

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

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 sacrifice (1Peter 4: 13-16) and pray for greater numbers to respond generously, to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass.

Watch Bishop Richard's weekly reflection at
<https://vimeo.com/1086690259?ct=t>



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will next take place during the 9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's on Sunday 1st June.

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

TODAY Sunday 25th May at 3pm we welcome members of the Syro Malabar community to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation where they will be celebrating Holy Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite.

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.

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 all those who have died recently.

6th Sunday of Easter

25th May 2025

Divine Office: Week 2 Year C

On Thursday 29th May we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension** which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Ascension Thursday is the solemn commemoration of Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. This profound event, which occurred forty days after Easter, holds deep significance for us, reminding us of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the promise of eternal life that awaits us in heaven. It also serves as a reminder of our own destiny and calling as disciples of Christ. Just as Jesus ascended into heaven, so too are we called to ascend – to rise above the cares and concerns of this world and to seek the things of God. This journey of ascent is not easy, nor is it without its challenges, but it is a journey that ultimately leads to the fullness of life and communion with God.

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

TODAY Sunday 25th May there will be a 2nd collection for the **Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese**. This collection goes to help the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru.

Next Sunday 1st June there will be a 2nd collection for **World Communications**. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, providing facilities and training for those working in the apostolate of the mass media.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th June	Music Evening & Fundraiser for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund 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.

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.

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, Arundel Cathedral, 17-19 June.
Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9.30am-7pm (Weds) and 9.30am-5.30pm (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, begins at 5.30pm (Thurs). All are welcome.

Masterclass - Fr Carter Griffin: **Forming Families, Forming Saints**, 18 June, 7.30pm, online (Cost: £5). How do we raise children to be saints? How do we become saints? A webinar with Fr Carter Griffin, which will benefit parents, grandparents, priests, catechists and anyone involved or interested in forming children to be saints. <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-fr-carter-griffin?ct=t>

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 25 th MAY 2025		
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>
Monday 26th May	<u>St. John the Evangelist,</u> <u>Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 27th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> NO MASS	-
Wednesday 28th May <i>Mem. Blessed Margaret Pole</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Intentions of Jan and Jenny Corbett</i>
Thursday 29th May The Ascension of the Lord	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 12 noon Mass <u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Tony & Paddy McGowan RIP</i>
Friday 30th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 11.00am Mass of Thanksgiving for Sue Sherlock's Life	
Saturday 31st May Feast Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction	<i>Baby Billy Beggs & his family</i>
7th Sunday of Easter 1st June	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Intentions of Mary Miles & Husband, Coil Daithi and Smith families</i>

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

	25 th May	1 st June
9.15am Welcomers	Graham Dow Ann Lewis	Vijay & Shirley Anthony
9.15am Readers	Alex Martens Sue Petritz	Lucy Cooper tbc
9.15am Collectors	Jasmin Tapleras Vijay Anthony	Brian Richards Valeria de Souza Gray
Children's Liturgy	NO SESSION	Denise Bass Jasmin Tapleras
9.15am Minister of the Eucharist	Denis Woodhouse	Sarah Cooper
9.15am Counters	Chris & Denise Bass	Alex & Andre Manko
9.15am Coffee	the Cooper family	Imelda Acs Mary Lewcock
Readers 11.15am	Kate Robertson Bertha Belmore	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore

Readings for 1st June: 1st Reading: Acts 7: 55 - 60 Psalm: 97
2nd Reading: Revelation 22: 12 - 14, 16 - 17, 20 Gospel: John 17: 20 - 26

PARISH GIVING 18 th MAY	
St. Gabriel's	Collection: £195.50
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection: £217.50

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