

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.

Thank You

For the cards, gifts and Christmas Collection you have given over the holiday period. A big thank you to all those who do so much for the parish in a variety of different ways.

Blessings on those too, who in little ways pastorally care for other members of the parish community throughout the year. May the New Year be a source of great blessing for us all.

Canon Tim & Konrad the puppy

MASS FOR PAST PULBOROUGH PARISHIONERS

On Friday 9th January Mass will be at 11am for the intention of past parishioners of the church at Pulborough.

It's an opportunity to meet old friends and to see the recently mounted stained glass windows from Ss. Crispin and Crispinian.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian John Maher, a former parishioner at St. Gabriel's, who died on 13th December. His Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of England, Storrington on Tuesday 20th January at 11am.

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.

2nd Sunday of Christmas

4th January 2026

Divine Office: Week 2 Year A

The Epiphany of the Lord

Tuesday 6th January this week is the Epiphany of the Lord; a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be at 12 noon at Our Lady of Consolation and at 7pm at St. Gabriel's.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honour this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship him who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded... respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving him your very life and offering him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Reflection taken from: Saints and Feasts of the Liturgical Year



We welcome Baby Bryan Yates and his family to the 11.15am Mass today at Our Lady of Consolation when Bryan will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

2nd Collections

Next Sunday 11th January Collection for the work in the Holy Land of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The order financially supports schools, parishes and the seminary in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Sunday 18th January Pax Christi The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January. we will be taking a collection 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.

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.

Exploring the vocation to teaching in our diocesan schools – online event -Tuesday 13 January – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running this online information event. This event would be suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please go to the diocesan website.

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>

Christian Unity Service
St Mary's Anglican Church, Billingshurst on Sunday 25th January 2026 at 6.30pm.

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, 30 March, London Palladium (Cost: from £36). Enjoy an unmissable night of laughter with Paul Whitehouse and Friends at the legendary London Palladium, in support of the Pact, the charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions and their families. To book go to <https://lwtheatres.co.uk/whats-on/paul-whitehouse-and-friends-all-star-comedy-gala/?ct=t>

PARISH GIVING 28th DECEMBER

St. Gabriel's Collection: £ 188.00
Christmas Offering: £1,465.48
Tea/Coffee (2 weeks): £ 30.50

Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £ 256.10

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 4 th January 2026		
Sunday 4th January 2nd Sunday of Christmas	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Wellbeing of the Morais family</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 5th January	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 6th January <i>Sol. The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 12 noon Mass <u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday 7th January	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Damian & Hannah's intentions</i>
Thursday 8th January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Intentions of the Caws family</i>
Friday 9th January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 11.00am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Past Pulborough Parishioners</i>
Saturday 10th January	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration, Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 11th January <i>Feast The Baptism of the Lord</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>Dolores & Pio Frendo-Cumbo</i>

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

	4 th January	11 th January
9.15am Welcomers	Jacqui Merridew Maria Raccagni	Graham Dow Marguerite D'Urban-Jackson
9.15am Readers	Shirly Anthony Anna Cooper	Brian Richards Sue Petritz
9.15am Collectors	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke	Adrian Frisby Vicky Chandler
Children's Liturgy	Christmas Break	tbc
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Sue Pirie Sarah Cooper Denis Woodhouse	Tessa Richards Vijay Anthony tbc
9.15am Counters	Chris & Denise Bass	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor
9.15am Coffee	Imelda Acs Mary Lewcock	Debbie Thurley Jacqui Merridew
Readers 11.15am	Kate Robertson Pat Meed	Carol Cooper Jenny Marsden

Readings for 11th January: 1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7 Psalm: 29
2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34 - 38 Gospel: Matthew 3: 13 - 17

CRIB COLLECTION:
Catholic Children's Society

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

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