

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.

LATEST UPDATE ON REFURBISHMENT OF ST. GABRIEL'S HALL

The work continues to progress satisfactorily. The toilets have been fitted out with new partitions and ceramics giving slightly larger cubicles to both male and female WCs although we males lose out by a few cms. as the male toilet area is a little smaller than the female area! The new installations are very smart and easier to keep clean and hygienic. Wood skirtings and door frames are painted and the remaining electrical work should be started by the time you read this. Still on schedule to finish by 28th August. Brian

HELP WANTED Are you able to join the coffee rota at St. Gabriel's. Contact Jasmin if you can help: 07875 223175.



Children's Liturgy during the 9.15am Mass is taking a break for the summer. It will return on Sunday 13th September.

Would you like to join the Children's Liturgy team to lead some sessions in the autumn? Resources, support and guidance will be provided by our friendly leaders. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

Only 12 MPs need to switch for the assisted suicide Bill to be defeated on 11 September. A face-to-face meeting can make a real difference to how your MP votes. Right To Life UK's simple tool lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds and gives you everything you need to prepare, including a short video guide. Please ask your MP today for a meeting and urge them to vote NO to assisted suicide:
<https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp>

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, Pat Cox, John Gladman, Mary Gleeson, Philip Baker, John Blythe and all the sick or housebound of the parish.

Please pray for Fr Sebastian Paul, Canon Colin Wolczak and all the sick clergy of the diocese. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon John Lamb.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd August 2026

Year A - Divine Office Week 1

SYCAMORE

Exploring Faith Together: Autumn Short Course (A Pilot Opportunity)

Starting Saturday, 19th September, we invite you to join us for an accessible, 7-week short course taking place on Saturday mornings following Mass. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in St Gabriel's Church Hall, ending 31st October inclusive.

Each session lasts approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. We will share a selection of refreshments (croissants, fresh fruit, tea, and coffee) followed by three short videos per week and shared, timed group discussions. There is no charge - donations welcomed.

Everyone is welcome! The course content is designed to be easy to follow and completely accessible - there is no prior knowledge needed, and new faces are very much welcomed.

Register Your Interest: To help us gauge numbers for catering and organise small groups, please send a quick email to express your interest to billingshurst@abdiocese.org.uk and call it **Sycamore**.

Offer your assistance: If you are able to help with set-up, refreshments or technical support please also include that in your email response.

Thank you.

NOT A CATHOLIC?

But interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith with a view perhaps of being received into the Catholic Church or Baptised? The parish will be starting a new group in September, please contact Canon Tim if you would like to take part:

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Registration is now open for this year's **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** preparation classes. If you have a child who is seven years old or older—typically in Year Three—they are eligible to begin this sacramental journey. Classes will begin on Saturday November 7th 2026. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church or by contacting the parish office. Please submit your forms before September 27th 2026 so we can order class materials in time. Thank you!

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

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.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence by Pope Leo XIV. A 7 week discussion/study group at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Henfield for anyone interested in the impact of AI on humanity, faith, the environment, work, dignity and relationships. Starting in the autumn day/time to be agreed. Email Dominic Dring to register your interest: domdring14@gmail.com

Please help the Phoenix Stroke Club It has been supporting local stroke survivors in Horsham for 47 years. They are looking for volunteer cooks to prepare lunch for members on Mondays and Thursdays. They also need volunteer drivers to help members travel to and from the club. Please contact the manager on 01403 268130 or email at manager@phoenixstrokeclub.org.uk

Arundel Festival of the Arts Organ Recital: D'Arcy Trinkwon, 31 August, 1pm, Arundel Cathedral. Entry is free with a retiring collection. All are very welcome.

St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, 23 August-3 September, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. Visit this inspiring exhibition, created by St Carlo Acutis and reflect on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, as we prepare to celebrate the first anniversary of St Carlo's canonisation.

Mass for Altar Servers, 12 September, 12 noon, Arundel Cathedral. Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to this special Mass for all those who have served, all those who are serving and anybody who would like to serve - all are welcome. Please bring a cassock, cotta or an alb. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (bring a packed lunch). Please email Fr. Aaron to confirm your place: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk

Pilgrimage Walk in the Steps of St Wilfrid: Saturday 19 September 11am to 4pm All welcome for a reflective pilgrimage walk from Selsey to the medieval church at Church Norton, where St Wilfrid set up his mission to the people of Sussex. Walk and pray through beautiful shoreline countryside. Meet at 11am at Our Lady & St Wilfrid Church, Selsey PO20 0LS. The walk is about 5 miles over uneven footpaths. Please bring a packed lunch. The day concludes with tea, refreshments and discussion in the church hall in Selsey. See www.sussexpilgrimage.com for further details or phone Maria on 07413 267267.

PARISH GIVING 16th AUGUST

St. Gabriel's	Collection: £196.00
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection: £250.00

USEFUL CONTACTS

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St. Robert Southwell Primary School 01403 252357
St. Wilfrid's Catholic Comprehensive 01293 421421

The Parish is part of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust, a Registered Charity. No. 252878

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 23rd AUGUST 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd August	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass	People of the Parish Sr. Zita RIP
Monday 24th August	St. John the Evangelist, Horsham 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 25th August	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass	Wellbeing of Grace Carruth
Wednesday 26th August <i>Mem. Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God, Priest</i>	Our Lady of Consolation 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	Susan Goddard's Intentions
Thursday 27th August <i>Mem. St. Monica</i>	St. Gabriel's 7pm Mass	Jacqui, Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP
Friday 28th August <i>Mem. St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	Holy Souls
Saturday 29th August <i>Mem. The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th August	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass Our Lady of Consolation 11.15am Mass	Intentions of the Moriarty Family People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

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

	23 rd August	30 th August
9.15am Welcomers	Clare Muggeridge Mike Moriarty	Lucy Cooper Marguerite D'Urban Jackson
9.15am Readers	Christine Babirye Karen Goldsmith	Brian Richards Margaret Steed
9.15am Collectors	tbc	Vijay Anthony Jasmin Tapleras
Children's Liturgy	Summer Break	Summer Break
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Tessa Richards Margaret Steed Sue Petritz	Karen Goldsmith Diane Fievez Kevin Rourke
9.15am Counters	Andre & Alex Manko	Chris & Denise Bass
9.15am Coffee	Summer Break	Summer Break
Readers 11.15am	Kate Robertson Carol Cooper	Simon Clare Jenny Marsden

Readings for 30th August: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Psalm: 63
2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

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).

