

PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for week commencing 17/18 December 2022		<p>BAPTISMS – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday at 3:00 pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Jack.</p> <p>MARRIAGE – Marriage arrangements should be made with Fr. Jack at least 12 months before the marriage date and prior to any social planning. To arrange for marriage preparations please contact Fr. Jack.</p> <p>MASS INTENTIONS – Have a Mass said for a departed loved one, or someone who is sick, or to celebrate a family occasion. Use the brown envelopes at the back of the church. Please do it two months in advance if you want a specific date.</p> <p>R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – Persons interested in learning of the Catholic faith, and any adult person who wishes to receive Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation. If you need information regarding this please contact Fr. Jack.</p> <p>VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY - Please keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS – Our Parish Family invites all its members to share fully in our spiritual and social life. If you change your address or telephone number please tell Fr. Jack. Please also consider registering online at: www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com after which you will receive the newsletter by email each Saturday.</p> <p>PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK - We would like to pray by name for any members of our parish family who are sick. If you or a loved one would like to be included in the Bidding Prayers you are warmly invited to contact Fr Jack or Sue Faulkner 07462394964 suzy.faulkner@icloud.com at Our Lady and St Peter and Fr Jack or Nicky Daines 01342 870358 raymondaines@btinternet.com or Mary Watson 01342 836344 mbwatson@hotmail.co.uk at St Bernard's.</p> <p>Prayers will be included for those who are suffering from a long-term illness as well as those who have a short-term illness or are taken ill suddenly. If you are requesting prayers for a loved one please ensure that they have given their permission for their name to be included.</p> <p>LIVESTREAMING - We are pleased to have livestreaming of our services. Typically, this will be the 9am Sunday Mass at Lingfield and 10:30am Sunday at East Grinstead. Other masses and special services will be streamed as advertised in this bulletin.</p> <p>REQUESTS - for livestreaming of weddings, funerals and baptisms should be made to Fr Jack or Jonathan Jenkins jamjenkins64@gmail.com</p> <p>www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com to join us online.</p>
Mass for this week: Advent Week 4		
Sat. 6:15pm Vigil Mass OLSP People	'O Sapienta' Parish and	
Sun. 9:00 St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP	Advent 4 'O Adona' Vaz & Pimenta family - RIP	
Mon. 9:30 OLSP	Weekday of Advent 'O Radix Jesse'	
Tues. 9:30 OLSP	Weekday of Advent 'O Clavis David'	
Wed. 9:30 St Bernard's 7:30 OLSP Advent Reconciliation 7:30pm Holy Hour at St Bernard's	Weekday of Advent 'O Oriens'	
Thurs. 9:30 OLSP 7:30 St Bernard - Carol Service	Weekday of Advent 'O Rex Gentium'	
Friday No public Mass 11:00am Adoration, leading into, 12 noon Rosary OLSP	Weekday of Advent 'O Emmanuel'	
Sat. 4:00pm Childrens' Vigil mass OLSP 6:15pm Vigil Mass OLSP 11:30pm 'Midnight' Mass OLSP	Christmas Eve Anne & Steve Davis - Thanksgiving	
Sun 9:00am St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP	Christmas Day Phyllis Flemming	
LINGFIELD – St. Bernard's		
Sun. 9:00am	Advent 4 'O Adonai'	
<p>Reconciliation (Confession) East Grinstead: Saturday 10:30 – 11:00 am and 5:30 – 6:00 pm</p>		

Enquiries concerning Baptisms and Weddings.

I am usually available to take enquiries on Saturday mornings, from 10am to 10:30am at Our Lady and St Peter's. Or call me to arrange a suitable time.

Confession/Reconciliation. This is an essential part of our spiritual lives. As always I am available after mass on weekdays. Also on Saturday Morning from 10:30 to 11:00 and evening from 5:30 to 6:00. You may also phone me for an individual appointment if you wish.

Adoration/Holy Hour at St Bernard's Lady Chapel - Rosary, Silence and Music. All are welcome. Contact Mary Watson 07512 203744 or Nicky Daines 07941 360104.

PLEASE NOTE - that there will be an **Advent Reconciliation Service** in Our Lady and St Peter on Wednesday 21st at 7:30 pm. Also the **Carol Service** at St Bernards on Thursday 22nd, 7:30pm. The SVP will be raising funds for the baby feeding programme in Sudan.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - READERS SIGNING LIST OLSP - Will readers please note that if you wish to read at one of the Christmas Masses please enter your name on the list. The clipboard is located in its usual place at the back of the church. Any queries, please contact Bill Blackledge on 07900 366591 for these Masses.

ADORATION & ROSARY AT OLSP - Please note there will be NO Adoration and Rosary on Fridays' 23rd and 30th December. We will return at 11.00am on Friday 6th January (Epiphany) – All Welcome. If you would like to receive a copy of our weekly rosary prayer and meditation document by email please contact me on leswhittaker252@outlook.com. It can also be viewed on the church noticeboard. Les Whittaker.

