

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

This week we are asked to read about the forgiveness of sins (John 20: 19-23), and pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying.



There will be Children's Liturgy during the 9.15am Mass today the 17th and then a break for half term.

PHILIPPINE PRISONERS AND THE POOR

Thanks to your generosity last year, Nida and I were able to provide for at least 400 female prisoners and give sacks of rice to poor families at Christmas. We were also able to help with medical and funeral expenses for the indigent. We will be returning at the start of June so if anyone wishes to make a donation before then we would be most grateful. If you prefer a bank transfer I can WhatsApp my details if that is more convenient. Filipinos are really struggling at the moment because of the war in the Middle East.
John Heaton

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.

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.

7th Sunday of Easter

World Communications Day

17th May 2026

Divine Office Week 3 Year A



to Claire Anthony and Lucy Cooper who are being confirmed today during the 9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's and to Alisoun Stow who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Let us pray. O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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 save the date.

Walking Pilgrimage

On Saturday the 13th June there will be a one-day walking pilgrimage from Arundel Cathedral to Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead as part of the celebrations marking the 150th Anniversary. The route is 18 miles long so if you are up for the challenge then please contact Simon Clare at simonclarehorsham@gmail.com.

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

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.

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/>

Friends of Arundel Cathedral Vespers at Arundel Cathedral & Arundel Castle Reception, 12 June, 6.30pm (Cost: £25-30). Summer Vespers followed by drinks & canapés, with light jazz, in the Collector Earl's Garden There is no charge for Vespers; to purchase a ticket for the reception E: aruncathfriends@btconnect.com.

2nd COLLECTIONS
TODAY 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 GIVING 10th MAY
St. Gabriel's Collection: £ 165.60
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £ 364.00
April Standing Orders: £1,722.00

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17 th MAY 2026		
7th Sunday of Easter 17th May	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass	People of the Parish Jim Maynard RIP
Monday 18th May	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 19th May <i>Mem. St. Dunstan, Bishop</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass	Vocations
Wednesday 20th May	Our Lady of Consolation 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	Marie Howe RIP
Thursday 21st May	St. Gabriel's 7.00pm Mass	
Friday 22nd May	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	
Saturday 23rd May <i>Mem. Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	
Pentecost 24th May	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass	Wellbeing of the Morais Family People of the Parish

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

	17 th May	24 th May
9.15am Welcomers	Lucy Cooper Marguerite D'Urban Jackson	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty
9.15am Readers	Anne Kamm Anna Cooper	Christine Babiye Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke	Brian Richards Vicky Chandler
Children's Liturgy	Rachel Hogarth Jacqui Merridew	NO SESSION
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Sarah Cooper Tessa Richards Karen Goldsmith	Vijay Anthony Kevin Rourke Margaret Steed
9.15am Counters	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor	The Fairlies
9.15am Coffee	Jacqui Merridew Imelda Acs	Janet & Nigel King
Readers 11.15am	Bernadette Dobbe Kate Robertson	Pat Meed Anneli Figura
Readings for 17th May: 1 st Reading: Acts 2: 1 – 11 Psalm: 104 2 nd Reading: Corinthians 12: 3b – 7, 12 - 13 Gospel: John 20: 19 - 23		

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).

