

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.

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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

2nd November - St Gabriel's after 9.15am Mass
2nd November - Our Lady of Consolation,
after 11.15am Mass
2nd November - Hills Cemetery, Horsham at 3pm

Children's Liturgy continues during the 9.15am Mass on the 9th, 16th and 23rd November.

RIP

The Requiem Mass for Mark Forster will be at Our Lady of Consolation on Wednesday 12th November at 12 noon.

Copies of the minutes from the recent Core Team meeting are available online and at both churches.



Current needed items: rice, tinned vegetables, tinned spaghetti, instant noodles, cooking sauces & spreads

★ **FOR SALE**, in the narthex at St. Gabriel's, a selection of very reasonably priced Christmas cards, Advent Calendars and gift bags.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bishop Nicholas Hudson from Westminster who has been appointed as the new Bishop of Plymouth. We assure him of our prayers.

PARISH PRAYER LIST Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, Christine Wylie, John Blythe, Maricel Walka, Pat Cox, John Gladman, Mary Gleeson, 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 Mark Forster, Dom Kevin Taggart OSB, Fr John Horn and all those who have died recently.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October 2025

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS NEXT SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

As this year the 1st November falls on a Saturday the Solemnity has been transferred to Sunday 2nd November.

Pope Boniface IV instituted All Saints' Day in the Church in 609 when the Roman temple of the Pantheon in Rome became a Church named the Basilica di Santa Maria ad Martyres (the Basilica of St. Mary and the Martyrs). Initially instituted in May, Pope Gregory IV moved the holy day to November two centuries later, in 837. Since then, Christians have celebrated All Saints' Day on the first day of November.

Often, on All Saints' Day Masses, clergy speak of the saints we look to as guides and teachers, reminding us that we, too, can pursue sainthood amidst all our human imperfections.

As St. Francis de Sales encourages us, "You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; in just the same way you learn to love by loving."

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ALL SOULS' DAY- 3rd NOVEMBER

(transferred this year from the 2nd November)

The Catholic Church teaches that the purification of the souls in purgatory can be assisted by the actions of the faithful on earth. Its teaching is based also on the practice of prayer for the dead mentioned as far back as 2 Maccabees 12:42-46. The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms, deeds, and especially by the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Mass will be at 12 noon at Our Lady of Consolation.

THE ROSARY - on the 1st October, Pope Leo announced:

"As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world." Pope Leo XIV made this exhortationwhilst addressing various language groups during his General Audience in the Vatican. Amid the conflicts and wars worldwide, the Pope urged the faithful to promote peace in their regular lives. "May you be faithful instruments of reconciliation in your daily lives," he said.

TODAY Sunday 26th October at Our Lady of Consolation there will be Extraordinary Form Latin Mass at 3pm. This Mass fulfils the Sunday Obligation. All are welcome.

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.

"Lord, teach us to pray", 7 Wednesdays from 5 November, 7-8pm, online (Cost: £55). Prayer helps us realise that God is already closer to us than we can imagine. This course will look at different ways of praying, with emphasis on the relationship with God they foster, rather than techniques to be mastered. To register go to <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/lordteachustoprayer?ct=t>

Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Fatima Relics, 8 November. Arundel Cathedral is hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes the celebration of Mass, a procession and enthronement of the statue and opportunities to venerate the saints' relics, with the rosary and a number of talks. For details go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/udvkxhjw?ct=t>

Lighthouse: Illuminate your life in Christ, 15 November, 10.30am, St Joseph's Church, Guildford. Join a day of charismatic renewal; worship together, be immersed in the Holy Spirit and receive prayer ministry from experienced teams. Theme: "Pilgrims of Hope: Love that Builds Bridges". Please bring lunch. Go to <https://www.abcharismatic.org/be-immersed-in-the-holy-spirit-at-lighthouse-in-guildford/?ct=t> for details.

Christ's Hospital Choral Society's Autumn Concert is to be held on 15th November at 7.30pm in the Chapel at Christ's Hospital featuring Dvorak's 'Mass in D major', Durante's 'Magnificat' and Tarik O'Regan's 'Triptych'. Tickets £15 in advance £20 at the door from www.chchoralsoc.org or 01403 247434.

The Nativity Journey, 16-21 December, Wintershall, GU5 0LR (Cost: £15-27). Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with the Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. Go to <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/> for more information and tickets.

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. To sign up please go to <https://mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist> – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Financial Controller (P/T) Based: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, with travel across the Diocese Application deadline: 31 October The Diocese is looking to recruit a Financial Controller to oversee a finance team of 5, supporting cloud-based accounting for 80 parish sites & providing finance functions for central operations. For the Job Description & to apply visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/fincon?ct=t>

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26th October 2025

Sunday 26th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass</u> <u>Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass</u>	<i>Eileen & Jim Fitzpatrick RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 27th October	<u>St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass</u>	-
Tuesday 28th October Feast Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles	<u>St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass</u>	<i>Jacqui, Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP</i>
Wednesday 29th October	<u>Our Lady of Consolation 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass</u>	<i>Leonie Burchett's 80th Birthday intention</i>
Thursday 30th October	<u>St. Gabriel's 7pm Mass</u>	<i>Fr. Laurence Quin-Morris RIP</i>
Friday 31st October	<u>St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass</u> followed by Adoration	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 1st November <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass</u> followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 2nd November Solemnity of All Saints	<u>St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass</u> <u>Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass</u>	<i>Cyril & Arulama Morais 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

	26 th October	2 nd November
9.15am Welcomers	Graham Dow Marguerite D'Urban Jackson	Jacqui Merridew Maria Raccagni
9.15am Readers	Sara Tremlett Denise Bass	Shirly Anthony Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	Valeria de Souza Gray Vijay Anthony	tbc
Children's Liturgy	NO SESSION	NO SESSION
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Margaret Steed Tessa Richards Sue Petritz	Denise Bass Sarah Cooper Anna Cooper
9.15am Counters	The Fairlies	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor
9.15am Coffee	Jasmin Tapleras	The Cooper family
Readers 11.15am	Linda Thompson Jenny Marsden	Kate Robertson Robin Landells
Readings for 2nd November: 1 st Reading: Revelation 7: 2 - 4, 9 - 14 Psalm: 24 2 nd Reading: 1John 3: 1 - 3 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 - 12a		

PARISH GIVING 19th OCTOBER

St. Gabriel's Collection: £131.40
MISSIO: £ 87.35
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £274.00
MISSIO: £135.70

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