

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.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE GROUP

ADVENT SCRIPTURES explained by catechist Sue Petritz MA. Do come along to St Gabriel's church hall, to hear in depth about the prophet Isaiah and Matthew. Sessions take place on Mondays from 24th November weekly ending on Monday 15th December from 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

Children's Liturgy will continue on 7th and 14th December during the 9.15am Mass.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday 8th December at 7pm

Confessions at Corpus Christi Church, Henfield

Friday 12th December at 7pm

Reconciliation Service with confessions at Our Lady of Consolation

Saturday 13th December at 9.30am

Mass at St. Gabriel's will be said by Fr. Tristan Cranfield followed by an extended period of Confession plus Benediction

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Carols and Readings 11.00pm

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Our Lady of Consolation

Christmas Day

Mass 9.15am St. Gabriel's

Mass 11.15am Our Lady of Consolation

Boxing Day

Mass 9.30am St. Gabriel's



1st Sunday of Advent

30th November 2025

Divine Office: Week 1 Year A

'This Sunday sees the Church begin a new Liturgical Year. The First Sunday of Advent heralds a time of preparation for our celebration of the Lord's birth. It is, also, a "season of two parts." We begin with a focus on the coming Kingdom of God. The second part, beginning on 17th December, provides a more intense preparation for Christmas. In this first part of Advent, we reflect on our hope in the coming Kingdom. This carries a particular resonance this year, perhaps, as we enter the final month of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Advent calls us to be open to the gift of hope. Hope is a virtue. Hope is a gift. It is a mark of the Christian, for our lives are a preparation for the coming of the Lord.' *Bishop Richard*

Journeying towards Christmas with an Advent Wreath

Placing four candles on green fronds has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes. The wreath can be the focal point of the home during the journey of Advent, with the lighting of the candles incorporated into a family meal. This simple Advent tradition can create fond, long-lasting memories of family Christmases by reflecting together on the true meaning of the celebration. To download an Advent Wreath resource from The God Who Speaks project go to <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/The-Advent-Wreath-2021.pdf?ct=t>

Packs of 10 lovely **Christmas postcards** priced £4 will be available in the porch from next week to help fund humanitarian aid for refugees arriving on the Greek island of Chios.

CALLING ALL BABIES - great news! We now have a baby changing unit in the disabled toilet in St. Gabriel's Hall.

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL Tinned meat, tinned vegetables, long-life milk, custard, fruit juice/squash, jam and spreads, tinned macaroni cheese, condiments (ketchup, mayo, pickle), hot chocolate, longlife desserts, savoury snacks, toilet roll, festive treats (selection box, Christmas chocolates, mince pies, Christmas puddings) They kindly ask that food donations are provided by 5th December. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex at St. Gabriel's.



Please would you consider joining the collecting rota at St. Gabriel's. The more volunteers the less often people would have commit. If you think you can help please contact the Church Office.

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 Fr Sebastian Paul and all the sick clergy of the diocese.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Thomas McMahon and all those who have died recently.

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 December newsletter from our diocesan link is available on the noticeboards of both churches. You can also access it online at Sue's Church Page blog.

Talk on Palestine, St John the Evangelist, Horsham, RH12 2PJ, 30 November, 12.30pm. Join St John the Evangelist Justice & Peace Group for a talk by Edmund Adamus from charity Friends of the Holy Land. The talk will describe the current situation in Gaza and the West Bank and explain how we as Christians can help. There is no need to book, all are welcome.

Choral Vespers from Arundel Cathedral, BBC Radio 3, 3 December at 3pm. Recorded at Arundel Cathedral earlier this month, Choral Vespers with music by James MacMillan, Bevan, Mendelssohn and Oldroyd, will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on the first Wednesday in Advent for repeat broadcast on 7 December (3pm). You will be able to listen here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002ml87?ct=t>

Advent Concert: Handel's Messiah
6 December, 7pm, Arundel Cathedral (Cost: £12). To book go to <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/west-sussex/arundel-cathedral/advent-concert-handels-messiah/2025-12-06/19:00/t-ojgmlzo?ct=t>

Echoes of 1,500 Years: Gregorian Chant for Advent, 14 December, 3.30pm, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR. Experience traditional Latin Gregorian Chant performed by the Benedictine monks of the Abbey, offering a rare opportunity to hear this ancient form of prayer in its authentic monastic setting. There is no need to book and all are warmly welcome.

The Sandgate Choir Christmas Carols
Sunday 14th December 4pm at Our Lady of England Church, Storrington. Tickets including festive refreshments: Adults £12 Children £6 from www.thesandgatechoir.com or on the door.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word, 24 January, 11-4pm at St Michael's Church, Worthing BN13 3AL. Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, diocesan Liturgy & Music Adviser, this day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. Register your free place at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5?ct=t>

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

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 30th November 2025

Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Jim Maynard RIP</i>
Monday 1st December	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 2nd December	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 3rd December <i>Mem. St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Molly Philips' Private Intention</i>
Thursday 4th December	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7pm Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 5th December	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 6th December	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Theresa Marnane 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

	30th November	7th December
9.15am Welcomers	Jacqui Merridew Maria Raccagni	Mike Moriarty Clare Muggeridge
9.15am Readers	Alex Martens Sue Petritz	Vincenzo Garguilo Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	tbc	Jasmin Tapleras Vijay Anthony
Children's Liturgy	NO SESSION	Denise Bass Jasmin Tapleras
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Margaret Steed Tessa Richards Sarah Cooper	Sue Petritz Margaret Steed Tessa Richards
9.15am Counters	Chris & Denise Bass	Chris & Denise Bass
9.15am Coffee	Gary Richards Maria Raccagni	Jasmin Tapleras
Readers 11.15am	Pat Meed Jenny Marsden	Kate Robertson Robin Landells

Readings for 7th December: 1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Psalm: 72
2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4 - 9 Gospel: Matthew 3: 1 - 12

PARISH GIVING 23rd NOVEMBER

St. Gabriel's	Collection:	£ 171.50
	Arundel Cathedral Maintenance:	£ 110.55
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection:	£ 218.60
	Arundel Cathedral Maintenance:	£ 309.60

During Advent and the Christmas season St. Gabriel's tea & coffee money will be collected for the Catholic Children's Society.