

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.



During the school summer holidays Children's Liturgy will take a break. We would love new people to join the leadership team. To find out more please contact the Parish Office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 6th September** 12 noon Mass of Dedication at Our Lady of Consolation
- 13th September** AGM & Harvest Lunch at Our Lady of Consolation
- 19th September** New Parishioners' Evening at St. Gabriel's

MASS INTENTIONS can be requested for the repose of a departed soul, for a friend or loved one. It is also fitting at times of illness or personal struggles, or to give thanks to God for his blessings. There are Masses available at both churches. Special envelopes are available for your Mass Intention requests and offerings.

We are expecting the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. **RIGHT TO LIFE UK** have just launched a new EasyAction tool to help you email a few Peers directly about the Assisted Suicide Bill. It creates a tailored message that highlights a key concern with the Bill and ensures it reaches the right Peers. To email the peers go to [Ask Peers to oppose the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill](#)

Current needed items:

packet soup, rice, tinned vegetables, tinned vegetarian meals, cooking sauces, jams and spreads



PARISH PRAYER LIST Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, Christine Wylie, John Blythe, Maricel Walka, Pat Cox, John Gladman, Mark Forster, Jim Maynard, Mary Gleeson, John Heaton, Mary Frendo Cumbo, Philip Baker and all the sick or housebound of the parish.

Please pray for Canon Colin Wolczak and all the sick clergy of the diocese.

Pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th August 2025

Divine Office: Week 4 Year C

On Friday 22nd August we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Benedict XVI once noted:

'Mary... is Queen in her service to God for humanity, she is a Queen of love who lives the gift of herself to God so as to enter into the plan of man's salvation. She answered the Angel: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" (cf. Lk 1:38) and in the Magnificat she sings: God has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden (cf. Lk 1:48). She helps us. She is Queen precisely by loving us, by helping us in our every need; she is our sister, a humble handmaid.'

The month of August is a time for us to deepen our relationship with the Mother of God. Try and give a little time to extra prayer during these weeks; the rosary is a good way of spending time with the Lord through the intercession of Our Lady.

6th September

MASS OF DEDICATION

12 noon Mass with Bishop Richard including rededication of the Womersley altars and blessing of the Salisbury font and new confessional at Our Lady of Consolation followed by a reception in the grounds. This is for all the parish, so please put the date in your diary. Help will be needed for refreshments and welcoming our guests.

If you are able to come please sign up on the sheet in the narthex of the church so that we have an idea for catering purposes.

NOT A CATHOLIC?

But interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith with a view perhaps of being received into the Catholic Church or Baptised? The parish will be starting a new group in September, please contact Canon Tim if you would like to take part:

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The First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programme for 2025 will begin in the Autumn. If you have a child who in September will be in Year 3 or above and you would like them to prepare to receive the sacraments please contact the Church Office for an application form and further details.

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.

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon and on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. The deadline for items for the newsletter is 12 noon on Thursday.

The summer months can offer us an opportunity to take a break from the business of everyday life. The **"God Who Speaks"** website has a number of resources available to those who wish to use the warmer weather and longer evenings to deepen their faith, with materials from a range of contributors available at <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/recommendations/?ct=t>

Day of Reflection at The Franciscan Centre, Godalming, 26 August 9.30am-4 pm (Cost: £25, inc. lunch). An opportunity for renewal, inspiration, and fellowship in a warm and inviting atmosphere with a comforting mix of input, prayer, conversation, and personal space for reflection. Book your place at <https://franciscancentre.org.uk/event/day-of-reflection-11/?ct=t>

A DAY WITH MARY at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 30th August 9.30am - 4.30pm. For more details please see the poster in the narthex.

Permanent Deacons' Candidacy & Ministries Mass 12 September, 6pm, Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT. People across our community are invited to Our Lady of Consolation for Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard. All are welcome.

Cathedral Mass for Altar Servers - Saturday 27 September 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral Fr Aaron Spinelli, the Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral led by Bishop Richard. The Mass will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers at aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk - and bring a cassock, cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (please bring a packed lunch).

Pilgrimage Walk in honour of St Philip Howard Saturday 27 September at 10am to pray and reflect on his life and witness and our own journey through life ending at Arundel Cathedral for Benediction at 3pm. All welcome. Contact Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567 or see <http://www.arundelcathedralfriends.org>

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th October. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983



HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all going away. Relax, have fun, drink plenty of water and come back safe.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17th AUGUST 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th August	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass	Holy Souls People of the Parish
Monday 18th August	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 19th August	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass	Wellbeing of Anna-Maria Palacios
Wednesday 20th August Mem. St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor	Our Lady of Consolation 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	John Lovelock's intentions
Thursday 21st August Mem. St. Pius X, Pope	St. Gabriel's 7.00pm Mass	Wellbeing of Jean & Barrie Newton
Friday 22nd August Mem. The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	Tony Watts RIP
Saturday 23rd August Mem. St. Rose of Lima, Virgin, Religious	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction	Repose of the soul of Steve Thompson
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th August	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass	People of the Parish Wellbeing of Pam Gill

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	17th August	24th August
9.15am Welcomers	Marguerite D'Urban-Jackson Jacqui Merridew	Maria Raccagni Graham Dow
9.15am Readers	Anne Kamm Anna Cooper	Gary Richards Margaret Steed
9.15am Collectors	Brian Richards Valeria de Souza Gray	Kevin & Jacqui Rourke
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Sue Petritz Sarah Cooper Denis Woodhouse	Sue Pirie Vijay Anthony tbc
9.15am Counters	Alex & Andre Manko	The Fairlies
9.15am Coffee	Janet & Nigel King	Jacqui Merridew Lucy Cooper
Readers 11.15am	Bernadette Dobbe Robin Landells	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore
Readings for 24th August: 1 st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18 - 21 Psalm: 117 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5 - 7, 11 - 13 Gospel: Luke 13: 22 - 30		

PARISH GIVING 10th AUGUST

St. Gabriel's Collection: £ 108.41
July Standing Orders: £1,674.00
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £ 217.80
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