

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.

CONFESSIONS Saturday 28th March at 9.30am
Mass at St. Gabriel's will be said by Fr. Tristan Cranfield followed by an extended period of Adoration, Confession plus Benediction.

LENT LUNCHES - Billingshurst

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

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.

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.



4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent 15th March 2026

Divine Office: Week 4 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.

Mothering Sunday dates from the Middle Ages and was originally a time to focus on our "mother churches" – the churches in which we were baptised. Today, we celebrate by thanking God for mothers, grandmothers, and all those who share in the gift of caring and nurturing others. May the Lord bless all mothers and their families on this special day.

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.

DIY enthusiasts wanted at West Grinstead! There are some small maintenance jobs that need doing at the church. and employing outside contractors is expensive. If you, or someone you know, has a little spare time and would like to help with some general DIY tasks, please let Carl Conroy know and he will add you to a pool of volunteers.



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

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

CFG MEETING AND AGM 18th MARCH 10am
in the Billingshurst Community Centre.

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.

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.

The Promise of the Father: Life in the Spirit Seminar, from 14 April, various locations & online. An opportunity over 7 sessions to deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the power of His Holy Spirit, with inspiring teaching, personal testimonies, small group sharing and prayer. Places are limited. To book go to <https://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026/?ct=t>

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.

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

PARISH GIVING 8th MARCH

St. Gabriel's
Collection: £ 199.05
Tea/Coffee for CAFOD: £ 10.74
February Standing Orders: £2,034.00
Our Lady of Consolation
Collection: £ 210.00
February Standing Orders: £1,367.00

USEFUL CONTACTS

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 15th March 2026

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>
Monday 16th March	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 17th March <i>Feast St. Patrick, Bishop, Missionary</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 18th March	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Miriam Erricker's Intentions</i>
Thursday 19th March <i>Sol. St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Aleksander Figura RIP</i>
Friday 20th March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 21th March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	<i>Sybil Gasche RIP</i>
Sunday 22nd March <i>5th 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>Vincent Robinson RIP</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	15 th March	22 nd March
9.15am Welcomers	Graham Dow Marguerite D'Urban Jackson	Lucy Cooper Claire Fairlie
9.15am Readers	Shirly Anthony Karen Goldsmith	Denise Bass Miss L Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Brian Richards Vijay Anthony	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke
Children's Liturgy	Kevin Rourke Jasmin Tapleras	NO SESSION
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Tessa Richards Anna Cooper Sarah Cooper	Margaret Steed Vijay Anthony Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Counters	The Fairlies	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor
9.15am Coffee	Jacqui Merridew Lucy Cooper	Jasmin Tapleras
Readers 11.15am	Gay Davenport Pat Meed	Bernadette Dobbe Kate Robertson

Readings for 22nd March: 1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12 – 14 Psalm: 130
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8 – 11 Gospel: John 11: 1 – 45

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).

