

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.

RIP

The Requiem Mass for Gordon Akehurst will take place on Friday 23rd May at 12 noon in St. Gabriel's.

There will be a private family funeral for Sue Sherlock with burial early in May. On Friday 30th May at 11am A Mass of Thanksgiving for Sue's Life will be celebrated at St Gabriel's with parishioners, Lourdes pilgrims, local friends and family ...('bright and cheerful in dress and spirit' asked Sue.)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers Adele, Arthur, Egiziaca, Lilybeth and Thomas who are coming towards the end of their preparation for First Holy Communion. They will receive the sacrament during the Masses on Sunday 15th June and will have their 'Going Forth' Mass at 9.15am on 22nd June at St. Gabriel's followed by a celebration in the Hall to which everyone is invited.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BILLINGSHURST SPEAKER SESSIONS

Howard Satterthwaite will speak about Open Doors UK & Ireland which supports and speaks up for Christians around the world who are facing persecution for their faith.

A free talk - All welcome!

Saturday 10th May in St. Gabriel's Hall at 7.30pm
Refreshments from 7pm.



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

PARISH PRAYER LIST Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, Christine Wylie, Pauline Fuller, John Blythe, Maricel Walka, John Gladman, Mark Forster, Jim Maynard, Pat Cox and all the sick or housebound of the parish.

Please pray for all the sick clergy of the diocese.

Pray too for the repose of the souls of Pope Francis, Gordon Akehurst and for all those who have died recently.

3rd Sunday of Easter

4th May 2025

Divine Office: Week 3 Year C

PRAYER FOR THE CONCLAVE

*Father Most Holy, our God and King,
protect your Church in this time of transition.
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.
Grant them wisdom and courage, hope and charity,
and the faith they need to discern your holy will. Amen.*

The Cardinals currently present in Rome have agreed to begin the conclave to elect the next Pope on Wednesday 7 May. A ballot is expected to take place on Wednesday evening, with the smoke produced by the burning of the ballot papers likely to appear before 8pm. Go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/conclave-7-may?ct=t> to find out more.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place during the 9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's today Sunday 4th May and then on the 11th and 18th May.

If you'd like to join the team to lead some sessions please contact the Parish Office. There is an inspiring training morning on 24th May at the Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.



Our congratulations go to Connor Marks who was baptised on last Sunday at St. Gabriel's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th June

Music Evening & Fundraiser for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund at St. Gabriel's

5th July

AGM followed by a picnic at St. Gabriel's

6th September

12 noon Mass with Bishop Richard including blessing of new altars, font & confessionals at Our Lady of Consolation

followed by a reception in the grounds

13th September

Harvest Lunch at Our Lady of Consolation

19th September

New Parishioners' Evening at St. Gabriel's

PILGRIMAGES AT OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

If you interested in finding out what happens on a pilgrimage day, possibly with a view to helping in the future, please email Linda at pilgrimage.westgrinstead@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

It only takes a few moments to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. The charity "Right to Life" has a simple online mechanism at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote?ct=t>

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.



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

Days of Reflection, 10 & 27 May, 9.30am-4pm, Franciscan Centre Ladywell, GU7 1ST (Cost: £25). These retreat days welcome all who seek renewal, inspiration, and fellowship in a warm and inviting atmosphere. A delicious lunch, prepared with Franciscan hospitality, will be provided. To book email franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk or phone 01483 675575.

Mass for Migrants celebrated by Bishop Richard, 11 May, 5.30pm, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Brighton. A special Mass celebrating how our diocesan community has been enriched by migration, and the difference and contribution that migrants make to wider society. All are welcome.

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>

Grandparents' Pilgrimage - Worth Abbey - 11 June 10am - 3.30pm

A day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life. To register your place go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. We look forward to seeing you there.

50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey Church at Worth Abbey Saturday 12th July. Go to <https://worthabbey.net/celebrating-the-50th-anniversary-of-the-abbey-churchs-consecration/> for details of the day.

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>

Bookings have opened for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton **Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope"** 9 - 23 August. This year's route will visit every deanery in the Diocese, with pilgrims welcome to join the group for a day, a few days, or the whole 2 weeks. To find out more and book your place go to <https://thepilgrims.org.uk/wp/2025-jubilee-pilgrimage-of-hope-join-us-and-spread-the-word/>

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MASSSES FOR EASTER WEEK BEGINNING 4th MAY 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter 4th May	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Souls of Benefactors & Intentions of those associated with the Shrine</i>
Monday 5th May	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	
Tuesday 6th May	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass	<i>Sue Sherlock RIP</i>
Wednesday 7th May	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Meg Rew for healing</i>
Thursday 8th May	St. Gabriel's 7.00pm Mass	<i>For the wellbeing of Helena & Ruth Malone</i>
Friday 9th May	St. Gabriel's 9.00am Mass	<i>Wendy Denty RIP</i>
Saturday 10th May <i>Mem. St. John of Avila, Priest, Doctor</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
4th 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter 11th May	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Lucy Raccagni RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	4th May	11th May
9.15am Welcomers	Maria Raccagni Claire Fairlie	Mike Moriarty Claire Muggeridge
9.15am Readers	Brian Richards Lucy Cooper	Anne Kamm Anna Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Jasmin Tapleras Valeria de Souza Gray	Brian Richards Vijay Anthony
Children's Liturgy	Denise Bass Jacqui Merridew	Sarah Cooper Mary Tempest
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Sue Petritz	Margaret Steed
9.15am Counters	Sara Tremlett Alex Martens	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor
9.15am Coffee	Jacqui Merridew Jasmin Tapleras	Debbie Thurley Gary Richards
Readers 11.15am	Gay Davenport Phil Bleasdale	Bernadette Dobbe Robin Landells

Readings for 11th May: 1st Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43b - 52 Psalm: 100
2nd Reading: Revelation 7: 9, 13a, 14b - 17 Gospel: John 10: 27 - 30

PARISH GIVING 27th APRIL
St. Gabriel's Collection: £170.96
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £248.05

NEXT SUNDAY 11th May at 3pm there will an extraordinary form Latin sung Mass at Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. This Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation. All are welcome.