

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.
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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent will be at St. Gabriel's each Thursday at **6.15pm** followed by Mass at 7pm. At Our Lady of Consolation they will be on Wednesdays at 1.15pm following the Lent Lunch. Due to ongoing building work, booklets will be available for people to pray the Stations on their own.

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.

Watch Bishop Richard's video podcast for 1st Sunday of Lent at
<https://vimeo.com/1063092744?ct=t>



The office is open on Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon and Fridays 10am - 1pm.
Deadline for newsletter items 12 noon on Thursday.

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 and all the sick clergy of the diocese.

Pray too for the repose of the souls of Canon Oliver Heaney, Fr. Terence McLean-Wilson, Stuart Beattie and 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.

1st Sunday of Lent

9th March 2025

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CONGRATULATIONS to Audrey, Lloyd, Thomas, Gary, Kirstin. Michael and Luke who were presented, affirmed and recognised as 'desiring to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table' during the 'Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion' at Arundel Cathedral yesterday. Please pray for them as they continue on their journey towards being baptised/received into the Church at Easter.

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 9th March during the 9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's and Sunday 16th and 23rd 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.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Friday 14th March. Please donate to our collection on Sunday 16th March supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/support-lent-family-fast-day-in-your-parish?form=envelope> or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

BUILDING WORKS

Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead

There are a large number of high quality wooden crates of varying sizes now available following the delivery and installation of the new altars. If any parishioners are interested-possible as troughs for planting please contact Carl Conroy. Whilst no charge will be made, a donation towards the Shrine maintenance would be very welcomed! Sadly we cannot arrange transport. Re-flooring, plasterwork and decorating around the new altars will be done soon. NB There may be occasions when the church will be closed. (But not Wednesdays or Sundays)

Copies of the minutes from last week's Core Team meeting are available at both churches.

TODAY 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.

Leaving a Spiritual Legacy, 10 March, 7.30-9pm, Worth School, RH10 4SB (Cost: £10). Join the Messy Family Project to discuss how to pass on the Faith to your children, or help lapsed children return to the Church.

Permanent Diaconate Open Evening, 14 March, 7pm, St John the Evangelist, Horsham. Is God calling you to serve him and his people as a Permanent Deacon? The Council of Deacons invites men interested in exploring this wonderful vocation to come to an open evening.

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/>

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>

Messy Church meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month from 3.45pm to 5.45pm at the Billingshurst Centre for families of primary aged children: Bible story, games, messy crafts, and a cooked tea. **WANTED - volunteers in the kitchen to come along to cook and serve the meal.** Contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Current needed items:

Tinned or Instant Potatoes
Tinned Fish
Long Life Custard
Long life Milk & Non-Dairy Milk



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The Parish is part of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust, a Registered Charity. No. 252878

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 9th MARCH 2025

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 & Pio Cumbo RIP</i>
Monday 10th March	12 noon Mass St. John the Evangelist, Horsham	-
Tuesday 11th March	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Jeannine Bosman RIP</i>
Wednesday 12th March	11.00am Adoration & Benediction 12 noon Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>Pam Mattock for healing</i>
Thursday 13th March	7.00pm Mass St. Gabriel's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 14th March	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration	<i>Barry Barnes RIP</i>
Saturday 15th March	9.30am Mass St. Gabriel's followed by Adoration & Benediction	<i>Intentions of Joseph Livingston</i>
Sunday 16th March 2nd 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent	9.15am Mass St. Gabriel's 11.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation	<i>Peter Baker 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

	9th March	16th March
9.15am Welcomers	Vijay & Shirly Anthony	Maria Raccagni Claire Fairlie
9.15am Readers	Gary Richards Lucy Cooper	Diane Fievez Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	Jasmin Tapleras Brian Richards	Vijay Anthony tbc
Children's Liturgy	Denise Bass Mary Tempest	Sarah Cooper Janet King
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Tessa Richards	Anna Cooper
9.15am Counters	Sara Tremlett Alex Martens	Claire Fairlie
9.15am Coffee	Debbie Thurley Gary Richards	Lucy Cooper Imelda Acs
Readers 11.15am	Christopher Fecher Carol Cooper	Pat Meed Robin Landells
Readings for 16th March: 1 st Reading: Genesis 15: 5 - 12, 17—18 Psalm: 27 2 nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1 Gospel: Luke 9: 28b - 36		

PARISH GIVING 2nd March

St. Gabriel's: £185.55
Our Lady of Consolation: £254.60

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>