

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 1st February and then on 8th February.

RIP

Please pray for former parishioner Sybil Gasche who died on the 20th January. The arrangements for her funeral are that her body will be brought into St. Gabriel's on Thursday 5th March at 4pm and her Requiem Mass will take place at 1pm on Friday 6th March.

Journey through Lent 2026 A small friendly faith-sharing group of parishioners will meet each Wednesday evening in Lent to reflect on the forthcoming Sunday's readings and consider our experience of trying to live out this Word of God in daily life. Excellent user-friendly materials are supplied and help us learn, share and pray. The sessions are in Billingshurst, hosted by Karen; starting at 7.15pm finishing by 8.45 pm. As places are limited priority is for those attending all six sessions - dates are Feb 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25. If you'd like to sign up or find out more please contact Karen on 07710 279157 or email karen.goldsmith21@gmail.co.uk

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 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sybil Gasche.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st February 2026

Divine Office: Week 4 Year A

Racial Justice Sunday

Today is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. Parishes and individuals are encouraged to pray this prayer for an end to suffering caused by racism:

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice. Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters; so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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>

LENT SCRIPTURES explained by catechist Sue Petritz MA. Do come along to St Gabriel's church hall to hear in depth about the Sunday readings from Genesis, Exodus, the prophets Samuel, Ezekiel and Isaiah and the Gospels of Matthew and John. Sessions take place on Mondays from 16th February weekly ending on Monday 23rd March from 7pm to 7.45pm. Do join when you can.

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>

There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday February 8th to help those who struggle with the financial commitment to answer Our Lady's call so that they may benefit from the many graces that will be made available to them.

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.

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

Facing What Is: Lent, Listening, and Hope in a Time of Change, 14 February, 10.30am-1pm, Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB. Join Abbot Mark and draw on the wisdom of the desert, and monastic tradition, to explore how Christian faith teaches us to tell the truth about ourselves and God. Go to <https://worthabbey.net/upcoming-worth-abbey-pilgrims-dates-for-your-diary-2026/?ct=t> to find out more and reserve your place.

The Big Lent Walk You can join CAFOD for the Big Lent Walk in 2026! Challenge yourself to walk 200km over 40 days and raise money to bring life-saving water to people around the world. See the website for more information: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at 10.30am
Trinity URC Billingshurst

St Gabriel's will be organising, hosting and providing refreshments. We are very grateful to URC for providing an alternative venue. Please do come along.

Faith Discussion Evening - 18th March 6 - 8pm at St Theresa's School, Effingham RH5 6ST Join us for an evening of thought provoking discussion, fellowship and spiritual insight. Topics to include:
How to grow faith in our modern world
Acedia (the spiritual vice you didn't know you had)
How AI and how social media is making it worse
Does St. Francis still have anything to teach us?

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 25th JANUARY

St. Gabriel's

Collection: £ 165.20
Tea/Coffee: £ 16.40

Our Lady of Consolation

Collection: £ 396.05

USEFUL CONTACTS

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MASSSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1st February 2026

Sunday 1st February <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Alan Baker RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 2nd February <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 7.30am Mass	-
Tuesday 3rd February	NO MASS	-
Wednesday 4th February	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Piero Modafferi RIP</i>
Thursday 5th February <i>Mem. St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Wolczak & Sadecki families RIP</i>
Friday 6th February <i>Mem. St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Martin Campion RIP</i>
Saturday 7th February	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction	<i>Stephen Hornung RIP</i>
Sunday 8th February <i>5th 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>Michael and Anne Jolly RIP</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	1st February	8th February
9.15am Welcomers	Mike Moriarty Clare Muggeridge	Marguerite D'Urban Jackson Graham Dow
9.15am Readers	Gary Richards Diane Fievez	Sara Tremlett Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	The Carter family	Adrian Frisby Vicky Chandler
Children's Liturgy	Rachel Hogarth Jacqui Merridew	Sarah Cooper Mary Tempest
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Anna Cooper Karen Goldsmith Tessa Richards	Sue Pirie Sue Petritz Vijay Anthony
9.15am Counters	Alex & Andre Manko	Chris & Denise Bass
9.15am Coffee	Imelda Acs Jacqui Merridew	Mary Lewcock Lucy Cooper
Readers 11.15am	Anneli Figura Jenny Marsden	Pat Meed Robin Landells

Readings for 8th February: 1st Reading: Isaiah 58:6 -10 Psalm: 112
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 5 Gospel: Matthew 5: 13 - 16



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