

Parish of Our Lady of Consolation and St. Gabriel

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Welcome to the parish of Our Lady of Consolation and St. Gabriel. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Canon Tim and complete a new parishioner form available at both churches.

Do take your newsletter home with you.

NEW 2025 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

£5 now available at both churches.

Thank You

For the cards, gifts and Christmas Collection you have given over the holiday period. A big thank you to all those who do so much for the parish in a variety of different ways. Blessings on those too, who in little ways pastorally care for other members of the parish community throughout the year. May the New Year be a source of great blessing for us all.

Canon Tim

Requiem Mass—Jo Slaughter DHS

The Requiem Mass for Jo Slaughter will be on Monday 13th January at 10.30am in Corpus Christi Church, Henfield followed by interment in Henfield Cemetery.

St Gabriel's Tea & Coffee money will be for the Catholic Children's Society during Christmastide.

Building Works at Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead

The new altars, font and confessional will be installed during the period 2 January to 28 March. This will involve builders working in the church and parish room. If visiting, please be careful, although the contractors will ensure H&S standards are met at all times. There might also occasions when the church will be closed, although Wednesday and Sunday services will not be affected.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, Christine Wylie, Philip Baker, Pat Cox, Sybil Gasche, Kosta Karakianiti, Sue Sherlock, Pauline Fuller, John Blythe, Maricel Walka, David Wylie-Sporne,

Ann Peacock, Louise McCorquodale, John Gladman and all the sick or housebound of the parish. Please pray for the sick clergy of the diocese.

Pray too for the repose of the souls of Jo Slaughter, Fiona Reidy and for all those

who have died recently.

We will update this list each month so please contact the Parish Office if you wish your name or that of a friend or loved one to remain on the list.



The Epiphany of the Lord

5th January 2025

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany. The first gift might be friendship with God. A second gift might be friendship with others. A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us - Himself. Christina Rossetti's A Christmas Carol, which begins, 'In the bleak midwinter' sums up the nature of 'giving to the Christ Child.'

*'What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I could give a Lamb.
If I were a wise man, I could do my part.
What I can I give Him? Give Him my heart!'*



(from a reflection by Fr. Antony Kadavil, Vatican News website)



At St. Gabriel's we need more people to join the following teams:

- Welcoming people at Sunday Mass
- Taking the collection during the Offertory
- Counting the collection after Sunday Mass
- Sacristans, especially for Tuesday 9.30am Mass
- Flower arrangers

Please let the Parish Office know if you can help.

CRIB COLLECTION This year, this money will go to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem (via the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre) to support the Christians in Gaza and the Holy Land in their desperate situations.

A Day of Reflection, 11 January, 9.30am-4pm, Ladywell Franciscan Centre, Godalming, GU7 1ST (Cost: £25). The theme of the day is hope, offering insights that promote spiritual growth and unity. Attendees can look forward to a comforting mix of input, prayer, conversation and personal space for reflection. Find out more and book at <https://franciscancentre.org.uk/>

12th January at Our Lady of Consolation there will be Extraordinary Form Latin Mass at 3pm. This Mass fulfils the Sunday Obligation. All are welcome.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word Saturday 25 January 11am-4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill (no cost) Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. Register your place here <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Rethinking Abortion Saturday 8 February 10am-5pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (no cost) You can find out more about the day here: www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/

Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee with the theme “**Pilgrims of Hope**”. In order for everyone to share in the celebration of the Holy Year, the following diocesan churches have also been designated as special places of pilgrimage, where Holy Year Indulgences may be gained: Arundel Cathedral, Worth Abbey and St Joseph's, Guildford. For more information visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025-diocesan?ct=t>

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with CAFOD, 18 January, 10.30am-12pm (online). Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025> CAFOD has also produced a special Reflection Guide exploring the biblical background to the Jubilee Year. You can order or download a copy on their website.

SAVE THE DATE Saturday 20 September 2025 **Festival of Hope** Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends. Tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year!

Grand News - the latest edition of the Diocesan newsletter for grandparents is now available at both churches.

 **Current needed items:**
Long life vegetarian meals, hot chocolate, jams & spreads, ketchup shampoo and deodorant.

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 5th JANUARY 2025

Sunday 5th January The Epiphany of the Lord	9.15am Mass St. Gabriel's 11.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>Deceased relatives & friends of Rowley & Raccagni Families</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 6th January	12 noon Mass St. John the Evangelist, Horsham	-
Tuesday 7th January	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>In thanksgiving</i>
Wednesday 8th January	11.00am Adoration & Benediction 12 noon Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>Sharp & Lovelock families</i>
Thursday 9th January	7.00pm Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 10th January	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration	<i>The Touris family</i>
Saturday 11th January	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration & Benediction	<i>The Westlake family RIP</i>
Sunday 12th January The Baptism of the Lord	9.15am Mass St. Gabriel's 11.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Barbara Hopper RIP</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11.15am Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead
Saturday 10.00am St Gabriel's, Billingshurst

	5th January	12th January
9.15am Welcomers	Jacqui Merridew Claire Fairlie	Maria Raccagni Claire Cohen
9.15am Readers	Gary Richards Anna Cooper	Christine Babirye Lucy Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Brian Richards Vijay Anthony	tbc
Children's Liturgy	Christmas Break	Denise Bass Jacqui Merridew
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Sue Petritz	Margaret Steed
9.15am Counters	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor	Alex & Andre Manko
9.15am Coffee	Mary Lewcock Imelda Acs	Janet & Nigel King
Readers 11.15am	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore	Kate Robertson Pat Meed

Readings for 12th January: 1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11 Psalm: 104
2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11 - 14, 3: 4 - 7 Gospel: Luke 3: 1 5- 16, 21 - 22

PARISH GIVING 29th December

St. Gabriel's: £132.90 Christmas Offering: £1,549.53
Tea/Coffee Catholic Children's Society: £11.05
Our Lady of Consolation: £147.00 Christmas Offering: £1,540.25
Tea/Coffee Catholic Children's Society: £16.65