



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM
OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION AND ST FRANCIS, WEST GRINSTEAD

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fr Spinelli Writes

Dear Parishioners,

May I wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year and continued Christmas tidings of comfort and joy. We continue into the New Year praying for Grace, healing, renewal and blessing.

We carry in our hearts the message of the Angel to Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds, "Do not be afraid!" - For our faith reveals to us that God-is-with-us, He is near, He is born, Jesus our Emmanuel!

It was so wonderful to see many of you at one of the Christmas Masses and at our outdoor Carol singing.

There were so many wonderful moments of grace and renewal over the past two weeks.

I know so many could not join us at Mass due to shielding, self-isolating, sickness and travel restrictions but be assured we held you all in prayer and continue to do so this Christmastide.

Many of you were able to join via live-stream and will be able to continue to do so until one decides to return to Mass.

My thanks go to all who helped in the celebration of Christmas at St John's. I think of, for example, our musicians, singers, MCs and altar servers, cleaners, Cathy and the sacristans, to Trish and others in the parish office, our welcomers and stewards, Mike Newman and his help with streaming to the hall, the fogging team, the flower ladies, Nativity scene builders and to the many others who work in a hidden way for our parish.

Everything really came together so well this year, given the restrictions and limitations imposed on us, and I have received many messages from long-standing and new parishioners who thank all involved in making this Christmas very special.

Social Media: Check out our parish social media pages for the latest news and items of interest:

@catholichorsham (Twitter)

St John the Evangelist, Horsham (Facebook page)

Catholic Horsham (Instagram)

The Feast of the Epiphany – Holy Mass will be at 10am & 7pm at St John's, 12 Noon at West Grinstead. The Blessing of Chalk will take place and will be available for you to take home and mark your front doors or lintels as we ask for God's blessing on our homes and families.

West Grinstead – It was announced at the end of last year at West Grinstead by Bishop Richard that from the New Year, West Grinstead will be separated from Horsham Parish to join Billingshurst with Canon Tim Madeley becoming Parish Priest. This means I will no longer be Parish Priest of West Grinstead but remain Parish Priest of Horsham alone. My last Mass at West Grinstead as Parish Priest will be the celebration of the Epiphany at 12 Noon. I leave the wonderful community in good hands and it has been an honour and privilege to serve the historical shrine and parish.

In Memoriam –

Jean Henning RIP – I ask your prayers for Jean Henning who passed away to the Lord on Christmas Day. Please keep her family, especially Bernard her brother who is a parishioner, and her close friends in your prayers at this time.

Brenda Peers RIP – Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda and for her husband John, who mourns. He much appreciates our prayers at this time.

OTHER NOTICES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – The break for the Christmas period ends this week and we shall re-commence on Tuesday 5th January at 10:30am – 6pm.

Parish Office – The Parish Office will be **open from 10:30am – 12:30pm** this coming week.

Parish Foodbank – The St John’s Share Shop – This will remain open each day when the church is open. Please continue to donate food, toiletries and baby goods. There has been a significant take up of this in the past week, so please consider donating more items. Please share this initiative with anyone you may know who might need some extra help.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE REMEMBER that as we must leave all the church doors open to let the air circulate you may want to wear warm clothes when coming to Mass!

WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE - Have you received your allowance yet? If not it should be coming soon. To some it will be a welcome support to keep us warm this winter. For many of us receiving this it is something of a 'bonus' which is not, in truth, essential to our need to survive winter. Many in our town and surrounding areas of Horsham will find it hard to keep their family fed and warm this winter. As in past years Horsham Matters will accept donations to directly support such families. If you feel able to donate all or part of your Fuel Allowance to help others please send your donation by cheque or bank transfer to **Horsham Matters Ltd at Micah House, Blatchford Rd. RH13 5QR or to account no.00021472 sort code 40.52.40 marking it 'Winter Fuel donation'**. Thank you in anticipation.

CAR PARK DISC - If you have submitted your application Form for the car park your disc is awaiting collection from the Parish Office.

JUSTICE & PEACE WEBINAR 2021 - How Should this Diocese Respond to the Food Poverty Crisis? The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid 19 crisis, with families in our diocese under increasing pressure. Join our free Justice & Peace Webinar to find out what parishes can do to help on Saturday 16th January 2021: 10 am to 12.30 pm. To book your free place and receive the Zoom link, contact Rosie Read, Social Action Secretary, at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk.

