

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.

LENT LUNCHES - Billingshurst

Simple lunches of soup, bread and cheese in St Mary's Room, Billingshurst at 1pm.

27th February hosts BFC, speaker tba
6th March hosts St Mary's in aid of Open Doors
13th March hosts URC in aid of Tools with a Mission
20th March hosts St Gabriel's in aid of Ten Tiny Toes
27th March hosts St Mary's, speaker tba

West Grinstead

There will be Lent lunches at the Shrine on Wednesdays after the 12 noon Mass starting on 4th March. Donations will go to 'Aid to the Church in Need'

HENFIELD LENT GROUPS

Wednesdays 3pm starting on the 25th February using the 'We dare to...' booklets.
For more information contact Deacon Paul at paul.russell@abdiocese.org.uk or Deacon Dominic at dominic.dring@abdiocese.org.uk

FAITH WITH FATHER Join Fr. Tristan every Monday at 5pm on YouTube for short weekly catechesis to nourish prayer, understanding and reflection throughout Lent. Videos will be available to catch up afterwards - https://youtube.com/@fr_tristan_cranfield?si=67u_vmQ9Bnjfz8M

RIP

Pray for Terry Douglas whose Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady of Consolation on Wednesday 25th February at 12 noon. Please pray too for Sybil Gasche. 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.

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.

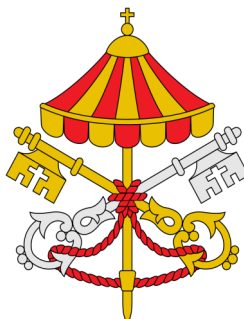
Please pray for Fr Sebastian Paul and all the sick clergy of the diocese.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sybil Gasche & Terence John Douglas.

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.

1st Sunday of Lent 22nd February 2026

Divine Office: Week 1 Year A



Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The College of Consultors have elected Canon Jonathan Martin, the Chancellor and former Vicar General as the Administrator of the diocese until a new bishop is chosen.

LENT SCRIPTURE FORMATION 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent will be at St. Gabriel's each Thursday at **6.15pm** followed by Mass at 7pm. At Our Lady of Consolation they will be on Wednesdays at **1.15pm** following the Lent Lunch.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 27th February

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. There will be a 2nd collection on Sunday 1st March so collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope> or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

LENTEN TEA and COFFEE DONATIONS

During Lent, any money given for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass at St. Gabriel's will go to CAFOD.

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.

Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, 7 March, St Peter's Church, Shoreham. The day will include a procession, Mass, the Rosary, veneration of the relics, films, meditation, Chaplet and Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch. For more details go to

<https://www.olqp.net/my-poste1762827?ct=t>



International Supper - Saturday 14th March
6pm - St. Gabriel's Church Hall Billingshurst



Collection for Cafod

We will collect for the work of CAFOD in offering practical help to people living in poverty across the world

World Day of Prayer

Unites us through our faith, promotes prayerful living and helps raise awareness of the concerns of others

Everyone is welcome. No charge. Give what you can

Need more info?
Contact Jasmin
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Our parish is blessed to have parishioners with roots from across the world, happy to share their culinary tradition

There's no need to bring food but if you have a speciality dish feel free to bring and share it with us

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>

Our Lady of Consolation 150th Anniversary

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>

PARISH GIVING 15th FEBRUARY

St. Gabriel's

Collection: £196.25

Our Lady of Consolation

Collection: £251.65

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 22nd February 2026

Sunday 22nd February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</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>Mieczyslaw Gochmanski RIP</i>
Monday 23rd February	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 24th February	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Brian Madeley RIP</i>
Wednesday 25th February	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 12 noon Requiem Mass	<i>Terry Douglas RIP</i>
Thursday 26th February	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Joan Holland RIP</i>
Friday 27th February	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Jacqui, Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP</i>
Saturday 28th February	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 1st March <i>2nd 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Wellbeing of Peregrine & Prosper</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 10.00am St. Gabriel's, Billingshurst

	22nd February	1st March
9.15am Welcomers	Lucy Cooper Claire Fairlie	Vijay & Shirley Anthony
9.15am Readers	Denise Bass Margaret Steed	Christine Babiye Lucy Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke	Adrian Frisby Vicky Chandler
Children's Liturgy	HALF TERM NO SESSION	Rachel Hogarth Janet King
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Vijay Anthony Sue Pirie Tessa Richards	Karen Goldsmith Margaret Steed Sarah Cooper
9.15am Counters	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor	Alex & Andre Manko
9.15am Coffee	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke	The Cooper family
Readers 11.15am	Kate Robertson Jenny Marsden	Gay Davenport Anneli Figura

Readings for 1st March: 1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1 - 4a Psalm: 33
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8b - 10 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1 - 9

CORE TEAM—Meeting on Wednesday 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon and on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. The deadline for newsletter items is 12noon on Thursday.

Don't have cash? No problem. Use your smartphone to open our online payment portal. Simply open the camera app on your phone and point it at the QR code. This will detect a link for a website that will guide you through making your payment. Payments are accepted for: Weekly Offertory, Second Collections and Repository (Shop).



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