

PARISH CHURCH MASSES

<p>Masses for week commencing 24/25 February 2024 Mass for this week: Lent 2 (Psalter Week 2)</p>		<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 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 suzy.faulkner@icloud.com at Our Lady & St Peter, or Fr Jack or Nicky Daines 01342 870358 raymondaines@btinternet.com or Mary Watson 01342 836344 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 suzy.faulkner@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 www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com to join us online.</p>
<p>Saturday 24th February - Feria 6:15 Vigil Mass - Our Lady & St Peter - (Kathleen Pearson RIP)</p>		
<p>Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent - <i>Transfiguration</i> 9:00 Mass - St Bernard 10:30 Mass - Our Lady & St Peter - (Pimenta Family - Deceased Members)</p>		
<p>Monday 26th February - Feria 9:30 Mass - Our Lady & St Peter - (Charles, Sarah & Sven - healing)</p>		
<p>Tuesday, 27th February - Feria 9 30 Mass - Our Lady & St Peter - (Gwen Brophy RIP)</p>		
<p>Wednesday, 28th February - Feria 9:30 Mass, - St Bernard 7:30pm Adoration/Holy Hour - St Bernard</p>		
<p>Thursday, 29th February - Feria 9:30 Mass - OLSP (Joseph Galton RIP)</p>		
<p>Friday, 1st March - St David 9:30 Mass - Our Lady & St Peter No Adoration/ Rosary this week at OLSP</p>		
<p>Saturday, 2nd March - Feria 6:15 Vigil Mass - Our Lady & St Peter - (Francis Brasington & family RIP)</p>		
<p>Sunday, 3rd March Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 Mass, St Bernard (Janette Findley RIP) 10:30 Mass, Our Lady & St Peter 2:00pm St Bernard - Holy Baptism of Eleni & Myla</p>		
<p>Reconciliation (Confession) East Grinstead: Saturday 10:30 - 11:00 am and 5:30 - 6:00 pm</p>		

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Today - Please return CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelopes etc.

Our Parish takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.

Our safeguarding Representative is Maribel Favor

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on

T: 01293 651148

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE - Fasting is a considerable reduction in food, abstinence is from flesh meat (or for vegetarians and other food group). Abstinence is mandatory for those aged 14 or over, fasting from the age of 18 to 60.

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. Wednesday 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Rosary, Silence and Music. All are welcome. Contact Mary Watson 01342 836344 or Nicky Daines 01342 870358.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - is prayed at 9am on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** at Our Lady and St Peter through the weeks of Lent. This is a lovely traditional devotion which is open to all. May I also point out that it is highly suited to being 'lay-led' and I will be delighted for it to be said at other times across the parish. Fr Jack.

PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE - can be found on www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan with hard copies available to read in each parish.

GOSPEL OF LIFE GROUP - In January 2023's Parish Magazine I mentioned that 2023 would be my last year as leader of the Gospel of Life Group. Unfortunately nobody else has been in a position to take over this role so, sadly, the Group has closed, effective 10th February 2024 when the final accounts were approved. Thank you for the fantastic support you have given the Group over the years. Les Whittaker

GIFT AID - Boxes of Gift Aid envelopes will shortly be available as we approach the start of a new tax year. Parishioners who have generously arranged to donate by standing order are welcome to receive boxes of envelopes for second collections. If you would like to receive such a box, please inform the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Frank Lilley (01342 321 987 or frank@thelilleys.plus.com). In April donors will receive tax letters confirming the amounts of their donations and Gift Aid recovered. If you have not already done so, it would be most appreciated if you would confirm that you are happy to receive such letters by email. This will save the Parish the cost of sending such letters by post.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 24/25 FEBRUARY - This will be in support of **CAFOD** and their **LENTEN FAST DAY** appeal. Please do **NOT** use your Diocesan purple Gift Aid envelopes for your gift but complete your details on the special CAFOD envelopes available to increase its value by 25%. Thank you.

THANK YOU - for your generosity to the **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE SPECIAL COLLECTION** including Gift Aid Benefit, £795 was raised towards supporting the Diocesan 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage in July.

FAIR TRADE STALL - There will be a Fair trade stall at the back of Church this weekend of the 24/25th February at OLSP.

ADORATION AND ROSARY OLSP - There will be no adoration and rosary at OLSP on Friday 1st March, given the clash with World Day of Prayer's 10.30am service.

