

# 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 12noon on Thursday.

## Can you help? Christmas Cleaning at Our Lady of Consolation

There will be a pre-Christmas cleaning party for the church and Parish Room on the morning of Monday 22 December starting at 10am. Please come along to help out if you can. The more the merrier! Cleaning will be followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. Please sign up on the list by the coffee station, or just turn up on the day.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Christmas Eve 24 December

Carols and Readings 11.00pm

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Our Lady of Consolation

### Christmas Day 25 December

Mass 9.15am St. Gabriel's

Mass 11.15am Our Lady of Consolation

### Boxing Day 26 December

Mass 9.30am St. Gabriel's

## CHRISTMAS DAY ROTA

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| <b>Welcomers</b>             | 9.15am  | Clare Muggeridge<br>Mike Moriarty                     |
| <b>Readers</b>               | 9.15am  | Diane Fievez<br>Denise Bass                           |
| <b>Collectors</b>            | 9.15am  | tbc                                                   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | 9.15am  | <b>Vijay Anthony</b><br>Sue Petritz<br>Margaret Steed |
| <b>Readers</b>               | 11.15am | Kate Robertson<br>Robin Landells                      |

**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 Archbishop-Elect Richard as he prepares to move to Westminster.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

Divine Office: Week 4 Year A

## From Archbishop– Elect Richard:

With the focus in Advent moving, from the 17<sup>th</sup> December, to the proximate preparation for our celebration of the Lord's birth, this Sunday's readings focus very clearly on the Incarnation.

Isaiah's message is clear: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call him Emmanuel – God-with-us. St Paul, in the first words of his letter to the Romans, is clear in his witness to the Saviour, from the House of David.

Matthew's account of the announcement of Jesus' coming focuses on Joseph – of the House of David, and the angel's words to this man of integrity, astounded at what he has been told, are those of Isaiah. The One who is to be born is the fulfilment of the prophecies of old, of David's line and coming to the world in simplicity and in wonder. As we prepare in these final few days before the celebration of Christmas, may our response be that of Joseph: wonder, reflection and – now that our salvation has been won for us – obedience to the Word made flesh, God-with-us.

## FILIPINO CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Happy Christmas to all from the Philippines and many thanks for your generosity that has helped so many here! Nida and I were able to provide gifts for all the 300 women prisoners as well as buying 500kg of rice for the poor. Your contributions also meant we were able to help the needy with funeral expenses and medical bills. May the Lord continue to bless you in this season of Advent.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The offertory collection taken during the Midnight and Christmas Day Masses is traditionally your personal gift to the parish priest. The collection at Christmas forms an important part of his income for the year as he receives no salary. You may use the special Christmas Offerings envelopes, the envelopes in your Gift Aid boxes or the DONA machine at Our Lady of Consolation.

Canon Tim thanks you in advance for your kind contributions.

**Children's Liturgy** takes place at St. Gabriel's **TODAY** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We will then take a break and be back in the New Year.

**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.**

**Worth Abbey Pilgrims Advent Carol Service,**  
21<sup>st</sup> December, 3.30pm, Worth Abbey. Celebrate the joy and hope of Advent with a beautiful blend of traditional and contemporary carols performed by the Worth Abbey Choir. This special service is much loved by all those who attend. Followed by festive refreshments.

### BILLINGSHURST WALKING NATIVITY

**TODAY Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
Back again for the annual Christmas event! The festivities start at Jengers Mead at 4pm, with the Nativity starting at 5pm. Join for festive fun and to celebrate Christmas! Hope to see you there.

### Crib Mass

24<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm, Worth Abbey. Children are invited to come dressed as nativity characters and to bring a gift for a child in need. Mass will include singing by children from St Robert Southwell & St John the Evangelist schools and Brighton Catholic Youth Choir.

