

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 St 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 be during the 9.15am Mass TODAY the 23rd November and will continue on 7th and 14th December.

WALK WITH ME The Advent edition is available at both churches priced £1.50. There are also Walk with Me Advent and Christmas calendars for the children, giving them a little something to do or pray each day of the season.

RED BOXES If you have a red box in support of MISSIO that needs emptying please bring it to St. Gabriel's and hand it to Vicky McGee or the parish office.

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. (You can also order via karen.goldsmith21@gmail.com)

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

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 souls of Fr John Horn and all those who have died recently.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

23rd November 2025

Divine Office: Week 2 Year C

'The feast we celebrate this Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 - the 16th Centenary of the Council of Nicaea when the definition of Christ being consubstantial with the Father was made - an anniversary that the Church has been keeping again this year.

Jesus is our King - the word Christ means 'the anointed one' - and we are all called to share in His Kingship. Indeed, we are reminded of this at our baptism when we are anointed with Chrism in a prayer that speaks of our sharing in His Kingship.'

Bishop Richard

TODAY Sunday 23rd November there will be a 2nd collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund. Arundel Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and the church of its chief pastor, the Bishop. The heavy expenses for its upkeep need to be shared by the parishes of the Diocese.

The parish **MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION** offers emotional support to anyone who may need it. This is a completely confidential and free service offering one to one support in your own home. There is no time limit - it can be weeks, months or even years after a bereavement. If you feel you would benefit from this kind of support, there are leaflets at both churches or you can contact the Parish Office.

A new edition of **The Faith Companion** out now in both Churches. We publish two monthly so less than £3 a month. We are not academic, not news or controversy - simply the Truth of our Faith. For more information or to subscribe go to www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk. We are in the process of becoming a charity and need prayers or donate online if you can. We want every Church in the UK to have hard copies for free or donation.

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.

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.

Women at the margins today: reality, solidarity and hope, 24 November, 7-8pm, online. Join the National Board of Catholic Women and Dr Amy Louise Daughton to discuss the exploitation of women in today's society and the diagnosis and response to be found in Catholic Social Teaching. Go to <https://www.nbcw.co.uk/event/women-at-the-margins-today/?ct=t> for details.

Exploring Migration with Dr Sabina Barone, 27 November, 7.30pm, Online. Dr Barone will explore the issues surrounding the "voluntary" return of West Africans on the Spanish/Moroccan border, based on her extensive practical involvement and doctoral research. At a time when returning so-called "undesired migrants" is high on political agendas, this talk calls such programmes into question. To join the Zoom go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8654346233?pwd=WjdzR1hadEU4cFpVVi9WSE1UMGIVdz09&omn=86865431041&ct=t>

Radiant Dawn Young Adults Advent Retreat, 28-30 November, Worth Abbey, (Cost £130). Step away from the noise of daily life and let the light of Christ's coming dawn within your heart. The theme, Radiant Dawn, will help retreatants enter more deeply into the mystery of God's coming at Christmas — a season of waiting, longing, and renewal. Go to the young adults tab at <https://worthabbey.net/our-retreats/?ct=t> to book.

Advent Talk with Abbot Mark Barrett
Saturday 29th November 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: Unity Room, Worth Abbey Church
Title: "Watching in Silence: A Benedictine Advent"
Abbot Mark will explore the quiet heart of Advent through the lens of Benedictine spirituality—a wonderful opportunity for reflection and preparation during this sacred season.
To register: Contact Kelly at kohara@worth.org.uk

On Sunday 30th November St John the Evangelist, Horsham, **Justice and Peace Group** are hosting a talk by Edmund Adamus from Palestinian Christian charity Friends of the Holy Land. He will describe the current situation on the ground in Gaza and in the West Bank and describe how we as Christians can help. All are welcome! The hall will be open from 12.30pm for teas and coffees and cake with the main talk starting between 1.00pm and 1.30pm. Parking may be limited on the day so please park in Swan Walk car park.

Coming up...
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-ogmlzo?ct=t>

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.

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The Parish is part of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust, a Registered Charity.
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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 23rd November 2025

Sunday 23rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Ints. Steve Morey</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 24th November	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 25th November	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Dec'd priests of the parish & the diocese</i>
Wednesday 26th November	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>John Chequer RIP</i>
Thursday 27th November	ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL 11am <u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7pm Mass	CHAPTER MASS <i>Jacqui, Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP</i>
Friday 28th November	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.00am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Miss JMS O'Flahertie RIP</i>
Saturday 29th November	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	23rd November	30th November
9.15am Welcomers	Shirly & Vijay Anthony	Jacqui Merridew Maria Raccagni
9.15am Readers	Christine Babirye Miss Lucy Cooper	Alex Martens Sue Petritz
9.15am Collectors	Brian Richards tbc	tbc
Children's Liturgy	Kevin, Sarah, Rachel & Denise	NO SESSION
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Denis Woodhouse Tessa Richards Vijay Anthony	Vijay Anthony Sue Pirie Sarah Cooper
9.15am Counters	The Fairlies	Chris & Denise Bass
9.15am Coffee	Imelda Acs Debbie Thurley	Gary Richards Maria Raccagni
Readers 11.15am	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore	Pat Meed Jenny Marsden

Readings for 30th November: 1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 Psalm: 122
2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11 - 14a Gospel: Matthew 24: 37 - 44

PARISH GIVING 16th NOVEMBER

St. Gabriel's	Collection:	£204.50
	Retired Priests' Fund:	£204.00
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection:	£271.01
	Retired Priests' Fund:	£304.44