

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.

NEED A GREETINGS CARD? Cards for all kinds of occasions are available in both churches at very reasonable prices.

LENT LUNCHES - Billingshurst

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

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. Donations will go to 'Aid to the Church in Need'.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's
11.15am Mass at Our Lady of Consolation

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Gabriel's

GOOD FRIDAY

10am Stations of the Cross for children and families at St. Gabriel's
2pm Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Consolation followed by
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in both Our Lady of Consolation and St. Gabriel's

HOLY SATURDAY

8.30pm Solemn Vigil of Easter at St. Gabriel's

EASTER DAY

9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's
11.15am Mass at Our Lady of Consolation

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 Michael Thompson.

3rd Sunday of Lent

8th March 2026

Divine Office: Week 3 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 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.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS in Billingshurst will start at St. Gabriel's at 11am. There will be hot cross buns and refreshments available in the Hall from 10.30am.

On Saturday 14 March we welcome to the Shrine, Confirmation candidates from St Mary's Crowborough, St Philip's in Uckfield and St John's in Herons Ghyll.

Gardening Volunteer Wanted Are you willing to help mainly weeding, about an hour once a month, behind the presbytery?
Tel 01403 783169 Marguerite



There will be Children's Liturgy during the 9.15am Mass today 8th March and then on the 15th and 29th March.

RUTTER 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.



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
07875 223175

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

Adrian IV: Breakspear: the English Pope Who Went to War, 14 March, 3-6pm, Cathedral Centre, Arundel (Cost: £10-15). To book go to <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofarundelcathedral/2048235?ct=t>

Chrism Mass, 1st April, 6pm, Arundel Cathedral
People from across our diocesan family of faith are invited to join members of clergy at the annual Chrism Mass – one of the most beautiful Masses of the year, celebrated in Catholic cathedrals across the world in Holy Week. All are welcome.

Our Lady of Consolation 150th Anniversary
The "solemn opening" of the 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>

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.

PARISH GIVING 1 st MARCH	
St. Gabriel's	
Collection:	£156.84
Tea/Coffee for CAFOD:	£ 9.25
CAFOD Fast Day:	£349.15
Our Lady of Consolation	
Collection:	£223.00
CAFOD Fast Day:	£410.00

USEFUL CONTACTS

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The Parish is part of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust, a Registered Charity. No. 252878

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8 th March 2026		
Sunday 8th March <i>3rd 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>Souls of Benefactors of those associated with the Shrine</i>
Monday 9th March	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 10th March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Gina Dias RIP</i>
Wednesday 11th March	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Geoff Callister's Intentions</i>
Thursday 12th March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 13th March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Fr John Pearson RIP</i>
Saturday 14th March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	<i>Fr. Pat Faughnan RIP</i>
Sunday 15th March <i>4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Sybil Gasche RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK		
Wednesday 11.15am	Our Lady of Consolation	
Saturday 10.00am	St. Gabriel's, Billingshurst	
	8 th March	15 th March
9.15am Welcomers	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty	Graham Dow Marguerite D'Urban Jackson
9.15am Readers	Brian Richards Sue Petritz	Shirly Anthony 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	Tessa Richards Sue Pirie Vijay Anthony	Sue Petritz Anna Cooper Sarah Cooper
9.15am Counters	Alex & Andre Manko	The Fairlies
9.15am Coffee	Debbie Thurley Gary Richards	Jacqui Merridew Lucy Cooper
Readers 11.15am	Linda Thompson Robin Landells	Gay Davenport Pat Meed
Readings for 15th March: 1 st Reading: Samuel 16: 6 – 7, 10 – 13a Psalm: 23 2 nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8 – 14 Gospel: John 9: 1 – 41		

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 12 noon 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).