### Celebrate Christmas at Arundel Cathedral

Join Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm (children are invited to come dressed as nativity characters); 11.30pm Midnight Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard (Carols begin at 11pm) and Christmas Day Mass at 11am. The Cathedral will also be open daily from 10.30am - 4pm for visits to the crib and private prayer. To find out more visit the cathedral website: <https://arundelcathedral.uk/?ct=t>

**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>

**Retrouvaille** helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.  
Next date: 12th February 2026.  
[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 07887 296983

### PARISH GIVING 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**St. Gabriel's** Collection: £ 202.29  
Standing Orders November: £1,364.00  
Tea/Coffee (2 weeks): £ 43.10  
Christmas Flowers: £ 141.00  
**Our Lady of Consolation** Collection: £ 176.20  
Christmas Flowers: £ 235.50

### CRIB COLLECTION: Catholic Children's Society

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

### USEFUL CONTACTS

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St. John the Evangelist Horsham Parish Office  
<https://www.stjohnshorsham.com/> 01403 253667  
St. John's Primary School 01403 265447  
St. Robert Southwell Primary School 01403 252357  
St. Wilfrid's Catholic Comprehensive 01293 421421

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### MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>'O Oriens' | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br><b>9.15am Mass</b><br><u>Our Lady of Consolation</u><br><b>11.15am Mass</b>                                                                                                      | <i>Paul &amp; Shane Bradshaw RIP</i><br><br><i>People of the Parish</i> |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b><br>'O Rex Gentium'                                      | St. John the Evangelist, Horsham<br>12 noon Mass                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b><br>'O Emmanuel'                                        | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br>9.30am Mass                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Karl Routledge-Wilson RIP</i>                                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>Christmas Eve</i>                              | <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u><br>11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction<br>12 noon Mass<br><b>11.00pm Carols &amp; Readings</b><br><b>11.30pm Midnight Mass</b><br><u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> | <i>Holy Souls</i><br><br><i>Jacqui, Joe &amp; Stella Mesquita RIP</i>   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>                    | <b>9.15am 'Shepherds' Mass</b><br>St. Gabriel's<br><b>11.15am Christmas Day Mass</b><br>Our Lady of Consolation                                                                                          | <i>John &amp; Joan Ryder RIP</i><br><br><i>People of the Parish</i>     |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>26<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>Feast St. Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr</i>      | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br><b>9.30am Mass</b><br>followed by Adoration                                                                                                                                      | <i>Repose of the souls of May &amp; Tommy O'Neill</i>                   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>27<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>Feast St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>    | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br>9.30am Mass<br>followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction                                                                                                                  | <i>Sandra Pelosi RIP</i>                                                |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>28<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>Feast The Holy Family</i>                         | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br><b>9.15am Mass</b><br><u>Our Lady of Consolation</u><br><b>11.15am Mass</b>                                                                                                      | <i>People of the Parish</i><br><br>'Barry' & Charles Woodward RIP       |

### CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

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| <b>9.15am Welcomers</b>                                                                                                                                                                          | Lucy Cooper<br>Claire Fairlie                  | Shirly & Vijay Anthony                              |
| <b>9.15am Readers</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | Luke Knight<br>Alex Martens                    | Anne Kamm<br>Miss Lucy Cooper                       |
| <b>9.15am Collectors</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | Jacqui & Kevin Rourke                          | Victoria Chandler<br>Adrian Frisby                  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Sarah Cooper<br>Kevin Rourke                   | CHRISTMAS BREAK                                     |
| <b>9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Karen Goldsmith</b><br>Vijay Anthony<br>tbc | <b>Denise Bass</b><br>Anna Cooper<br>Tessa Richards |
| <b>9.15am Counters</b>                                                                                                                                                                           | Alex & Andre Manko                             | The Fairlies                                        |
| <b>9.15am Coffee</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | The Cooper family                              | Jasmin Tapleras<br>Maria Raccagni                   |
| <b>Readers 11.15am</b>                                                                                                                                                                           | Gay Davenport<br>Jenny Marsden                 | Bernadette Dobbe<br>Robin Landells                  |
| <b>Readings for 28<sup>th</sup> December:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3: 2 - 6, 12 - 14 Psalm: 128<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 12 - 21 Gospel: Matthew 2: 13 - 15, 19 - 23 |                                                |                                                     |