

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place during the 9.15am Mass TODAY Sunday 18th January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Billingshurst 18th - 25th January

Monday 19th January St. Gabriel's Hall:
The Church worldwide, thinking especially of those who are persecuted for their faith.

Tuesday 20th January St Mary's Room:
Older folk in our community, Seniors' Coffee morning, Dementia Cafe etc.

Wednesday 21st January The Community Centre: *Our Young People, Baby Zone, BFC toddlers, Messy Church and our local schools.*

Thursday 22nd January Trinity URC:
Street Pastors, our church leaders and our village generally. This is an opportunity for us to pray for all aspects of our village life, and beyond, and we hope you will come along and be a part of this.

All prayer meetings start with coffee at 7.30pm

The week will conclude with a service at St. Mary's at 6.30pm on Sunday 25th January.

We look forward to seeing you at as many of these events as possible.

Save the Date - We are hosting an **International Supper** on Saturday 14th March to coincide with World Day of Prayer. Please do pop this in your diary ... an evening of good company and a chance to appreciate great food from around the world. There is no set charge - we just ask you to give what you can for CAFOD's work.

PARISH PRAYER LIST Prayers for Sybil Gasche, 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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th January 2026

Divine Office: Week 2 Year A

Peace Sunday

Today is Peace Sunday, a day designated by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales for us all to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January. The theme chosen by Pope Leo for his message this year is a challenging one: "Peace to you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace". Bishop

John Arnold in Salford diocese, representing the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, writes: "*Pope Leo is telling us that peace should not rely on fear, threats or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope.*"
<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2026/>

We will be taking a 2nd collection today to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. You are asked to pray for peace in our world and for the success of Pax Christi by donating today.

Our Lady of Consolation 150th Anniversary

In the 1870's, Pope Pius IX agreed that the new church being built in West Grinstead would be a shrine church dedicated to Our Lady of Consolation. The church would act as a thanksgiving for the part that the people of this area had played in keeping the Catholic faith alive during the Reformation and beyond, ensuring nearly 1000 years of continuous Catholic worship at West Grinstead.

The "solemn opening" of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation took place on the 27th of June 1876 making our church 150 years old this year.

Exactly 150 years on from this date, on Saturday 27th June 2026, we plan to celebrate this anniversary. Please put the date in your diaries now and look out for more information to follow later in the year.

To read more about the history of the Shrine please visit

<http://www.consolation.org.uk/about>

Copies of the Core Team Minutes are available at both churches and on the parish website.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 Applications for our Lourdes Pilgrimage are open now! Is Our Lady calling you to Lourdes this summer? To find out more about our pilgrimage week, click on this link:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home?ct=t>

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian John Maher.

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.

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, 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>

Embracing New Life – Pregnancy, Birth & Motherhood in Faith, 24 February, 7-8pm, online. This National Board of Catholic Women webinar will discuss the spiritual significance of pregnancy and motherhood; Catholic teachings on life and parenting, and finding strength in the sacramental life. To register go to <https://www.nbcw.co.uk/event/embracing-new-life-pregnancy-birth-motherhood-in-faith/?ct=t>

Tuesday 27th January at 7pm **Catholic Women Walking with Women: Engaged Women**. A Faith Journey Through Life's Seasons is a year-long webinar series designed to meet women where they truly are, in the real circumstances and rhythms of life, and to explore how God walks with us in every season. Email admin@NBCW.co.uk to register.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Richard's Ministry in Arundel & Brighton, 30 January, 6.30pm, Arundel Cathedral. People across our diocesan family are invited to join a special cathedral Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by +Richard, followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall, Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk. There is no need to register to attend the Mass, all are welcome.

Mental Health Awareness Training, 7 February, 10am-3pm, The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP (£40). The number of people experiencing poor mental health is rising. This course will help attendees understand the impact and reality of poor mental health, enabling them to identify the early signs and symptoms and signpost people effectively. Book your place at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ibgv7xjz?ct=t>

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Paul Whitehouse and Friends All Star Comedy Gala in Aid of PACT, 30 March, London Palladium (Cost: from £36). Book at <https://lwtheatres.co.uk/whats-on/paul-whitehouse-and-friends-all-star-comedy-gala/?ct=t>

PARISH GIVING 11th JANUARY
St. Gabriel's Collection: £ 172.00
 Tea/Coffee: £ 25.90
 Order of the Holy Sepulchre: £ 251.20
Our Lady of Consolation
 Collection: £ 256.85
 Order of the Holy Sepulchre: £ 243.22

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 18th January 2026

Sunday 18th January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Josephine Hawkins RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 19th January	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 20th January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 21st January <i>Mem. St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Rose McNeill RIP</i>
Thursday 22nd January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>John Henry Holland RIP</i>
Friday 23rd January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Fr. Joe Candy RIP</i>
Saturday 24th January <i>Mem. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Confessions on request	<i>Helen & Robin Landells' 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>
Sunday 25th January <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Julia Janiek for healing</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	18th January	25th January
9.15am Welcomers	Mike Moriarty Clare Muggeridge	Lucy Cooper Claire Fairlie
9.15am Readers	Gary Richards Margaret Steed	Christine Babirye Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	The Carter family	Brian Richards Vijay Anthony
Children's Liturgy	Sarah Cooper Mary Tempest	Kevin Rourke Jasmin Tapleras
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Vijay Anthony Karen Goldsmith Sue Pirie	Margaret Steed Sue Petritz Sarah Cooper
9.15am Counters	Alex & Andre Manko	The Fairlies
9.15am Coffee	Gary Richards Jasmin Tapleras	The Cooper family
Readers 11.15am	Phil Bleasdale Robin Landells	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore

Readings for 25th January: 1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 1b - 4 Psalm: 27
 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 10 - 13, 17 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12 - 23



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Use your smartphone to open our online payment portal. Simply open your camera app on your phone and point it at the QR code. This will detect a link to a website that will guide you through making your payment. Payments accepted for: Weekly Offertory, Second Collections and Repository (Shop).