

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<b>Masses for week commencing 25/26 March 2023</b>		
<b>Mass for this week: Week 5 in Lent</b>		
Sat. 9:30am	<b>Annunciation of the Lord – Solemnity – no Lenten Discipline today</b>	Crosses & statues to be veiled after mass today (i.e before the Vigil Mass).
6:15pm	Vigil Mass	
<b>Sun. 9:00</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>	Parish and People
<b>St Bernard's</b>		
<b>10:30 OLSP</b>		Parish and People
Mon, 9:30am	Feria	James Hitchin (foundation)
OLSP		
Tues, 9:30am	Feria	Our Schools
OLSP		
Wed. 9:30am	Feria	
St Bernard's		
7:30pm Holy Hour at St Bernard's		
Thurs, 9:30am	Feria	Jess Wallace RIP
OLSP		
Friday, 9:30am	Feria (day of abstinence)	
No public mass		
11:00 Adoration leading into, 12 noon Rosary		
OLSP		
Sat. 6:15pm		
Vigil Mass		
OLSP		
<b>Sun 9:00</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Keith Smith RIP
<b>St Bernard's</b>	<b>Holy Week Begins</b>	
<b>10:30am OLSP</b>		
<b>LINGFIELD – St. Bernard's</b>		
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> East Grinstead: Saturday 10:30 – 11:00 am and 5:30 – 6:00 pm</p>		

**BAPTISMS** - These are usually celebrated on a Sunday at 3:00 pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Jack.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com) after which you will receive the newsletter by email each Saturday.

**BIDDING PRAYER REQUESTS** - We would like to pray by name for anyone in our parish community who is sick, in need or suffering in any way. If you or a loved one would like to be included in the Bidding Prayers at mass, you are warmly invited to contact: Fr Jack, or Sue Faulkner 07462394964 [suzyfaulkner@icloud.com](mailto:suzyfaulkner@icloud.com) at Our Lady & St Peter, or Fr Jack or Nicky Daines 01342 870358 [raymondaines@btinternet.com](mailto:raymondaines@btinternet.com) or Mary Watson 01342 836344 [mbwatson@hotmail.com](mailto:mbwatson@hotmail.com) at St Bernard's. If you are requesting prayers for a loved one, please ensure that they have given their permission for their name to be included.

**REQUEST PRIVATE PRAYER** - If you would like to request prayer for your intention, whatever it might be, by members of the new parish prayer network, please contact Sue Faulkner, 07462394964 [suzyfaulkner@icloud.com](mailto:suzyfaulkner@icloud.com). Members will pray for your intention privately in their homes. Your name will not be mentioned in church, and you can be anonymous if you prefer."

**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.

**REQUESTS** - for livestreaming of weddings, funerals and baptisms should be made to Fr Jack or Jonathan Jenkins [jamjenkins64@gmail.com](mailto:jamjenkins64@gmail.com) [www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com](http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com) to join us online.

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**Clocks forward 1 hour for Sunday 26th March.**

**Next Week is Holy Week**

**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.

**READERS** - (and anyone who would like to join this ministry) - Please sign up for Palm Sunday, Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday Masses. The sheet is now available at the back of the church.

**FAIR TRADE STALL** - this weekend of 25/26 March there will be a Fair Trade stall at both Our Lady's and St Peters and St Bernards.

**CAKE SALE** - SVP Lingfield would like to thank all who made and bought cakes last Sunday. £200 was raised for the Sudan baby-feeding programme.

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**WASHING OF FEET** - Maundy Thursday. There is a sheet at the back of OLSP for volunteers to have their foot washed as part of the Maundy Thursday mass - please sign up.

**CHURCH FLOWERS AT EASTER** - As already announced, there are no further Diocesan special collections until Good Friday (the Holy Places). However, this weekend, we are holding our own special collection in support of our Altar Society ladies providing supplies for decorating both churches with flowers at Easter time. Donations will be gratefully accepted and you can use your purple Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes to enhance your gift by 25%. Thank you very much.

**YOUNG EPILEPSY CHARITY FEAST** - 6.30pm for 7pm on Monday 27 March at The Ghurka, Woodcock Hill. Three course meal for £22 with £7 going to this worthwhile charity. Book directly on 01342 325325. Please support this event. Coming soon - The Spring Charity Feasts.

