

Today's Readings

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 (Exodus 22: 20-26)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." '

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: I love you, Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10)

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread — and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere.

We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 22: 34-40)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Next Week

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Psalm 130

St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

29th October 2017

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th October

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Greg Mann RIP

Sunday 29th October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9:15 am - Robert & Alison Laird RIP

Rite of Welcome for Ellis Gardiner & Jack Lowe

11:15 am - Pro Populo

1:00 pm - in Polish

5:00 pm - in Italian

Monday 30th October

10:00 am - PC Keith Palmer RIP & all those injured or killed on 22/03/2017

Tuesday 31st October

9:30 am - Intentions of Mark & Sylvie Johnson

Wednesday 1st November

All Saints (Solemnity)

10:00 am - Deceased members of the Fernandez Family

1:00 pm - in Polish

7:00pm - Fabiola & Silvio Grech RIP

Thursday 2nd November

All Souls

7:30 am - Dolores Grant RIP

10:00 am - Martin Dean RIP

7:00 pm - Devassy Kallavakall & Paulose Vithayathal RIP

Friday 3rd November

St Martin de Porres

10:00 am - Annet George Couples RIP

1:00pm – In Polish

Saturday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)

10:00 am - Intentions of Rebecca Maughon

1:00 pm - Signed Mass

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Ron Berry RIP

Sunday 5th November

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9:15 am - Moloney Family FM

11:15 am - Pat O'Donnell RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

5:00 pm - in Italian

Useful Contacts

Parish Office

01403-253667
Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Trish Fitzsimmons | Cozette Rice

Safeguarding

Trish Fitzsimmons

Parish Hall Hire

Please inquire at the Parish Office

St John's Primary School

Toria Bono | 01403-265447

St Robert Southwell Primary School

James Field | 01403-252357

St. Wilfrid's Catholic Comprehensive, Crawley

Headteacher Mike Ferry
01293 421 421

Parish Mission Group

Chair to be announced soon

Chair of Parish Finance

David Innes
innesgen@btinternet.com

Last Week's Collection

£2,015.70

Second Collection

£519.38

Thank You

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

I write you just before leaving Horsham for the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will all hold the parish in our intentions and prayers as we visit the Holy Places. Please pray for us and especially the people of Palestine and Israel for peace, reconciliation and justice for all.

The 90th Anniversary celebration last Wednesday was a huge success! A huge thank you to all who helped in different ways to prepare and serve on this special occasion. Thank you to those who provided food and the lovely cake. Thank you to those who prepared the Church and the Hall also to those who helped serve on the Altar and in the Hall, especially the Catenians. It was lovely to see the Church full and so many former priests who were able to join us.

There are a few dates for your diaries, I will be holding a Requiem Mass for my Father, Antonino Spinelli on Friday 10th November at 12 Noon. I was not able to offer a Requiem Mass for him in Sicily due to difficult circumstances, so I will hold one for the repose of his soul in my home, our Parish. All are welcome.

Later that day I will hold an Altar Servers Formation Session, this will take place between 5-7pm. I hope all Altar Servers can attend, and anyone interested in serving can attend the first part of the meeting which will be practical.

As we approach November, the month of the Holy Souls, we will keep most especially in our prayers our beloved dead. There will be different opportunities to pray for our loved ones and friends:

On the 2nd November All Souls Day there will be various Masses in the Parish.

On 12th November at the Sunday 9:15, this will be a Mass for the Dead of all Wars and prayers for Peace.

On Tuesday 14th November at 12 Noon, we will host the Deanery Mass for Deceased Priests and clergy of the Deanery and Diocese.

The Annual Blessing of graves at Hills Cemetery will take place at the end of the Month of Holy Souls on Sunday 26th November at 2:30pm.

The Annual Mass for those who are Bereaved, especially those who have lost loved ones in the past year will take place on Tuesday 28th November at 7pm here in the Church.

Finally, another date for young people, I am inviting them meet on Friday 24th November to discuss matters of scriptures and the Christian faith. This will be for those 13/14 – 18 years old. We will meet at 5pm – 6pm. We will end with Pizza!

I return from the Holy Land on the 5th November.

With every prayer and good wish.

Sacraments & Liturgical Life

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2017 - WHEN PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM, PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DAYS AND TIMES OF BAPTISMS IN ST JOHN'S PARISH: Baptisms in St. John's Parish will be celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 12noon or 1:30pm and on 2nd and 4th Sundays on each month at 3pm.

