

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.

On Monday 17th November St. Gabriel's will welcome the Oaklands colony of Billingshurst Beavers for a church visit as they work towards their faith badge.

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 continues during the 9.15am Mass TODAY the 16th and then on 23rd November.

WALK WITH ME

The Advent edition of Walk with Me 'A Journey of Prayer for the Advent Jubilee 2025' 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.

Packs of 10 lovely **Christmas postcards** 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, John Whatford and all those who have died recently.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th November 2025

Divine Office: Week 1 Year C

'We are coming very close to the end of the Church year. In fact, next Sunday, when we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, is also the 34th and last Sunday of the liturgical year. So, as usual at this time, the Church invites us to think about the final end of things. Our world, in which we spend so much time planning and securing our worldly future, is only temporary. Our own lives in this world will not last forever. . . Are we ready for that? There is only one effective way to prepare: to live each day fully in the company of Jesus. We do not prepare for the end by guaranteeing our future (we can't), but by living fully with God and for God at every moment of every day.'

Sacred Space - www.sacredspace.ie

All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday and parish requiems can trigger painful memories and parishioners may not be aware that the **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.

TODAY Sunday 16th November there will be a 2nd collection for the **Retired Priests' Fund**. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. By giving a gift to the Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. We need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years.

Next Sunday 23rd November there will be a 2nd collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

CFG Autumn Fayre A certificate from Andy's Angels, the charity which supports grieving children and their families, has been sent to the CFG acknowledging, and thanking us for our donation of £653.60. This is displayed on the notice board in the narthex, and the members of the CFG add their sincere thanks to all the parishioners who helped to raise this magnificent sum by supporting the sale on 12 October.

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.

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 RUNNING FATHER' Dalesdown Centre, Honeybridge Lane, Dial Post, RH13 8NX
19 November 10am — 4pm A study day into the Father's Heart with Andy Economides based around the parable of the Prodigal Son. The day will incorporate a mixture of teaching, worship, reflection and fellowship time.
£25 (including lunch). For tickets please visit <https://www.dalesdown.org.uk/upcoming-events>

Taxation & CST, 20 November, 6pm (online). Chaired by Bishop Richard, this webinar will explore taxation and Catholic Social Teaching. The webinar is being held at an important time in the Government's fiscal timetable, with the Budget statement due the following week. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/Br-Kv2_7QoOtp3mIKczlqw?ct=t

Staying Human: Useless Lives? 21 November, 6.30pm, online. This Together for the Common Good lecture will examine the advance of assisted suicide and the profound cultural shift signalled by current legislation, into an age where death is presented as a solution to what some refer to as 'useless lives.' For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staying-human-being-a-person-in-the-age-of-ai-tickets-1613679481769?ct=t>

How to be a Crown Court Judge The Friends of Arundel Cathedral are offering a fascinating talk by Her Honour Judge Christine Laing KC DL on 22 November, 3-5pm at Arundel Cathedral Centre (Cost: £15). Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofarundelcathedral/1871498?ct=t> for tickets.

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.

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

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16th November 2025

Sunday 16th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Michael Sharp RIP</i>
Monday 17th November	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 18th November <i>Mem. Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Tim Cox RIP</i>
Wednesday 19th November	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Sharp & Lovelock families RIP</i>
Thursday 20th November	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7pm Mass	<i>Ronnie Sandford RIP</i>
Friday 21st November <i>Mem. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Fr. Joe Candy RIP</i>
Saturday 22nd November <i>Mem. St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction	<i>Joan Holland RIP</i>
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>Steve Morey</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

	16th November	23rd November
9.15am Welcomers	Lucy Cooper	Shirly & Vijay Anthony
9.15am Readers	Brian Richards Denise Bass	Christine Babirye Miss Lucy Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke	Jasmin Tapleras Brian Richards
Children's Liturgy	Sarah Cooper Jacqui Merridew	tbc
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Tessa Richards Margaret Steed Sue Pirie	Denis Woodhouse Sue Petritz Vijay Anthony
9.15am Counters	Denise & Chris Bass	The Fairlies
9.15am Coffee	Jacqui Merridew Mary Lewcock	Imelda Acs Debbie Thurley
Readers 11.15am	Gay Davenport Carol Cooper	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore

Readings for 23rd November: 1st Reading: Samuel 5: 1 - 3 Psalm: 122
2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12 - 20 Gospel: Luke 23: 35 - 43

PARISH GIVING 9th NOVEMBER

St. Gabriel's Collection: £ 162.95
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £ 261.70