COUNTED MISSIO RED BOXES OLSP - With thanks, please would box holders collect their named boxes from the window ledge close to the choir loft access door.

PARISH 100 CLUB + DECEMBER BONUS DRAW - Congratulations to November's winners: 1st, £50, no 46, Emeritus Deacon Reverend Ted Darlison; 2nd, £25, no109, Miss Wells; 3rd, £15, no 110, Mr Hope. At Refreshments after 10:30 Mass on Sunday (come for sausage rolls and mince pies) there will be a double draw for £180 of prize monies. If you can reach Chris before 10:30 (07812 952784) you can be in the draw.....membership is just £20 per annum by standing order.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2022 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - Across the year, 23 Special Collections have raised £10,725 in donations before the application of Gift Aid further benefit. Thank you very much indeed (and to this figure can be added £5,612 for the Extraordinary collection in support of Ukrainian refugees in the Spring)

AND FROM THE NEWSLETTER - a Happy Christmas greeting to all our readers and contributors. And, for the New Year, please remember that Mapande (mapande@aol.com) is the only source of submission for all your contributions; receipt, please, by midday Thursdays certain.

COMPLIMENTARY 2023 MISSIO CALENDARS - are available for collection from the church tables at both churches.

CHARITY FEASTS - thanks to all those who supported the Autumn series of the Charity Feasts for six local charities - Crawley Open House, EG Foodbank, EG & District Mental Health Association, Prison Fellowship Crawley, Young Epilepsy and Being Neighbourly. As a result each charity has received £565 each.

ADVENT TREE - this is available at OLSP at the back of the Church in aid of Crawley Open House (COH), our local homeless centre which covers a wide area including helping people in East Grinstead and Lingfield. In addition to being a 55 bed hostel, COH also opens its doors everyday to provide food, advice and support for many marginalised and poor people. Please take a label on the tree, or in the small box, and bring the item along asap. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2023 - Young people in the current Year 10 and above are warmly invited to find out more about the Confirmation Preparation Programme in our parish, which will start in mid January. Further information and an application form can be found on the Parish website <https://eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com/confirmation/>, or are available by emailingconfegparish@outlook.com

CANDLE-LIT CAROL SERVICE AT ST BERNARD'S - This year we are introducing a new carol service, to be held at St Bernard's church, Lingfield, at 7.30pm on Thursday 22 December. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and sing. After the service SVP Lingfield will be serving hot punch and mince pies in the church hall. There is no charge for these. Donations to the Sudan baby-feeding programme will be welcomed.

DATES FOR THE DIARY - Prayers for Christian Unity Sunday 22 Jan at 6pm at St John's, Felbridge and the World Day of Prayer for Taiwan Friday 3 March at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

JUSTICE AND PEACE ASSEMBLY- Saturday 28 January from 9.30-1.30pm with the theme Hungary for Change - exploring food and conflict and the positive steps we can take towards a fairer, more peaceful world. email: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk to register a place. Venue: St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOR REFUGEES WELCOME CRAWLEY - winter waterproof warm jackets - medium, trainers (size 41,42 and 43), medium and small jogging bottoms, T shirts, sweatshirts and jeans, All in good condition please. Leave in bags at the back of churches with the contents clearly labelled on the outside. Also, mobile phones and bicycles in good condition required. Thank you. Further information from Sue Joy. 07821379064.

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE - As the new Resource Centre is now open men's winter clothes are welcome (T shirts, trainers and joggers) plus blankets, sleeping bags.

EG FOODBANK - the needs for EG Foodbank are now - deodorants men and women, disposable razors, fruit juice 1ltr Longlife, shampoo and hair conditioner, jam, jam, kitchen roll, long grain rice, marmite, orange squash small bottle), sponge pudding, spray

surface cleaner, tin carrots, peas, potatoes, sweetcorn, custard, fruit, rice pudding, toothpaste (adult), washing up liquid, all purpose cloths (10 pack), baby wipes, bags of crisps, and brown sauce.

Please spread the word to people you may know who are facing increasing financial difficulties, that the Foodbank based at the Jubilee Centre (JC) in Charlwoods Road is there to help and will offer a warm welcome to those who come along for assistance (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1pm-3pm). In addition to providing food (voucher system in place), it works alongside the Citizen's Advice Bureau and Christians against Poverty, to provide advice on debt, fuel poverty and benefits.

The EG Foodbank - celebrates its 10th anniversary in December and during that time 237,968 kgs of food have been distributed, 16,000 people fed and 6626 food vouchers issued. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Food donations - Christmas tubs of chocolates, biscuits, iced cake slice, and puddings (medium size) 300/440g, cooking oil 1 ltr bottles, instant mash potato and jars of peanut butter. Bring to church, drop at JC, or donate at Sainsburys and Waitrose. Put the **Bank the Food** app on your mobile phone as a reminder when you shop. www.eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk Tel. 07856 864251.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - We are planning a parish pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham next spring 12th – 14th May 2023. To confirm our booking we need to have an idea of numbers as soon as possible so if you are interested please contact: Nicky 0132 870358 or Eileen 01342 317424