

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.

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.

This week we are asked to read about the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:15-21) and pray for all young people to have the gift of discernment in a changing world.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy Church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the young hearts of our sons and daughters the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom on earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.



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

5th Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026

Divine Office Week 1 Year A

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioural characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

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.

Pilgrimages at West Grinstead

This week we welcome 2 groups on pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation. On Friday 8 May, Mary's Meals will start their pilgrimage walk to Arundel Cathedral from the Shrine. There will be a Traditional Latin Mass at 9 am. On Saturday 9 May, Crowborough, Uckfield and Heron's Ghyll combined parish are spending a day at the Shrine. There will be a Saturday Marian Mass at 12:15pm.

A new President for the Catholic Bishops' Conference

The Bishops of England and Wales have elected Archbishop Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster, as President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). CBCEW has published a wealth of documents and resources since its inception. To find out more go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

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

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 May 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.

Formation Day for Children's Liturgy

Catechists Saturday, 16 May 10:30am - 3:30pm
Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham Fr Chris Bergin be talking about bringing the Word of life for a young audience and Claire Fernandes will be sharing with us her years of experience working with young families within "Celebrate Trust" bringing the encounter with Christ alive within the family life.

We need more catechists in the parish in order to offer more Sunday sessions. Going along to this event might inspire you to join the team.

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/>

From 25 August to 3 September, Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge will host the **International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition** originally conceived and designed by St. Carlo Acutis.

PARISH GIVING 26th APRIL

St. Gabriel's

Collection: £218.50
Education of Future Priests: £131.20

Our Lady of Consolation

Collection: £265.00
Education of Future Priests: £206.45

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 3rd MAY 2026

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>
Monday 4th May	<u>St. John the Evangelist, Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 5th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Private Intention (BM)</i>
Wednesday 6th May	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Dolores & Pio Frendo- Cumbo RIP</i>
Thursday 7th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Deceased family & friends of Bogusia Crabb</i>
Friday 8th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 9th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
6th Sunday of Easter 10th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Josephine Hawkins RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	3rd May	10th May
9.15am Welcomers	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty	Claire Fairlie Graham Dow
9.15am Readers	Gary Richards Sue Petritz	Sara Tremlett Lucy Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Vicky Chandler Vijay Anthony	Jasmin Tapleras Adrian Frisby
Children's Liturgy	NO SESSION	Sarah Cooper Mary Tempest
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Kevin Rourke Anna Cooper Margaret Steed	Diane Fievez Sue Petritz Sue Pirie
9.15am Counters	Andre & Alex Manko	Chris & Denise Bass
9.15am Coffee	Lucy Cooper Mary Lewcock	The Cooper Family
Readers 11.15am	Gay Davenport Pat Meed	Linda Thompson Robin Landells

Readings for 10th May: 1st Reading: Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17 Psalm: 66
2nd Reading: 1Peter 3: 15 - 18 Gospel: John 14: 15 - 21

2nd COLLECTIONS

Sunday 17th May World Communications Sunday
Sunday 24th May The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

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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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS FROM THE
CRAWLEY DEANERY ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER 2025

The top 8 positives

1. Welcoming and inclusive parish life fostering a sense of belonging.
2. Strong sense of identity and a tradition rooted in faith.
3. Diversity enriches worship and social activities.
4. Active liturgical life with Mass, adoration and the sacraments.
5. Committed clergy and approachable leadership.
6. Generous volunteers and a strong tradition of service.
7. Vibrant social activities and cultural celebrations.
8. Youth involvement through altar serving, choir and school programmes.

The top 8 challenges

1. Declining attendance despite population / housing growth.
2. Heavy reliance on older volunteers; a risk of burnout.
3. Safeguarding processes perceived as barriers to volunteering.
4. Integration of diverse nationalities remains challenging.
5. Clarity needed on financial sustainability and governance mechanisms.
6. Shortage of priests and leadership resources.
7. Communication gaps across the proposed geographically spread parish.
8. Fear of losing identity during structural changes: from a local community to a 'mega' parish

8 key mentions for the next stages

1. Increase adult faith formation and catechesis programmes.
2. Strengthen youth engagement with spiritual and social activities.
3. Improve communication and branding; enhance social media presence.
4. Develop initiatives to re-engage lapsed Catholics.
5. Expand volunteer base and simplify safeguarding processes.
6. Harness technology for worship and evangelisation.
7. Ensure financial sustainability through shared resources.
8. Promote sacramental life and make confession widely accessible.