OLSP READERS - the new readers rota for March-June is now available for collection at the back of the church. Those on the email list, please check that you have received your copy. There will be a separate sign-up sheet for Palm Sunday and the Easter Services.

INVITED LENT 2024 - There will be 5 meetings taking place at St Bernard's Church Hall on Monday, 26th February, at 7.30pm, 4th, 11th, 18th March. Everyone welcome. Please ring Nicky Daines 01342 870358 or Mary Watson 01342 836344 to sign up. You can also follow the season at home, or join our diocesan online group. Further information available at www.abdiocese.org

CRAWLEY LIFE HOUSE - is in need of a volunteer gardener – takes about 1.5 hours every week or so during the grass cutting season. If you are interested please contact me for further details. Les Whittaker 07502274450 or leswhittaker252@outlook.com.

PARISH LUNCH CLUB DATES FOR 2024 – usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, except **August** and **December**, at Our Lady and St Peter church hall - **20th February**, 19th March, 16th April, 21st May, 18th June, 16th July **AUGUST BREAK** - 17th September, 15th October, 19th November, **10th December**. We still have room for a few more people and you will be very welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 1 March at OLSP. Two services 10.30am and 7.30pm. Prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine with the theme "I beg you, bear with one another in love." Refreshments and Fairtrade stall selling Palestinian goods and crafts. All welcome.

CURRY LUNCH AT ST BERNARD'S ON SUNDAY 3 MARCH - Please come to The SVP Curry Lunch - Sunday 3rd March 2024 at St Bernard's Hall, 12.30 for 1pm in aid of the Baby Feeding Appeal. No Charge! However your donations will be welcomed. Please Bring Money for The Silent Auction. Soft drinks supplied - bring your own alcoholic drinks. Book with Mary Godwin - **01342 892042**.

GHURKA MEAL AND QUIZ - in aid of Fairtrade EG and the EG Museum to be held at 6.30pm for 7pm on Monday 11 March at the Ghurka Woodcock Hill. £22 with £8 going to the two charities plus a good Raffle. Book on 01342 325325. Cash please on the night.

"THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER" - is an exciting new course for Arundel and Brighton Diocese in support of the Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan. The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is held over seven sessions, each with a well renowned speaker (including Bishop Richard Moth) and small group discussions and starts just after Easter, on the 10th April 2024 and will run to the 23rd May. The Promise Of the Father promises to be an exciting, enriching and God willing, a life-changing experience for everyone. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential, so please book now using the link below to avoid disappointment. You can find more information on the course and book your place here:

<https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/>

REFUGEES WELCOME GROUP - if anyone has an unwanted violin in good condition please let Sue Joy know asap. 07821379064 or email SusanJoy471@hotmail.com In addition a variety of household items are required to help furnish accommodation for Refugees (not white goods) - there is a need for bedside lamps and kitchen items. Thank you.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - will be from 25 July - 2 August and will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Redshirts and 50th years of the Arundel and Brighton. All Redshirts and Young Helpers will be subsidised on this special anniversary pilgrimage - cost £600. The theme will be **Come in Procession**. Applications open this month www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/going-to-lourdes If anyone in the Parish is thinking of going please contact Sue Joy. 07821379064. There is an opportunity to contribute to Parish Lourdes funds by taking a yellow Lourdes savings box at the start of Lent (14 February). Please support us.

REFUGEES WELCOME CRAWLEY - is holding a charity dinner, mini quiz and raffle on Monday 25 March at 6.30pm for 7pm at The Ghurka. £22 for 3 tasty courses with £9 going to the charity. Book places by emailing info@refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk Further information about this charity can be found at www.refugeewelcomecrawley.co.uk Please support this small but very effective charity offering practical help to refugees living in our locality

EG FOODBANK - requires the following items for their Easter bag distribution in late March before the schools break up. Items are required by Monday 11 March- tinned soup, tinned meatballs, tins of tuna, tins of fruit, tins of tomatoes, tins of peas, sweetcorn, packets of cereal, 1 litre cartons of whole (blue) milk, pasta 500g, microwave rice pouches, instant mash potato packets, mayonnaise in plastic bottles, packets of biscuits, Creme eggs (box of 5), packets of mini Easter eggs and Easter chocolate bunnies (foil wrapped). Thank you for your continued support at a difficult time for many families. Please bring items along to both churches or drop off at the Foodbank at the Jubilee Centre in Charlwoods Road.

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE - blankets, sleeping bags and food items (tins and packets) are urgently required and can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you for items recently donated.