

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 sacrifice (1 Peter 4: 13-16) and pray for greater numbers to respond generously, to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass.



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

2nd COLLECTIONS

Next Sunday 17th May there will be a 2nd collection for **World Communications**. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, providing facilities and training for those working in the apostolate of the mass media.

Sunday 24th May The Missionary Endeavour 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.

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.

6th Sunday of Easter

10th May 2026

Divine Office Week 2 Year A

On Thursday 14th May we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension** which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Ascension Thursday is the solemn commemoration of Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. This profound event, which occurred forty days after Easter, holds deep significance for us, reminding us of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the promise of eternal life that awaits us in heaven. It also serves as a reminder of our own destiny and calling as disciples of Christ. Just as Jesus ascended into heaven, so too are we called to ascend – to rise above the cares and concerns of this world and to seek the things of God. This journey of ascent is not easy, nor is it without its challenges, but it is a journey that ultimately leads to the fullness of life and communion with God.



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.

The next **CFG Meeting** will be at 10.30am on 27th May in St. Gabriel's Hall. There will be a talk on 'The Faith Companion' given by Kathy Bishop. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to come along.

BINGO NIGHT at St. Gabriel's Hall Saturday 6th June doors open at 7pm, bingo starts at 7.15pm. Fundraising for Lucy and her friend Amelia to go on the Lourdes Pilgrimage as Red Shirts. Tickets £5 in advance or on the night. Nibbles provided with soft drink and cake available to buy. There will also be a raffle with lots of prizes to win. For more information contact the Coopers on 07790 428077

The next **Messy Church** meeting is at the community centre 3:45 - 5:45pm on 13th May. This month they will be exploring through a variety of activities some eyewitness accounts of the resurrected Jesus.

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. Claire Fernandes will be sharing her years of experience working with young families within "Celebrate Trust".
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.

AI, the Future of Work, and Christian Discernment, 20 May, 6.30pm, online. A Together for the Common Good lecture by Matthew Saunders who will examine the impact of the AI and Robotics revolution on work, livelihoods and purpose. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staying-human-ai-the-future-of-work-and-christian-discernment-tickets-1986317502119>

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/>

PARISH GIVING 3rd MAY

St. Gabriel's Collection: £188.67
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £342.00

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MASSSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 10th MAY 2026

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>
Monday 11th May	<u>St. John the Evangelist</u> <u>Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 12th May <i>Mem. The Carthusian Martyrs</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wednesday 13th May <i>Mem. St. Erconwald, Bishop</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Christine Wylie RIP</i>
Thursday 14th May <i>Sol. The Ascension of the Lord</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 12 noon Mass <u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Nina Vaccherosse RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Friday 15th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Fr Niall Thornton RIP</i>
Saturday 16th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	<i>Holy Souls</i>
7th Sunday of Easter 17th 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>Jim Maynard RIP</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	10th May	17th May
9.15am Welcomers	Claire Fairlie Graham Dow	Lucy Cooper Marguerite D'Urban Jackson
9.15am Readers	Sara Tremlett Lucy Cooper	Anne Kamm Anna Cooper
9.15am Collectors	Jasmin Tapleras Adrian Frisby	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke
Children's Liturgy	Sarah Cooper Mary Tempest	Rachel Hogarth Jacqui Merridew
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Diane Fievez Sue Petritz Sue Pirie	Sarah Cooper Tessa Richards Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Counters	Chris & Denise Bass	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor
9.15am Coffee	The Cooper Family	Jacqui Merridew Imelda Acs
Readers 11.15am	Linda Thompson Robin Landells	Bernadette Dobbe Kate Robertson

Readings for 17th May: 1st Reading: Acts 1: 12 – 14 Psalm: 27
2nd Reading: 1Peter 4: 13 – 16 Gospel: John 17: 1 - 11a

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).

