

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.



Please remember in your prayers Arlo, Ethan, Isla and John who will make their First Holy Communion **NEXT** Sunday 31st May during the 9.15am Mass at St. Gabriel's. On Sunday 7th June there will be a 'Going Forth' Mass at 9.15am followed by a gathering in the Hall. Please come along and join the celebration.

A Month of Prayer for Priestly Vocations

This week we are asked to read about the variety of spiritual gifts that make up the Church (1 Cor 12: 4-13) and pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on our diocese, to produce many vocations.

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.



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

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.

Pentecost

24th May 2026

Divine Office Week 4 Year A



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

Welcome to the Catholic Mothers of Mid Sussex and families who will be coming on pilgrimage to the Shrine on Wednesday 27 May and joining us at Mass.

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.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists' Day – rescheduled to Saturday 6 June, 10.30-3.30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham, Leatherhead, Surrey. Join us for our annual formation day for Children's Liturgy Catechists with Fr Chris Bergin and Claire Fernandes. To book your free place, you can scan the QR code on the poster or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website.

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.

Grandparents Pilgrimage at The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm. A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents with Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register go to the Events page of the Diocesan website.

2nd COLLECTIONS

TODAY Sunday 24th May there will be a collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese. The Diocese has a continuing link with the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru, supporting diocesan priests serving in missions and assisting students from missionary dioceses.

PARISH GIVING 17th MAY

St. Gabriel's	Collection:	£146.10
	World Communication Sunday:	£127.30
	April Standing Orders:	£1,626.00
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection:	£254.00
	World Communication Sunday:	£203.00

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 24th MAY 2026

Pentecost 24th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Wellbeing of the Morais Family</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 25th May <i>Mem: Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<u>St. John the Evangelist, Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 26th May <i>Mem. St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>The Intentions of the Bass family</i>
Wednesday 27th May <i>Feast St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Jacqui Mesquita RIP 4th Anniversary</i>
Thursday 28th May <i>Feast Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Crabb & Czcrwinski families RIP</i>
Friday 29th May	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	
Saturday 30th May <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	
The Most Holy Trinity 31st 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>Pratheesh's Personal Intention</i>

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	24 th May	31 st May
9.15am Welcomers	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty	Shirly & Vijay Anthony
9.15am Readers	Christine Babirye Karen Goldsmith	Emma Akehurst Denise Bass
9.15am Collectors	Brian Richards Vicky Chandler	Jacqui & Kevin Rourke
Children's Liturgy	NO SESSION	NO SESSION
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Vijay Anthony Kevin Rourke Margaret Steed	Karen Goldsmith Anna Cooper Sue Pirie
9.15am Counters	The Fairlies	Alex & Andre Manko
9.15am Coffee	Janet & Nigel King	Lucy Cooper Jasmin Tapleras
Readers 11.15am	Pat Meed Anneli Figura	Jayda Belmore Bertha Belmore

Readings for 31st May: 1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4b – 6, 8 - 9 Psalm: Dn 3
2nd Reading: 2Corinthians 13: 11 – 14 Gospel: John 3: 16 - 18

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).



Pentecost Indulgence



There is a plenary indulgence today for anyone that publicly recites "Veni Creator Spiritus," the Hymn for Pentecost. (If you recite it privately on this day, it is counted as a partial indulgence.) This of course requires us to perform the Normal Conditions of an indulgence:

- 1. One is free from all attachment from sin**
- 2. One receives the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist (within 7 days of today)**
- 3. One prays for the intentions of the Pope (An Our Father and Hail Mary)**

What Are Indulgences?

Pope Paul VI said: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church's help when, as a minister of redemption, she dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions won by Christ and the saints" (Indulgentiarum Doctrina 1).

An indulgence is a removal of the temporal punishment due to sin. Although you are forgiven in Confession for sins, the punishment stills remains, which would have to be achieved through purification like that accomplished in Purgatory. If an indulgence is performed and earned, then part or all of this punishment is removed. Catechists often use the story of a boy hitting a baseball through his neighbour's window to explain indulgences. The neighbour forgives the boy for the offense – which corresponds to our forgiveness in the confessional – yet the boy must still make restitution and pay for a new window – which relates to our need for penance to remove the temporal effects of sin.

Remember, indulgences are only possible because of God's infinite Love, most perfectly displayed upon the Cross. Without Jesus Christ, who won all the graces we can ever receive through indulgences or otherwise, we would have no chance to be forgiven and obtain salvation.

Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
And in our souls take up your rest;
Come with your grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which you have made.

O Comforter, to you we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above.

You in your sevenfold gifts are known;
You, finger of God's hand we own;
You, promise of the Father, you
Who do the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;
With patience firm and virtue high
The weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us your peace instead;
So shall we not, with you for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may your grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know;
And you, through endless times confessed,
Of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
With you, O holy Comforter,
Henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

(Attributed to Rabanus Maurus, 766-856)