

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

Simple lunches of soup, bread and cheese 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

West Grinstead

There will be Lent lunches at the Shrine on Wednesdays after the 12 noon Mass starting on 12th March. Donations will go to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

The new **DEANERY NEWSLETTER** is available at both churches and on the parish website.

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March

10.30am Trinity United Reformed Church, West Street, Billingshurst.

All are welcome to this ecumenical service devised by women from the Cook Islands.

LENTEN TEA and COFFEE DONATIONS

The Core Team decided that during Lent, any money given for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass at St. Gabriel's will go to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

Copies of **WALK WITH ME** - a journey of prayer for Lent 2025 are available at both churches price £1.

JUBILEE COMPANION booklets helping pilgrims ponder and pray, focusing on the great themes of the Holy Year are also available price £1.50.

PARISH PRAYER LIST Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, Christine Wylie, Sue Sherlock, Pauline Fuller, John Blythe, Maricel Walka, John Gladman, Mark Forster 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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd March 2025

Divine Office Week 4 Year C

The Rite of Election

During both Masses today 2nd March we will be sending forth our catechumens and candidates to the Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral on 8th March. This service is 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.

As the **Holy Father** remains ill in hospital, 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 Copies of the reflection material are available at both churches for people to take home for their personal or family use or to share with a friend. It offers an opportunity to think about the readings for the Sundays in Lent in the light of our daily life and experiences.

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!

Children's Liturgy There is a session today Sunday 2nd March during the 9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's and next Sunday 9th March too. **Would you like to join the team as a leader?** There is an inspiring Leaders' Event at the Philip Howard Centre 26th April 10am - 1.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPER

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

No charge. There will be a collection for CAFOD.

Last chance to sign up for an evening of wonderful food and good company today Sunday 2nd March. 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.

BUILDING WORKS

Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead

The new altars and confessional are currently being installed. The left-hand altar (St Charles Borromeo) is practically finished. The font will be installed after all the altars are finished.. 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 may be occasions when the church will be closed, although Wednesday and Sunday services will not be affected.

SUNDAY 9th MARCH at Our Lady of Consolation, there will be an Extraordinary Form sung Latin Mass at 3pm for the 1st Sunday of Lent. Attendance at this Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation. All are welcome.



March's newsletter is on display on the noticeboards at both churches. Please take a look.

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>

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk CAFOD are asking people across our family of faith to "put their best fundraising foot forward" and create the biggest group of sponsored "Big Lent Walkers" yet. Can you walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty? Find out more <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

An introduction to Catholic Social Teaching; Building the Civilisation of Love 9 March, 12.45-4.15pm, Fitzherbert Community Hub, BN2 1AP Do you want to find out more about Catholic Social Teaching? Join this afternoon conference led by Jenny Sinclair. The afternoon begins with a shared lunch at 12.45pm (please bring a packed lunch or dish to share). No booking necessary.

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>

THE KEY PURPOSE OF THE ROSARY *is to daily unite and devote ourselves, heart and soul, to Jesus Christ. Meditating on the 20 key events in Christ's life; praying for people and their circumstances; asking for virtues, healing, protection; and throughout, asking Mary to pray for us, as her prayers are very powerful. It is a highly concentrated prayer, focused on Christ's life, his plan for our Salvation, Mary praying for us, and us bonding far more with Christ. It is an answer to world peace and is a strong weapon against evil, often changing lives in a big way. Even daily meditating and saying the prayers only once, or one decade only, is still enriching and effective.*

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MASSSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 2nd MARCH 2025

Sunday 2nd March 8th 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>
Monday 3rd March	12 noon Mass St. John the Evangelist, Horsham	
Shrove Tuesday 4th March	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Wellbeing of John Carter</i>
Ash Wednesday 5th March	11.00am Adoration & Benediction 12 noon Mass Our Lady of Consolation 7.00pm Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Maureen France RIP</i> <i>Mgr James Reilly RIP</i>
Thursday 6th March	7.00pm Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Intentions of Greg & Linda Crowhurst</i>
Friday 7th March	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration	<i>Repose of the soul of Josephine Mary Rowsell</i>
Saturday 8th March	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration & Benediction	<i>Canon F. Hall RIP</i>
Sunday 9th March 1st Sunday of Lent	9.15am Mass St. Gabriel's 11.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Dolores & Pío Cumbo RIP</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	2nd March	9th March
9.15am Welcomers	Marguerite D'Urban-Jackson Jacqui Merridew	Vijay & Shirley Anthony
9.15am Readers	Shirly Anthony Brian Richards	Gary Richards Lucy Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Kevin & Jacqui Rourke	Jasmin Tapleras Brian Richards
Children's Liturgy	Rachel Hogarth Jasmin Tapleras	Denise Bass Mary Tempest
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Vijay Anthony	Tessa Richards
9.15am Counters	Alex & Andre Manko	Sara Tremlett Alex Martens
9.15am Coffee	Jasmin Tapleras	Debbie Thurley Gary Richards
Readers 11.15am	Gay Davenport Phil Bleasdale	Christopher Fecher Carol Cooper

Readings for 9th March: 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10 Psalm: 91
2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8 - 13 Gospel: Luke 4: 1 - 13

PARISH GIVING 23rd February

St. Gabriel's: £176.35
Our Lady of Consolation: £175.10

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>