

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.

ADVENT SCRIPTURES explained by catechist Sue Petritz MA. Do come along to hear in-depth about the Sunday readings from the Books of Isaiah and Samuel, and the Gospels of Mark, John and Luke. Sessions are on Tuesdays 6.30pm to 7.15pm, the Meeting Room at St Gabriel's Church Hall. Dates: 24th November, 1st, 8th, 15th December.

Advent



A friendly group of parishioners will be meeting in Billingshurst on Wednesdays to reflect on the forthcoming Advent Sunday readings and what they mean to us in our daily life as Christians. The 4 sessions will be on Nov 25, Dec 2, 9 & 16.

Timing: 7.15 - 8.45 pm with a cuppa from 7pm. Materials provided. If you'd like to come along please contact Karen Goldsmith (07710 279157 or karen.goldsmith21@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS has arrived at the St. Gabriel's repository! Advent calendars - big & small, Christmas cards - single & packets, candles and more.



In St. Gabriel's narthex there are some lovely knitted poppies for sale in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in addition to the traditional style poppies.
Donations by cash only in the pink tin provided.



Horsham District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Tinned - meat, fruit, vegetarian meals, potatoes & tomatoes plus Cup A Soup.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Ruth & Helena Malone, Pat Cox, John Gladman, Lewis Cawtheray, 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.

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.

Solemnity of All Saints 1st November 2026

Year A - Divine Office Week 3

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Pope Boniface IV instituted All Saints' Day in the Church in 609AD when the Roman temple of the Pantheon in Rome became a Church named the Basilica di Santa Maria ad Martyres. Initially instituted in May, Pope Gregory IV moved the holy day to November two centuries later, in 837. Since then, Christians have celebrated All Saints' Day on the first day of November. Often, at All Saints' Day Masses, clergy speak of the saints we look to as guides and teachers, reminding us that we, too, can pursue sainthood amidst all our human imperfections.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

TODAY 1st November - St Gabriel's after 9.15am Mass
TODAY 1st November - Our Lady of Consolation after 11.15am Mass
TODAY 1st November - Hills Cemetery, Horsham at 3pm

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ALL SOULS' DAY- 2nd NOVEMBER

The Catholic Church teaches that the purification of the souls in purgatory can be assisted by the actions of the faithful on earth. Its teaching is based also on the practice of prayer for the dead mentioned as far back as 2 Maccabees 12:42-46. The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the beatific vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms, deeds, and especially by the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. **Mass will be at 12 noon at Our Lady of Consolation.**

AUTUMN FAYRE Thank you all so much for supporting the CFG in our annual charity fundraising event. Thanks for your generous gifts given and for your support in the hall after Mass. We are delighted to announce our final total of £700.00. This was raised by sales on the morning of the Fayre and also with some very generous donations. This will be sent to this year's chosen Charity, Ten Tiny Toes. A representative from the charity came to the Fayre, and was so impressed with our vibrant Parish. Thank you all.

Please keep in your prayers: Jallah, Philip, Santi and Tilly as next Saturday 7th November they begin their journey towards receiving the sacraments.

CORE TEAM

Next meeting on Wednesday 4 November, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Lourdes Prayer Network: Mondays with Mary, 7.30pm, online.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>

**LUMINISCENCE
IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL LONDON**
In a 360° video projection concert like no other, see and hear the history of Westminster Cathedral, voiced by Hugh Bonneville and blended with live performances of classical music brought to life by the phenomenal Lux Aeterna choir. Plus from 25 November to 2 January, step into the magic of Christmas. Go to <https://luminiscence.com/london/>

Tablet Webinar: All Souls' Day: Why the Church Remembers the Dead, 4 November, 6-7pm (Cost: £15). Explore the origins of All Souls' Day, its place in the Church's liturgical life, and the enduring significance of praying for those who have died. Register at: <https://shop.thetablet.co.uk/collections/frontpage/products/tablet-webinar-1-all-souls-day-why-the-church-remembers-the-dead-with-very-rev-dr-richard-ounsworth-op>

Young Adult Retreat Day, 7 November, 10am to 6.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill, (£20). A jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship and fun - praying to grow as faithful disciples, rooted in his love and strengthened in our faith.

Abbatial Requiem: Concert in memory of Fr Stephen Ortiger, 22 November, 7.15pm, Worth Abbey (Cost: £16.50). Featuring choral works including the premiere of Julian Gairdner's "Abbatial Requiem". In aid of the Fr Stephen Ortiger Bursary Fund & our diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Advent and Our Eternal Destination, 28 November, 10am - 1pm, Dominican Missionary Sisters, Crawley, RH11 8BJ. Join the Dominican Lay Fraternity of Crawley and Fr Nicholas Crowe OP for a day of spiritual renewal, with talks, fellowship and Mass at 12pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To register email Tonya on tonyatynan@sky.com

Wintershall Nativity, 17-20 December, Guildford, GU5 0LR (Cost: adult £27; child £17). Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. Book at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/>

EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS
Sunday 8 November, 3pm at Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead.

SECOND COLLECTIONS
15th November Retired Priests' Fund
22nd November Arundel Cathedral Maintenance

PARISH GIVING 25 th OCTOBER		
St. Gabriel's	Collection:	£188.86
Our Lady of Consolation	Collection:	£216.19

USEFUL CONTACTS
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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1 st NOVEMBER 2026		
Sunday 1st November <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Those buried in West Grinstead graveyard</i>
Monday 2nd November <i>All Souls Day</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 12 noon Mass	
Tuesday 3rd November <i>Mem. St. Winifride, Virgin</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass	<i>Bill Cheesman RIP</i>
Wednesday 4th November <i>Mem. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	<i>Thomas Thomas RIP</i>
Thursday 5th November	St. Gabriel's 7pm Mass	
Friday 6th November <i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	Dec'd Relatives & Friends of the Tremlett Family
Saturday 7th November <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	St. Gabriel's 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	<i>Josephine Hawkins 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

	1 st November	8 th November
9.15am Welcomers	Mike Moriarty Clare Muggeridge	Shirly & Vijay Anthony
9.15am Readers	Brian Richards Sue Petritz	Christine Babirye Karen Goldsmith
9.15am Collectors	Kevin & Jacqui Rourke	Vicky Chandler Adrian Frisby
Children's Liturgy	NO SESSION	Rachel Hogarth Jacqui Merridew
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Vijay Anthony Sarah Cooper Diane Fievez	Sue Pirie Tessa Richards Margaret Steed
9.15am Counters	The Fairlies	Vicky McGee Brian O'Connor
9.15am Coffee	Jacqui Merridew Gary Richards	Debbie Thurley Jasmin Tapleras
Readers 11.15am	Kate Robertson Robin Landells	Pat Meed Carol Cooper

Readings for 8th November: 1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12 - 16 Psalm: 63
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18 Gospel: Matthew 25: 1 - 13

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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