APPEAL FOR KNITTED SQUARES FOR BLANKETS FOR REFUGEES IN CAMPS ON THE GREEK ISLANDS. Karen Goldsmith working with the charity www.cesrt.org (Chios Eastern Shore Response Team) has sent three shipments of blankets, tents sleeping bags etc to the islands this year. The conditions in the camps are terrible. They are massively overcrowded and many of the refugees are living in flimsy self-built shelters with no sanitation, water, heating and hopeless prevention facilities against Covid. Can you knit some squares which will be sewn together to make an adult blanket? They will be a great comfort to the refugees who receive them and are much needed. **Instructions for Knitted Blanket:** Use double knit wool. Each knitted square should be 6 inches x 6 inches. Start with 36 stitches per row for the first few rows to assess if your knit is tight / loose and adjust accordingly to end up with a square that is 6 inches x 6 inches. When the squares are sewn together the finished blanket is 3ft 6ins x 6ft. comprised of 84 knitted squares: 7 squares to a row, 12 rows of squares. Please leave your knitted squares in the Parish Office to be collected. Thank you very much. Karen will give a presentation to the parish on the work of the charity early next year.

DO YOU SPEAK ARABIC, FARSI, TIGRINYA OR KURDISH SORANI? VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED - If you do Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group would welcome your help. We support asylum seekers and other migrants held in detention at Gatwick Airport. At the moment one of the centres is holding men who have come across the Channel in small boats. They arrive traumatised only to find they are then imprisoned. They feel desperate. We want to help them as best we can but many do not speak English. They come from many different countries but at present in particular from Yemen, Iran and Iraq. If you would be able to help please contact Josie: josie@gdwg.org.uk. We will need to take references, carry out an interview and DBS checks as we do with all of the many volunteers who support our work. Thank you.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”



Hang on to your crisp and biscuit packets over Christmas!

We plan to start collecting some single use plastics for recycling from January. Specifically crisp packets and biscuit packets, including the wrappers from multipacks.

Volunteers will be needed to help sort the plastics. Please let us know if you can help by emailing livesimply@stjohnshorsham.com.

If you have any ideas to help us live more simply please email them to the Live Simply team at livesimply@stjohnshorsham.com.

Living Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

Saturday 2nd January – SS Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

6:00 pm - Vigil - In Thanksgiving (Helena & Dany)

Sunday 3rd January – Second Sunday of Christmas

8:30 am - Pro Populo

10:00 am - Deceased members of the McLoughlin Family

11:30 am - Merton Cowley RIP

1:30 pm - Polish Mass

3:00 pm - Malayalam Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Monday 4th January - Feria in Christmastide

10:00 am - Eileen Moriarty RIP

Tuesday 5th January - Feria in Christmastide

10:00 am - Idelia Molina RIP (First Anniversary)

Wednesday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am - Paulose Kallarackal & Elsy Kallarackal RIP

12:00 noon - Mass at West Grinstead

7:00 pm - Madeleine & Frank Dougharty RIP

Thursday 7th January - Thursday after Epiphany

10:00 am - No Mass

Friday 8th January - Friday after Epiphany

10:00 am - Peggy Fitzgerald RIP

Saturday 9th January - Saturday after Epiphany

10:00 am - Intentions of Collette Mills

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Eric & Sadie McIntyre & Alan Oldham RIP

Sunday 10th January - The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am - Dominic Pillay RIP

10:00 am - Sheila Hennessy RIP

11:30 am - Pro Populo

1:30 pm - Polish Mass

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

Horsham Parish Office

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Trish Fitzsimmons

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Last Week's Collection

Collection for Fr Aaron

Second Collection

No Collection

Thank You

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

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Desmond Smythe, Carolyn Whitefield, Frank Pentony, Sheila Budgen, Peter Meaghan, Brenda Farley, Jim McNeil, Sheila Pike, Manus McDermott, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe), Susan Threader, Enrique Salonga, Robin Sherfield, Alice Hornung, Barbara O' Hara, Grace Khushi, Yunas Khushi, Maureen Dunkley, Rahul Chako, all those intentions posted on Parish Social Media & those with Dementia and their families.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

Jean Henning RIP, Brenda Peers RIP, Madeleine & Frank Dougharty RIP

& ALL HOLY SOULS.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the peoples by the radiance of your light. 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 (Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12)

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; "Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, 'Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance.' From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,

he has blessed the children within you. **R**

He established the peace on your borders,

he feeds you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth

and swiftly runs his command. **R**

He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

he has not taught them his decrees. **R**

SECOND READING (Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18)

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you in full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 1: 1-18)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: "This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me." Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return from grace, since through the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desired fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Other Announcements

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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LIVE-STREAMING OF ALL MASSES
We are now back online – Thanks be to God!