

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 followed by a private, family only, committal at Worthing Crematorium.

On Friday 30th May at 11am A Mass of Thanksgiving for Sue Sherlock'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.)

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

This week we are asked to read each day about the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:15-21) and to pray for all young people to have the gift of discernment in a changing world..



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place during the 9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's today Sunday 18th May then on the 1st June.

PILGRIMAGES AT OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

If you are 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.

On Saturday 24th May in St. Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst starting with refreshments at 10am, a member of **BEAT (Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team)** will give a talk and demonstration on the use of a defibrillator. All are welcome.

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 soul of Gordon Akehurst and for all those who have died recently.

5th Sunday of Easter

18th May 2025

Divine Office: Week 1 Year C

POPE LEO XIV

The Pope's Inauguration Mass takes place today Sunday 18th May. This marks the official start of his papacy. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

PHILIPPINE PRISONERS AND THE POOR

Thanks to your generosity last year, Nida and I were able to provide for the 400 or so female prisoners and give sacks of rice to poor families at Xmas. As we are returning at the start of June if anyone wishes to make a donation before then we would be most grateful. If you prefer a bank transfer I can Whatsapp my details if that is more convenient. All monies donated are exchanged for pesos when there is a high rate and then used to purchase toiletries and rice in advance of the season when prices are cheaper. John Heaton

Bingo fundraising for Anna and Ruby's volunteering in Uganda

On the 24th May 2025, Anna Cooper and her friend Ruby are organising a Bingo evening in St Gabriel's Church Hall. They are raising money to go to Uganda this summer to volunteer with Hands for Hope. Nibbles provided with soft drinks and cake available to buy. £5 per person, pay on the door. Arrive from 7pm, Bingo to start at 7.15. There will also be a raffle with lots of prizes to win. If you are planning on attending, it is not essential but if you can, please may you let Anna know (anna.cooper1@outlook.com). Everyone welcome and thank you for your support!

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

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.

On 20 May, the Church in England and Wales will observe the annual **Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**. It offers an opportunity to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals, their families, and friends and the communities of which they are part. The theme is "The Empty Chair." Go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/prayer-survivors-abuse-25?ct=t>

The next **CFG** meeting will be on Wednesday May 21st at Tessa's home.

Chapter Mass to Celebrate 60 years of the Diocese, 28 May, 12pm, Arundel Cathedral. People across our community of faith are invited to join the Cathedral Chapter for a Jubilee Mass, celebrating the diocesan 60th anniversary.

Refining Your Heart Workshop, 31 May, 10am-3pm, St Francis and St Anthony Church, Crawley, RH10 1HR (Cost: £19). Discover your temperament, how it shapes your spiritual journey, and how to refine it to reflect Mary's virtues—helping you grow in faith, peace, and fulfilment. To book go to <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/determinedtothrive/1675324?ct=t>

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/ocoptzuu?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.

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/>

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>

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 18th MAY 2025

5th Sunday of Easter 18th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Pat Dubbins RIP</i>
Monday 19th May	<u>St. John the Evangelist,</u> <u>Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	
Tuesday 20th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Repose of the soul of</i> <i>Sylvie Hewitt</i>
Wednesday 21st May	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Margaret Everard RIP</i>
Thursday 22nd May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Les Jeremiah RIP</i>
Friday 23rd May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 12 noon Requiem Mass	<i>Gordon Akehurst RIP</i>
Saturday 24th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
6th Sunday of Easter 25th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Jacqui Mesquita 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

	18th May	25th May
9.15am Welcomers	Valeria de Souza Gray Lucy Cooper	Graham Dow Ann Lewis
9.15am Readers	Christine Babiye Diane Fievez	Alex Martens Sue Petritz
9.15am Collectors	Brian Richards Vijay Anthony	Jasmin Tapleras Vijay Anthony
Children's Liturgy	Rachel Hogarth Janet King	NO SESSION
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Karen Goldsmith	Denis Woodhouse
9.15am Counters	Claire Fairlie	Chris & Denise Bass
9.15am Coffee	Lucy Cooper Maria Raccagni	the Cooper family
Readers 11.15am	Pat Meed Jenny Marsden	Kate Robertson Bertha Belmore

Readings for 25th May: 1st Reading: Acts 15: 1 - 2, 22 - 29 Psalm: 67
2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 10 - 14, 22 - 23 Gospel: John 14: 23 - 29

PARISH GIVING 11th MAY

St. Gabriel's Collection: £153.25
Education of Future Priests: £55.80
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £285.30
Education of Future Priests: £158.00

Next Sunday there will be a 2nd collection for the **Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese**. This collection goes to help the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru.

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