

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 Diocese has created three short films to accompany people across our family of faith through Holy Week. Watch at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/holy-week-des>

1. Canon Kieron O'Brien introduces Holy Week, highlighting the importance of reflection and prayer and the invitation to contemplate, at a deep level, the foundational mysteries of our Faith.
2. Canon Jonathan Martin explores the Good Friday Liturgy; Jesus' self-offering on the Cross for the love of us, the "immense goodness of God", and the veneration of the Cross as an act and expression of our love.
3. Fr Jonathan How, explores the wonder of the Easter Vigil as the greatest celebration in the Church's year, highlighting that we are made in the image of God, and are not only witnesses to the Resurrection but also, "sharers in The Word Who is Life."

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

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

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 Peter Smith.

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.



**Palm Sunday
The Passion of the Lord
29th March 2026**



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.

A big **THANK YOU** to Tessa Richards and her team of helpers who organised our Lent Lunch which raised £286 for Ten Little Toes, a Baby Bank based in Crawley, offering support to families and parents with children age 0-12 years, in crisis or facing difficult circumstances.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Canon Tim will recommission the parish's Eucharistic Ministers during the 8pm Maundy Thursday Mass at St. Gabriel's.

Bishop Gerard Bradley joined Georgia Clarke from the Archdiocese of Southwark, and Greg Finn from The Mark 10 Mission to present a **Stations of the Cross Reflection** for young people. The video aims to guide children prayerfully through the Stations of the Cross in an engaging and accessible way, pausing at each station to reflect, wonder and pray.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2JlIWn6L8E>

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches around the world to support the work of the Franciscans as custodians of the Holy Land who have the unique responsibility of maintaining the Holy Places and preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

EASTER OFFERING The collection at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday is traditionally the Easter offering for your clergy. Priests rely almost entirely upon our Christmas and Easter offerings for their income.



The April 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.

NEED A GREETINGS CARD? Cards for all occasions are available in both churches at very reasonable prices. Do take a look.

HORSHAM FOODBANK

This Easter, you can help support local families by taking part in our Choose Your Egg campaign: **Chocolate Easter Eggs** – to bring a smile to someone this Easter or **Fresh eggs** – if donating real eggs, please choose ones with the longest shelf life possible or **Financial donations** – helping us buy exactly what's needed.

Come & Sing: Louis Vienne Messe Solennelle, 18 April, 11am-4pm, Worth Abbey (Cost: £10). Join the Abbey Choir for an afternoon of beauty and joy, preparing and performing Vienne's Messe solennelle, op. 16. Free entrance to the closing concert; retiring collection for our diocesan Schools' Singing Programme.

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>

Grandparents' Formation day, Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham. Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. To register, go to the events page of the Diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

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. On Saturday 27th June 2026, we plan to celebrate this anniversary. Please put the date in your diaries now.

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. For more information & to apply <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/apply?ct=t>

PARISH GIVING 22nd MARCH

St. Gabriel's

Collection: £160.46
Tea/Coffee for CAFOD: £ 11.70
Easter Flowers: £106.75

Our Lady of Consolation

Collection: £395.05
Easter Flowers: £173.00

MASSES FOR HOLY WEEK BEGINNING 29th MARCH 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 29 th March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Peter Baker RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday of Holy Week 30 th March	<u>St. John the Evangelist, Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday of Holy Week 31 st March	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week 1 st April	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>K.P. Chacko's wellbeing</i>
Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>Private Intention</i>
Good Friday 3 rd April	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 10am Children's Stations of the Cross 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 2pm Stations of the Cross 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	-
Holy Saturday 4 th April	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 8.30pm The Solemn Vigil of Easter	<i>All those being received into the Church</i>
Easter Sunday 5 th April	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Private Intention</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11.15am Our Lady of Consolation

	29 th March Palm Sunday	5 th April Easter Sunday
9.15am Welcomers	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty
9.15am Readers	Sara Tremlett Miss L Cooper Karen Goldsmith Denise Bass	Diane Fievez Sue Petritz
9.15am Collectors	Adrian Frisby Jasmin Tapleras	Adrian Frisby Jasmin Tapleras
Children's Liturgy	Rachel Hogarth Jasmin Tapleras	Easter Break
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Sue Pirie Tessa Richards Sue Petritz	Anna Cooper Sarah Cooper Margaret Steed
9.15am Counters	Alex & Andre Manko	N/A
9.15am Coffee	Janet & Nigel King	Jasmin Tapleras
Readers 11.15am	Linda Thompson Carol Cooper	Pat Meed Bernadette Dobbe

Readings for 5th April: 1st Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37 – 43 Psalm: 118
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1 – 4 Gospel: John 20: 1 - 9

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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