

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.

There will be a special Mass for Bishop Stephen on Thursday 29th October at 7pm in St. Gabriel's, Billingshurst.

United in prayer for Pope Leo

Pope Leo's doctors have confirmed that the tumour his medical team removed on 13 October was localised. Dr Luigi Carbone and Professor Stefano Margaritora confirmed that no further treatment is necessary. Please keep the Pope in your prayers as he continues in his recovery.



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 tin provided.

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



Horsham District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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

In St. Gabriel's Hall this morning, Sunday 25th October, after the 9.15am Mass, there will be a display of photographs of the recent parish visit to St. Hugh's Charterhouse Monastery, Parkminster. Do come along, have a cup of coffee and take a look.

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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2026

Year A - Divine Office Week 3



Prayer for Our New Bishop

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have set your servant Stephen over it as a successor to the Apostles, grant him, we pray, a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS NEXT SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Pope Boniface IV instituted All Saints' Day in the Church in 609 when the Roman temple of the Pantheon in Rome became a Church named the Basilica di Santa Maria ad Martyres (the Basilica of St. Mary and the Martyrs). 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

1st November - St Gabriel's after 9.15am Mass
1st November - Our Lady of Consolation after 11.15am Mass
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.

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.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>

Saint Carlo Acutis & Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition The Parish of Adur Valley warmly invites you to St Peter's, Shoreham-by-Sea where the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, created by Saint Carlo Acutis, will remain open from 17 October to 1 November 2026. All are warmly welcome.

LUMINESCENCE IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL LONDON
The story of the city, voiced by Hugh Bonneville, in a 360° video projection concert like no other. Hear the story of London and one of its most important cathedrals, 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/>

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>

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.

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. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Book at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/>

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

PARISH GIVING 18th OCTOBER
St. Gabriel's Collection: £233.51
MISSIO: £137.10
Our Lady of Consolation Collection: £339.00
MISSIO: £120.00

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MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 25 th OCTOBER 2026		
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th October	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	Godfrey Moorhead RIP People of the Parish
Monday 26th October	<u>St. John the Evangelist,</u> <u>Horsham</u> 12 noon Mass	
Tuesday 27th October	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass	Jacqui, Joe & Stella Mesquita RIP
Wednesday 28th October <i>Feast Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>	<u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.00am Adoration, Confessions & Benediction 12 noon Mass	Terry Birchett RIP
Thursday 29th October <i>Mass for the new Bishop</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 7pm Mass	Intentions of Bishop Stephen Wang
Friday 30th October	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration	
Saturday 31st October <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.30am Mass followed by Adoration Confessions & Benediction	
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st November <i>Sol. All Saints</i>	<u>St. Gabriel's</u> 9.15am Mass <u>Our Lady of Consolation</u> 11.15am Mass	People of the Parish Those buried in West Grinstead graveyard

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

	25 th October	1 st November
9.15am Welcomers	Graham Dow Claire Fairlie	Mike Moriarty Clare Muggeridge
9.15am Readers	Shirly Anthony Diane Fievez	Brian Richards Sue Petritz
9.15am Collectors	Vicky Chandler Vijay Anthony	Kevin & Jacqui Rourke
Children's Liturgy	NO SESSION	TBC
9.15am Ministers of the Eucharist	Anna Cooper Margaret Steed Sue Petritz	Vijay Anthony Sarah Cooper Diane Fievez
9.15am Counters	Adrian Frisby Chris Bass	The Fairlies
9.15am Coffee	Janet & Nigel King	Jacqi Merridew Gary Richards
Readers 11.15am	Linda Thompson Phil Bleasdale	Kate Robertson Robin Landells
Readings for 1 st November: 1 st Reading: Revelation 7: 2 - 4, 9 - 14 Psalm: 24 2 nd Reading: 1John 3: 1 - 3 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 - 12a		

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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