For more information, please contact Melissa Kilbride at 07766712195

MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - ALL MARRIAGES WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD NEED A MINIMUM OF A YEAR'S NOTICE BY ORDER OF THE BISHOP. Please email the Parish Office for preliminary enquiry.

CONFESSIONS - Fridays after the Mass until 11:00 am. Saturdays at 10:30 am to 11:00 am; 5:20 pm to 5:45 pm.

ADORATION - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:15 am to 9:45 am. (ends with simple Benediction). Friday and Saturday at 10:30 am to 11:00 am (ends with Solemn Benediction).

NIGHTSHELTER 2017/18 - We know that come the winter our weather will be much wetter and colder. Through Horsham Churches Together, overseen by Horsham Matters, we will be providing a Nightshelter for those without a roof over their head. We are asking for volunteers for the 3months and 2 weeks beginning on Friday 1st December (St. John's will be Monday night/Tuesday morning each week) until the middle of March 2018. I look forward to seeing those who have volunteered in past years and some new faces too! All volunteers must be 18 years or older. Please take a form from the back of the church today and return it to the Parish Office.

ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – is holding an Open Day on 31st October from 9.15am. Tours start at 9.15am and 1.15pm. You are all welcome. Please come along to see the school at work, and enjoy a tour of the school by Year 6 pupils. Mr Field will speak to the Parents at 9.15am and 1.15pm.

ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL ADMISSIONS FOR 2018 - Would all prospective parents who wish their child to attend St Robert Southwell Catholic Primary School for September 2018 register their child with the school on Horsham 01403 252357.

ST WILFRID'S SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - is on Monday 6th November 2017 from 6.30-8.15pm. There will be a showcase of A Level and BTEC subjects available as well as the opportunity to meet some of our wonderful students and teachers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - Our 9:15 Children's Liturgy group are in need of support. They need a couple more adults to help with guiding the children in their learning of the Gospel. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Jon Gulliver 07515 688117, or Annamaria Shipton 07932 750099

HOPE 2017 - FESTIVAL DAY FOR 11-14s, WITH RISE THEATRE- On Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) the diocese is running a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. The day coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and will challenge us to think about how we are living Christ's call to serve those in need. The day will include Mass with Bishop Richard, as well as drama from RISE Theatre, and input from CAFOD and others. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org for more information, or to book. We are

expecting those attending to be part of organised groups. Young people wanting to attend without accompanying adults must contact Jack Regan for a consent form.

PARISH COVENANT WITH THE POOR - We will be celebrating the 19th anniversary of our Parish Covenant with the Poor at Masses this weekend October 28/29th. Through the Covenant our parish generously gives 5% of its income to the poor, supporting a parish in Malawi and South America, along with 3 local charities. And through the Covenant we stand up for the rights of the poor and we remember them in our prayers and liturgy. The Covenant book was signed by all members of the parish in 1997 demonstrating our commitment to it. There will be an opportunity at the end of Masses on this weekend to sign the Covenant book if you have not already done so.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - As a response to Bishop Richard's recent call to action on the future of our Diocese, a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood will be held on the first Sunday of each month at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead. The first Hour will take place on Sunday 3 December, 3-4pm. Please do join us as we entrust the future of the Church to the Holy Spirit and pray that many young men may respond to this exciting call. For more information or if transport is an issue, contact Alison Gates (gatetors@gmail.com) or Anneli Figura (anneliogog@googlemail.com).

HORSHAM FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th 10AM - 4PM - Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market takes place in St John's Church Hall. Please come along and support this annual event with friends and family. Lots of stalls selling Fairtrade gifts and foods. Clothes, jewellery, soaps, bags and lots more! Charity stalls too. Children's Corner. Fairtrade cafe. Do your Christmas shopping with a clear conscience. Calling all cake bakers!! Home-made cakes, with at least 2 fairtrade ingredients are needed for the cafe. All proceeds to Medecins sans Frontieres.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS AND FAIRTRADE FOODS AND GIFTS - will be on sale in the Covenant Chapel after both Sunday morning Masses. Thereafter every Sunday from November 5th until December 10th.

Let us pray for

Please pray for the sick, Stella Walls, Alison Roberts and for those with Dementia and their families.

Please pray for the Holy Souls

Other Announcements

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE RETIRED PRIEST'S FUND

Coffee after 9.15am Mass this weekend will be hosted by **Justice and Peace Group**