**CAFOD** - please sign the petition online urging the World Bank to protect the rights of small-scale farmers to freely choose their own seeds. Over 4,500 people have already taken part in this Fix the Food System action but when it comes to campaigning, getting lots of people involved really matters! So if you could promote this action, Cafod would really appreciate it. [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) Thank you.

**MARY'S MEALS** - would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be special envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! \*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.

**MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING** - The Diocese is pleased to be able to offer a range of courses to empower anyone involved in ministry to walk alongside those who struggle with mental health issues. We are delivering MHFA England Accredited Awareness, Champion and First Aid Courses in a variety of locations as well as online to make them accessible for everyone. Suitable for Catechists, Welcomers, Ministers of Consolation, in fact anyone who speaks to anyone else in the community! The next course is Mental Health First Aid (Adult) which is running both on-line, in April and in person, at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. For further information contact E: [formation@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:formation@abdiocese.org.uk) or go to the diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

**ARE YOU A WELCOMER OR WOULD YOU LIKE** - to explore further what is involved in the Ministry of Welcome? Would you like to have an opportunity to reflect on this Ministry with others from your Parish or Deanery? Contact Margaret Fraher – Inclusion Adviser E: [margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk) We have also created a news page for Formation Team Events W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events) which we will aim to keep live and updated.

**PALM SUNDAY CONCERT OF HOLY WEEK MUSIC** - Cantors from the Catholic Parish of East Grinstead and Lingfield and St Peter and Paul's, Lingfield, invite you to join them as they perform a sequence of of inspiring music from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to the Alleluias of Easter Sunday.

**PALM SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023, 3:00PM AT ST BERNARD'S, LINGFIELD** - Interval with Cream Tea. Free entry with no ticket required. Donations to the SVP South Sudan Baby Feeding Programme.

**RISE THEATRE COMPANY** - a new play, *Faithful Companions*, is on tour about the inspiring foundress of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) order of nuns, Madame Marie Madeleine d'Houet, who fought to address the great need around her in 19<sup>th</sup> century France and beyond. Local venue: Centenary Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Caterham on Saturday 1 April at 7.30pm. Tickets, price £8 are available from Marion Copley on 07983 384385. email: [marion.copley20@gmail.com](mailto:marion.copley20@gmail.com) Rise Theatre is a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering exciting original, transformative theatre.

**"JOIN HALE & HOUND"** - this April at Our Lady & St Peter Church Hall to celebrate spring and create a beautifully festive living centrepiece, perfect for your Easter table. You will be taught, by Charlotte Hale (née Blackledge) on how to create your own colourful arrangement using a variety of spring plants, bulbs and foliage along with decorative eggs all of which will be yours to take home. You will be provided with homemade refreshments, teas and coffees to keep your creative juices flowing. All flowers and materials will be provided. Spaces are limited so get in touch to book your place. £40pp. **Dates - Sunday 2nd April 1.30 – 4pm. For full details and booking please contact: Email - [haleandhound@yahoo.com](mailto:haleandhound@yahoo.com) or Tel - 07714037730**

**CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS AT ST BERNARD'S 10AM GOOD FRIDAY 7TH APRIL** - Everyone welcome – grown ups too. For more information contact Mary Watson 01342 836344 or Nicky Daines 01342870358.

**CAKE & PLANT SALE** – 3/4<sup>th</sup> June at OLSP– The Gospel of Life Group is pleased to be planning this event again this year, with proceeds going to Down's Syndrome support charities. If you would like to donate any cakes or plants for sale we would be very grateful – please let me know, ideally before our next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Many thanks, Les Whittaker 07502 274450 [leswhittaker252@outlook.com](mailto:leswhittaker252@outlook.com).

**CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE** - is urgently in need of donations as it has been giving out large numbers of food parcels since Christmas and stocks are low. Urgently required are tea, coffee, tins of soup, tins of meat, tins of tomatoes, rice pudding, long life milk, pasta, rice. Please leave at the back of both churches, or deliver to COH, Riverside House, Stephenson's House, Three Bridges, Crawley RH10 1TN, or send a financial contribution on line. Thank you.

**EG FOODBANK** - New items for Foodbank are hair conditioner, kitchen roll, shaving foam, tin ham 325g/340g, tinned rice pudding and toilet rolls. Thank you. 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 Charwoods 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.