Howard Centre. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(20-Apr-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR – A choice of two dates. Saturday 13 April in Crawley or Saturday 15 June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese). Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK. The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(13-Apr-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR - If you would be interested in going to Woking New Victoria Theatre to see Jesus Christ Superstar on Wednesday 5th June for the matinee performance, please sign the list in the Covenant Chapel. Please put your name only and how many tickets you would want. Depending on interest we will proceed with arrangements. *Trish Fitzsimmons*

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO WEST GRINSTEAD – WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE - A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

CHRIST IS OUR HOPE AND CONSOLATION - The sad reality in the UK is that many millions of woman, for so many reasons, have felt that the only option available in life at that moment in time, is to terminate their pregnancy, often driven by loneliness, fear or rejection of family and friends. This can lead to a lifetime experiencing turmoil, loss and emotional trauma, much of the time feeling isolated and rejected by society and/or the Church. If you are aware of anyone who is experiencing this emotional trauma, there is a beautiful Christian organisation called Rachel's Vineyard UK W:rachelsvineyard.org.uk who want to help. The organisation is endorsed by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales and works to bring hope, and healing to the women's life through the love and forgiveness of Christ. Alternatively, the Ministry of Consolation within the Diocese are here to journey with you through your pain and uncertainty and to be with you as you seek the healing hand of our Lord. For details on how to make contact with the Ministry of Consolation, please speak with your Parish Priest or email Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk . You are not alone, the Lord is always with us.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

GREEN HUB SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 10AM - 3PM - This month's Green Hub takes place on Saturday March 30th from 10am until 3pm at the URC Church across the road from St John's. Featuring Horsham Repair cafe, Sussex Green Living Recycling and Zero Waste Shop, Transition Horsham, Horsham Community Fridge, Horsham Eco Churches and a community cafe. To find out more please visit their website <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/sussex-green-hub/>. Booking required for all repairs <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/cafes-forums/horsham-repair-cafe/>.

The Recycling team provide great advice and it is well worth popping in for a chat with them. For example, did you know that you can recycle lots of stationery items at Sussex Green Living's Recycling Points at Friends Meeting House and in many of the villages around Horsham? Check out Sussex Green Living's website for full details. Items you can recycle include plastic pens, felt tips, highlighters, glue sticks and correction fluid.

CRISP AND BISCUIT PACKETS RECYCLING - Crisp packets (any brand) and biscuit packets can be placed in the bins in the parish courtyard for recycling. Please take other types of plastic to one of the major supermarkets for recycling. Thank you.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.
or
The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**Amen**

FIRST READING (Acts 10: 34, 37-43)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses — we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead — and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
“His love has no end.” **R**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

SECOND READING (Colossians 3: 1-4)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life — you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 20: 1-9)

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Malcolm McCluskey, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Rebekah Sharpe, Sean McCallion, Eileen Balchin, Carolyn Whitefield, Sheila Budgen, Sheila Pike, Zoe Keane, Susan Threader, Mark Wiesner, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe), Grace Khushi, Yunas Khushi, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge, Selby Davies, Theresa Frendo-Cumbo, Vic Tompkins, Elizabeth Needham, Margaret Georgeson, Robert Michalowicz, Donald McCrae, all those intentions posted on Parish Social Media and those with Dementia and their families.

WE PRAY FOR

Fr Michael Spelman RIP, Theresa Wood RIP
& ALL HOLY SOULS.

Collection Notice

**THIS WEEKEND’S OFFERTORY COLLECTION IS
FOR THE PARISH PRIEST.**

Coffee After 9:15 am Mass Host

NO COFFEE AFTER MASS

Readings for Next Week

Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
Psalm - Ps 117:2-4,15-18,22-24. R. v.1
Reading 2 - First Letter of St John 5:1-6
Gospel - John: 20:19-31