

# 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.

6<sup>th</sup> March hosts St Mary's in aid of Open Doors  
13<sup>th</sup> March hosts URC in aid of Tools with a Mission  
20<sup>th</sup> March hosts St Gabriel's in aid of Ten Tiny Toes  
27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> March. Donations will go to 'Aid to the Church in Need'

**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](https://youtube.com/@fr_tristan_cranfield?si=67u_vmQ9Bnjfz8M)

## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

The minutes of last week's **CORE TEAM** meeting are available at both churches

## RIP

Please pray for Sybil Gasche. The arrangements for her funeral are that her body will be brought into St. Gabriel's on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm and her Requiem Mass will take place at 1pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 'Transfiguration' 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

Divine Office: Week 2 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> February weekly ending on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection TODAY Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



There will be Children's Liturgy during the 9.15am Mass today and then on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**ROUTER REQUIEM & CHILCOTT A LITTLE JAZZ MASS** the Sandgate Choir Saturday 21 March, 7.00pm Our Lady of England Church, Storrington RH20 4LW Tickets £18 • Available from The Card Shop, Storrington (cash only please) or on the door.

**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.**



The March newsletter from our diocesan link is available on the noticeboards of both churches. You can also access it online at Sue's Church Page blog.

**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

Our parish is blessed to have parishioners with roots from across the world, happy to share their culinary tradition

Everyone is welcome.  
No charge  
Give what you can

**Need more info?**  
**Contact Jasmin**  
**07875 223175**

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

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 24-30 July (air), 23 July-31 July (coach).** Applications for helpers, clinicians and independent pilgrims are open for this year's pilgrimage. Join more than 700 pilgrims, including those who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need help to make the pilgrimage. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/apply?ct=t> for more information and to apply.

### Our Lady of Consolation 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The "solemn opening" of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 1876 making our church 150 years old this year. Exactly 150 years from this date, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

**St. Gabriel's**

Collection: £203.00

Tea/Coffee for CAFOD: £27.45

**Our Lady of Consolation**

Collection: £446.70

### MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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| <b>Sunday<br/>1<sup>st</sup> March</b><br><i>'Transfiguration'<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</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>Wellbeing of<br/>Peregrine &amp; Prosper<br/>People of the Parish</i>                         |
| <b>Monday<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>                                                               | St. John the Evangelist,<br>Horsham<br>12 noon Mass                                                 | -                                                                                                |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>                                                              | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br>9.30am Mass                                                                 | <i>Stuart Beattie RIP<br/>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>                                         |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                                            | <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u><br>11.00am Adoration,<br>Confessions & Benediction<br>12 noon Mass   | <i>Teresa Richardson<br/>RIP</i>                                                                 |
| <b>Thursday<br/>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                                             | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br>7.00pm Mass                                                                 | <i>Crabb &amp; Richardson<br/>families RIP</i>                                                   |
| <b>Friday<br/>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                                               | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br>1.00pm Requiem Mass                                                         | <i>Sybil Gasche RIP</i>                                                                          |
| <b>Saturday<br/>7<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>for the election of a<br/>bishop</i>                  | <u>St. Gabriel's</u><br>9.30am Mass<br>followed by Adoration<br>Confessions & Benediction           | <i>For a new Bishop</i>                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday<br/>8<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</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<br/>Souls of Benefactors<br/>of those associated<br/>with the Shrine</i> |

### CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

|                                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> March                                    | 8 <sup>th</sup> March                               |
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| <b>9.15am<br/>Welcomers</b>                      | Vijay & Shirly Anthony                                   | Clare Muggeridge<br>Mike Moriarty                   |
| <b>9.15am<br/>Readers</b>                        | Christine Babirye<br>Lucy Cooper                         | Brian Richards<br>Sue Petritz                       |
| <b>9.15am<br/>Collectors</b>                     | Adrian Frisby<br>Vicky Chandler                          | The Carter family                                   |
| <b>Children's<br/>Liturgy</b>                    | Rachel Hogarth<br>Janet King                             | Sarah Cooper<br>Mary Tempest                        |
| <b>9.15am<br/>Ministers of<br/>the Eucharist</b> | <b>Karen Goldsmith</b><br>Margaret Steed<br>Sarah Cooper | <b>Tessa Richards</b><br>Sue Pirie<br>Vijay Anthony |
| <b>9.15am<br/>Counters</b>                       | Chris & Denise Bass                                      | Alex & Andre Manko                                  |
| <b>9.15am<br/>Coffee</b>                         | The Cooper family                                        | Debbie Thurley<br>Gary Richards                     |
| <b>Readers<br/>11.15am</b>                       | Gay Davenport<br>Anneli Figura                           | Linda Thompson<br>Robin Landells                    |

**Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> March:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17: 3 – 7 Psalm: 95  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 1 – 2, 5 - 8 Gospel: John 4: 5 - 42

*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).



### USEFUL CONTACTS

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