

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.

LENT LUNCHESES 2025

The four churches in Billingshurst will be hosting the usual Friday Lent lunches of soup, bread and cheese. All lunches take place in St Mary's Room, Billingshurst at 1pm.

7th March Andy's Angels, hosted by **St Gabriel's**
14th March Safe in Sussex, hosted by St Mary's
21st March Mary's Meals. hosted by **St Gabriel's**
28th March Horsham refugee Support Group, hosted by Trinity URC
4th April Sage House, hosted by St Mary's
11th April Embracing Age, hosted by Billingshurst Family Church

St. Gabriel's still needs volunteers to make soup, and to set up and clear away on the day. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you.

Please remember Adele, Arthur, Egiziaca and Lilybeth in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday.

CFG Meeting: Wednesday 19 February at 10am in St Gabriel's Hall. All welcome!

BUILDING WORKS

Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead

The new altars and confessional are currently being installed and should be completed before February month end. The Font will then be installed in early March. All building works are on schedule for completion by 28 March. If visiting, please be careful, although the contractors will ensure H&S standards are met at all times.

There might also be 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, Sue Sherlock, Pauline Fuller, John Blythe, Maricel Walka, 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 all those who have died recently.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th February 2025

Divine Office Week 2 Year C

Journey through Lent A small group session will run on a Wednesday evening 7.15 - 8.45pm, hosted by Karen in Billingshurst. We'll be using down to earth and relatable material to explore the forthcoming readings for each of the Sundays in Lent and share our thoughts on the implications for our daily life as Christians. (To avoid the first session clashing with Ash Wednesday Mass at St Gabriel's on March 5th, we will agree on an alternative time/day that week with those who sign up.) If you would like a place in this group please let Karen know as soon as possible (call/ text: 07710 279157) as places are limited. (Materials and further details will then be sent on confirmation of places.)

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March 2025 10.30am
Trinity United Reformed Church, West Street, Billingshurst.
All are welcome to this ecumenical service devised by women from the Cook Islands.

International Supper
Saturday 8th March 6pm
St. Gabriel's Church Hall
Billingshurst

International Food
Our parish is blessed to have parishioners with roots from across the world, happy to share their culinary tradition
Come along for an evening of wonderful food and good company

Parish Meal
Opportunity to come together over a shared meal and to get to know each other better
There's no need to bring food but if you have a speciality dish feel free to bring and share it with us
Everyone is welcome
No charge

World Day of Prayer
Unites us through our faith, promotes prayerful living and helps raise awareness of the lives and concerns of others throughout the world
"I made you wonderful"

Collection for Cafod
During the evening we will make a collection for the work of Cafod in offering practical help to people living in poverty across the world and campaigning for global justice
Give what you can

Need more info? - Contact Jasmin 07875 223175

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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Applications for this summer's Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/apply?ct=t> In this Jubilee year, the Lourdes theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. We are invited to set out on our pilgrimage journey with our Lady and St Bernadette, in the 'hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ.' (Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit 2025)

Don't miss **"Walking with Destiny"**, an inspiring radio programme with Edmund Matyjeszek, exploring how Winston Churchill's language reveals the hand of God at work. Edmund reflects on Churchill's words, the victory won, and England's identity as the Dowry of Mary. This thought-provoking discussion will deepen our understanding of our nation's purpose and strengthen our faith. Part 1 airs on Tuesday, 18th February, and Part 2 on Tuesday, 25th, at 10am. Listen live on the Radio Maria England App, online at radiomariaengland.uk, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England"!

Refugee Tales: Walk With Us, 22 February, 10.30am-3.30pm, Dorking (Cost: £5). A walk in solidarity with those held in immigration detention and to raise awareness of indefinite detention in the UK. For tickets go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-with-us-dorking-tickets-1232794093319?aff=oddttdcreator&ct=t>

Chichester 950 exhibition, 14 February-15 November, Chichester Cathedral is hosting an exhibition sharing the story of the Christian faith in Sussex, revealed through people, events and objects, from 1075 to the present day. Go to <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/chichester950-religion-rebellion-reformation?ct=t> for more information.

The Rite of Election, 8 March, 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral for people across the Diocese who are preparing for baptism, reception into the Church, and confirmation. Please pray for the seven in our community as they move forward on their journey of faith.



Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee with the theme **'Pilgrims of hope'** For more information visit: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025-diocesan?ct=t>

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 later in the year.

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16th FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday 16th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.15am Mass St. Gabriel's 11.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>Alan Baker RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 17th February	12 noon Mass St. John the Evangelist, Horsham	
Tuesday 18th February	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's	Intentions of the Lay Dominican Fraternity
Wednesday 19th February	11.00am Adoration & Benediction 12 noon Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>Barbara Hopper RIP</i>
Thursday 20th February	7.00pm Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 21st February <i>Mem. St. Robert Southwell, Priest, Martyr</i>	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 22nd February <i>Feast The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 23rd February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.15am Mass St. Gabriel's 11.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Welfare of Christians in the Holy Land</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	16th February	23rd February
9.15am Welcomers	Mike Moriarty Clare Muggeridge	Graham Dow Ann Lewis
9.15am Readers	Alex Martens Christine Babirye	Sara Tremlett Sue Petritz
9.15am Collectors	Jasmin Tapleras Brian Richards	Vijay Anthony tbc
Children's Liturgy	Half Term Break	Half Term Break
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Karen Goldsmith	Denis Woodhouse
9.15am Counters	Claire Fairlie	Chris & Denise Bass
9.15am Coffee	The Cooper family	Maria Raccagni Rochelle Braganza
Readers 11.15am	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore	Kate Robertson Robin Landells
Readings for 23rd February: 1 st Reading: Samuel 26: 2, 7 - 9, 12 - 13, 22 - 23 Psalm: 103 2 nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15: 45 - 49 Gospel: Luke 6: 27 - 38		

PARISH GIVING 9th February

St. Gabriel's: £163.40 Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund: £190.50
Our Lady of Consolation: £263.00 Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund: £229.90

Watch Bishop Richard's video podcast for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time at <https://vimeo.com/1056321535?ct=t>