

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



Children's Liturgy during the
9.15am Mass today Sunday 20th
September. There will be sessions
on 27th September and on 4th and
11th October.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT 2026

Collectors during the offertory please would you count everyone who attends our Sunday Masses including the choir and those on the sanctuary starting TODAY SUNDAY the 20th September, and then on 27th September, 4th & 11th October.
These numbers are reported to the Diocese.

Next Sunday 27th September at Our Lady of Consolation there will be Extraordinary Form Latin Mass at 3pm. All are welcome.



Tinned meat, instant hot chocolate, soup, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, tinned tomatoes & instant cup a soup.



Congratulations!
Archbishop Richard Moth received an honorary doctorate from Chichester University last Wednesday.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

TODAY Sunday 20th September for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday).
4th October CAFOD Family Fast Day 2nd October

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, Fr. Aaron
Spinelli and all the sick clergy of the
diocese.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

20th September 2026

Year A - Divine Office Week 1

TODAY the 3rd Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' 1st Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

There will be a 2nd collection to support the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Next Sunday 27th September the congregation at St. Gabriel's will celebrate their patronal feast. The readings will be: 1st Daniel 9:22 – 24, Psalm 137, 2nd Colossians 3:12-17, Gospel Luke 1:26-38.

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!

Would you like to join in a monthly Sunday Lunch at the King's Head, Billingshurst? Sunday can be a lonely day so we are hoping to meet for a meal & enjoy making new friends while eating lunch together. Initially we will hope to meet once a month starting on 25th October. Meals need to be booked by the preceding Thursday.
If you are interested please contact Hazel on buzzhazel@gmail.com or leave a message on 01403 780660 including name & contact number.

Fr Stephen Wang shares a simple introduction to prayer

Pope Leo appointed Fr Stephen Wang as sixth bishop of our Diocese on 2 July. In a video recorded recently for the Catholic Truth Society (CTS), Bishop-elect Stephen offers a simple, practical introduction to prayer. "Prayer is wonderful," he says, "prayer is so important, but prayer can be hard as well. How many times have people come up to me as a priest and said, 'Father, I want to pray, but I don't know how to start. I don't know what to do, and I feel a bit stuck...'"
You can watch his reflection How to Pray When You Don't Know How to Pray at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnVi7K8bWJE>

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.

Lourdes Prayer Network: Mondays with Mary, 7.30pm, online. A monthly online gathering led by our Lourdes Assistant Chaplains, extending the Lourdes experience and continuing our pilgrimage prayers. All are welcome. Sign up at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Arundel & Brighton Young Adults Retreat Days in the Diocese - Standard ticket price £20 Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. Our first retreat day in the series is at St Wilfrid's Church in Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September. To find out more and book your place go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/zzkxkfhj>

Friends of Arundel Cathedral Talk: People of the Sea: A Hidden World, 10 October, 2-4pm, Arundel Cathedral Centre (Cost: £15). A talk by Deacon Roger Stone BEM, a former Stella Maris Senior Port Chaplain, reflecting on ministering to seafarers and their families. Find out more and book at <https://arundelcathedralfriends.uk>

Bishop-elect Stephen Wang's Mass of Episcopal Ordination, 19 October, 12 noon, Arundel Cathedral. Fr Stephen's Episcopal Ordination will include invited representatives from across our family of faith, with people across our Diocese invited to join the celebration online. To access Arundel Cathedral's livestream go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream>

LOOKING AHEAD...

Lay Community of St Benedict: Teens' Weekend - Let your light shine! 30 October-1 November, Worth Abbey (Cost: £100). For anyone in Years 7-13, a party weekend with games, a fancy dress competition and on Saturday a Light Party - celebrating the fact that we are part of the family of Saints! Find out more and sign up at <https://www.lcsb.uk/teenagers>

The Abbot Stephen Ortiger Memorial Concert is being held on 22 November at 7.15pm at Worth Abbey. Cost £16.50 per person. Net proceeds from this event will be split 50:50 between the Fr Stephen Ortiger Bursary Fund and the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage. See poster for details.

Is Our Lady calling to you to Lourdes in 2027? Save these dates now if you are considering joining the diocesan pilgrimage: 23rd - 29th July for travelling by air & 22nd - 30th July if travelling by coach or Jumbulance (these dates differ from those given in the 2026 handbook).

PARISH GIVING 13th SEPTEMBER

St. Gabriel's	Collection:	£208.30
	Education Sunday:	£165.80
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection:	£157.00
	Education Sunday:	£121.10

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th September <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Chanza RIP</i>
Monday 21st September <i>St Matthew, Apostle</i>	<u>St. John the Evangelist, Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	-
Tuesday 22nd September	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	<i>In thanksgiving</i>
Wednesday 23rd September <i>Mem. St. Pius of Pietrelcina 'Padre Pio'</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Tony Bleasdale RIP and intentions of the Bleasdale family.</i>
Thursday 24th September <i>Feast Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7pm Mass	<i>Charles & Stella Goldsmith RIP</i>
Friday 25th September	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	<i>Hayley RIP</i>
Saturday 26th September <i>Mem. Ss. Cosmas & Damian</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	<i>Intentions & wellbeing of Germaine Baker</i>
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Jacqui, Joe & Stella Mesquita 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

	20 th September	27 th September
9.15am Welcomers	Graham Dow Marguerite D'Urban Jackson	Lucy Cooper Claire Fairlie
9.15am Readers	Sara Tremlett Diane Fievez	Miss Lucy Cooper Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	Vijay Anthony Brian Richards	Vicky Chandler Jasmin Tapleras
Children's Liturgy	Kevin Rourke Jasmin Tapleras	Sarah Cooper Catherine Law
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Margaret Steed Tessa Richards Karen Goldsmith	Diane Fievez Vijay Anthony Sue Pirie
9.15am Counters	Chris & Denise Bass	Adrian Frisby Chris Bass
9.15am Coffee	Janet & Nigel King	Cooper Family
Readers 11.15am	Gay Davenport Pat Meed	Linda Thompson Robin Landells

Readings for 27th September: 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25 – 28 Psalm: 25
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1 - 11 Gospel: Matthew 21: 28 - 32

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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