

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 office is open on Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon and Fridays 10am - 1pm. Deadline for newsletter items is 12 noon on Thursday.

NEED A GREETINGS CARD? Cards for all occasions are for sale in both churches.

Good Shepherd Sunday > Pentecost 2026

- a month of prayer for priestly vocations
The diocesan Vocations Team has launched a special month of prayer for vocations beginning this Sunday. As Catholics and people of God we know that God has a plan for each of us and has called each of us by name, through our baptism, to holiness. He continues to call out to us each day to be His disciples; some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life and some to the single life. Writing in his Message for the day, Pope Leo highlights the importance of daily prayer and cultivating a personal relationship with God:
"We must urgently recommence our vocational ministry and renew our commitment to evangelisation. In light of this, I invite everyone – in families, parishes and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators and all the faithful — to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit."

To read Pope Leo's message in full go to www.vatican.va. Please take a vocations' leaflet home with you to follow the prayer itinerary which begins today when we are asked to read about Jesus, our Shepherd (Jn 10: 1-11) and pray for the priests of the Diocese.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, 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 Christine Wylie and Isobel 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 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

26th April 2026

Divine Office Week 4 Year A

In today's Gospel, following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

Sunday Connection Loyola Press



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.

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 with Mass at 12 noon and a reception in the grounds afterwards. Please put the date in your diaries now.



There will be Children's Liturgy during the 9.15am Mass today and then on 10th and 17th May.

CORE TEAM Copies of the minutes of the latest meeting are available at both churches and on the parish website.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Wylie whose Requiem Mass will be at 12 noon on the 1st May in Our Lady of Consolation.

Parenting Teenagers: Confident Parenting in a World of Screens, 29 April, 8-9pm, online (Cost: £5). Explore how parents and carers can best support teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, and gain practical advice and principles to apply in our own unique families. To register go to <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

Mass for Jubilarian Priests of the Diocese, 28 May, 12 noon, Arundel Cathedral. Join the priests of our Diocese who are celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of priestly ordination, to give thanks for their years of service at this special Mass in Arundel Cathedral. All are welcome.

Young Adults' Corpus Christi Evening, 3 June, 7-9pm, Arundel Cathedral. Hosted by the Diocesan Youth Team, the evening will include Praise and Worship music, a Holy Hour including time for Adoration and personal prayer, and a talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers. Pub and pizza social to follow for those who wish to join. Book at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, 3-4 June, Arundel Cathedral. Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9.30am-7pm (Weds) and 9.30am-5.30pm (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, begins at 5.30pm on Thursday. All are welcome.

Celebrate Corpus Christi at Worth Abbey
We warmly invite our friends and the wider community to join us at Worth Abbey on Sunday 7 June as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. To find out more go to <https://worthabbey.net/corpuschristi/>

St. Carlo Acutis once said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven!" his deep devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, is an inspiration to generations of young people. From 25 August to 3 September, Christ the Prince of Peace Church in Weybridge will host the International Eucharistic Miracles exhibition originally conceived and designed by St. Carlo and presenting over 100 Eucharistic miracles which occurred over the centuries in various countries and are recognised by the Church.

TODAY Sunday 26th April there will be a **second collection for the Education of Future Priests**. With the need to pray for priestly vocations, there is also the necessity of providing for the training of priests at home and abroad to serve the diocese.

PARISH GIVING 19 th APRIL		
St. Gabriel's	Collection:	£197.86
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection:	£279.40

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26th APRIL 2026

4th 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter 26th April	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Gordon Akehurst RIP</i> <i>1st Anniversary</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 27th April	<u>St. John the Evangelist, Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 28th April	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Swift recovery of baby Mia</i>
Wednesday 29th April <i>Feast St. Catherine of Siena Virgin, Doctor</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Liz Goddard's Intentions</i>
Thursday 30th April <i>Mem. St. Pius V, Pope</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Jacqui, Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP</i>
Friday 1st May <i>Mem. St. Joseph the Worker</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 12 noon Requiem Mass	<i>Repose of the soul of Marian McClymont</i> <i>Christine Wylie RIP</i>
Saturday 2nd May <i>Mem. St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Marriage Service	<i>In thanksgiving for the prayers of St. Anthony</i> <i>Remy Shaieb & Charlotte Barratt</i>
5th Sunday of Easter 3rd May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>John Walsh's wellbeing</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	26 th April	3 rd May
9.15am Welcomers	Lucy Cooper Claire Fairlie	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty
9.15am Readers	Anne Kamm Miss Lucy Cooper	Gary Richards Denise Bass
9.15am Collectors	The Carter Family	Vicky Chandler Vijay Anthony
Children's Liturgy	Kevin Rourke Jasmin Tapleras	NO SESSION
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Margaret Steed Sue Pirie Vijay Anthony	Kevin Rourke Anna Cooper Margaret Steed
9.15am Counters	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor	Andre & Alex Manko
9.15am Coffee	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke	Lucy Cooper Mary Lewcock
Readers 11.15am	Bertha Belmore Jenny Marsden	Gay Davenport Pat Meed
Readings for 3rd May: 1 st Reading: Acts 6: 1 – 7 Psalm: 33 2 nd Reading: 1Peter 2: 4 – 9 Gospel: John 14: 1 – 12		

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).

