

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 LUNCHES 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

CARDS FOR SALE

Don Noble has had some cards printed with his painting of the 'Miraculous Draught of Fishes'. These are available to buy at St. Gabriel's.

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.

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 Pope Francis, Canon Oliver Heaney and all the sick clergy of the diocese.

Pray too for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2025

Divine Office Week 3 Year C

As the **Holy Father** remains in hospital with double pneumonia, we keep him close in prayer.

Almighty and Eternal God,
you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you.
Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis
for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.

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.)

LENT GROUP – Curious about the meaning behind the 1st Sunday Mass reading? Wondering about the author, the historical background, or its connection to the Gospel? Join us in the Parish meeting room on Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm, throughout Lent, starting March 6. Led by Sue Petritz (MA Theology), each session includes an engaging PowerPoint presentation and discussion. Come explore, reflect, and deepen your understanding!

The next Parish Core Team meeting is on Wednesday 26th February.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPER

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.

Saturday 8th March 6pm St. Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst

Everyone is welcome. No charge.

There will be a collection for CAFOD.

Please sign up on one of the sheets at either church so we know how many people to expect. Thank you.

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.

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. Part 2 airs on Tuesday, 25th February 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"!

Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, 1 March, St Peter's Church, Shoreham. The day will include a procession, Mass, the Rosary, veneration of the relics, Adoration, Chaplet and Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch; for more details go to <https://www.olqp.net/special-event-at-st-peters-saturday-1st-march-2025>

Discover the Story Behind Wintershall's Biblical Plays, 1 March, 2.30pm, St Dunstan's Church, GU22 7DT (Cost: £5). This fascinating talk will shed light on the intense preparation and personal transformation involved in bringing the Bible to life on stage, exploring the mental and spiritual challenges of playing characters from the Bible, and what it means to embody them. Book at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/guildford-district-knights-of-st-columba/discover-the-story-behind-wintershall-s-biblical-plays/e-lqeolb?ct=t>

NBCW: Ecumenism and the Synodal Church, 4 March, 7pm, online. Join Professor Clare Watkins to explore the intersection of ecumenism and the Church's synodal journey. Find out more at <https://www.nbcw.co.uk/event/who-are-we-walking-with-in-synodality/?ct=t>

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.

Bishop Richard is leading a special **Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham** this summer (Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, by taking part. To find out more visit <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuo?ct=t>

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)

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday 23rd February 7 th 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>
Monday 24th February	12 noon Mass St. John the Evangelist, Horsham	<i>Requiem Mass</i> <i>Rose McNeil RIP</i>
Tuesday 25th February	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Joan Holland RIP</i>
Wednesday 26th February	11.00am Adoration & Benediction 12 noon Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>David Meed RIP</i>
Thursday 27th February	7.00pm Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Joe & Stella Mesquita & Jacqui Mesquita-Morris RIP</i>
Friday 28th February	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration	<i>Intentions of Anthony & Erica Evans & family</i>
Saturday 1st March <i>Feast St David</i>	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration & Benediction	<i>Sophie Reilly RIP</i>
Sunday 2nd March 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.15am Mass St. Gabriel's 11.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>Fr. John Pearson RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	23 rd February	2 nd March
9.15am Welcomers	Graham Dow Ann Lewis	Marguerite D'Urban-Jackson Jacqui Merridew
9.15am Readers	Sara Tremlett Sue Petritz	Shirly Anthony Brian Richards
9.15am Collectors	Vijay Anthony tbc	Kevin & Jacqui Rourke
Children's Liturgy	Half Term Break	Sarah Cooper Jasmin Tapleras
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Denis Woodhouse	Vijay Anthony
9.15am Counters	Chris & Denise Bass	Alex & Andre Manko
9.15am Coffee	Maria Raccagni Rochelle Braganza	Jasmin Tapleras
Readers 11.15am	Kate Robertson Robin Landells	Gay Davenport Phil Bleasdale

Readings for 2nd March: 1st Reading: Sirach 27: 4 - 7 Psalm: 92
2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15: 54 - 58 Gospel: Luke 6: 39 - 45

PARISH GIVING 16th February

St. Gabriel's: £267.26
Our Lady of Consolation: £316.10

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.