

PARISH CHURCH MASSES

<p>Masses for week commencing 16/17 March 2024 Mass for this week: Lent 5 (Psalter Week 1)</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@outlook.com www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com to join us online.</p>
<p>Saturday 16th March - Feria 6:15 Vigil Mass –Our Lady & St Peter – (Jean and Don Stevens)</p>		
<p>Sunday 17th March Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 Mass - St Bernard 10:30 Mass – Our Lady & St Peter – (Tessa Darlison - Foundation)</p>		
<p>Monday 18th March – Feria 9:30 Mass - Our Lady & St Peter - (Caroline Wells, 1st anniversary) 12:30 Requiem Mass, Mary McCarthy – St Bernard's</p>		
<p>Tuesday, 19th March – Feria 9 30 Mass - Our Lady & St Peter - (Salmon family intentions) 7:00pm Service of Reconciliation, Our Lady & St Peter</p>		
<p>Wednesday 20th March – Feria 9:30 Mass - St Bernard 7:30pm Adoration/Holy Hour – St Bernard</p>		
<p>Thursday, 21st March – Feria 9:30 Mass, OLSP, (Agnes Wallace RIP)</p>		
<p>Friday, 22nd March - Feria No public Mass 11:00 OLSP Adoration - 12.00 Rosary</p>		
<p>Saturday, 23rd March - Feria 6:15 Vigil Mass - Our Lady & St Peter</p>		
<p>Sunday, 24th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9:00 Mass, St Bernard 10:30 Mass, Our Lady & St Peter - 10:30 Our Lady & St Peter (Mary Donohue RIP)</p>		
<p>Reconciliation (Confession) East Grinstead: Saturday 10:30 – 11:00 am and 5:30 – 6:00 pm</p>		

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 The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on
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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.

PARISH AGM - will take place at St Bernards Church, 8th May, after the Ascension at 8.30pm. There will be the vigil mass for refreshments after this event.

PARISH MAGAZINE - is now in preparation. May we have annual reports from all the parish organisations please. These need to be sent to Klara King (klara.m.kin@comcrafts.co.uk) before 22nd April.

FAIRTRADE AT ST BERNARD'S THIS SUNDAY, 17 MARCH - Please come and join us. After Mass enjoy coffee in the Hall Fairtrade Stall with Easter goods and delights (chocolate, Fairtrade Easter eggs, small gold eggs and gold coins, plus spices, savouries, jams, honey, olive oil from middle east, dates and almonds. Help Fairtrade growers and producers have a livelihood. Thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS AT EASTER - This weekend there will be a special collection in support of purchasing flowers by our ladies who decorate the churches so beautifully at Easter. Please use your purple Diocesan Gift Aid envelope to increase your offering by 25%. Thank you very much.

OUR ALTAR SERVERS - We say Goodbye and Thank You at Our Lady & St Peter's to our Lead Altar Server, Edwin James, as he leaves for an assignment in America following graduation. Serving with Tanya and Josh and all the "10:30 team", Edwin has lived up conscientiously to the Guild of St Stephen's motto, "To Serve is to Reign" and we wish him well. In Edwin's place, we welcome Richard Emms who has joined our Parish from St Edward's church in Pound Hill. An experienced server himself, he also brings the tenets of the Guild to server duties. Welcome, Richard.

"SVP - I would be most grateful if any Parishioner who attends the 10.30AM Sunday Mass, could contact me if they can speak Persian (Varsi). We have a 60 year old Gentleman, who has settled in East Grinstead, who is a Catholic, and wishes to attend Mass and be introduced to the social life of the Parish. He is not very mobile and might need a lift to Mass. Thank you, Peter Wells President of SVP at OLSP Mob: 07484330899"

READERS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY AND THE EASTER SERVICES - The sign up sheet is now available at the back of OLSP. We need many readers over the Easter services, so if you are not a regular reader (on the rota for OLSP) and would like to read, please consider signing up this Easter - Many thanks.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS/FEET WASHING - The sign up sheet is now available. We need twelve volunteers.

EAST GRINSTEAD CATENIANS - The East Grinstead Circle of the Catenian Association will meet on Monday, 18th March at 8 pm. - on this occasion in the Parish Centre. Other parishioners are welcome to join us in the bar at La Farola from around 8.45 for a drink and a chat. The Catenian Association is a Catholic social group which supports members and the wider community through fellowship, faith, family, fun and fundraising. Events are open to members' wives, families and friends. To find out more on the Catenian Association, please call John Donohue on 07973 755778 or visit <http://www.egcats.co.uk>

INVITED LENT 2024 - There will be 1 meeting taking place at St Bernard's Church Hall on Monday, 18th March at 7.30pm. 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

TEACHER OF RE, ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL - We are seeking to appoint an outstanding teacher of RE at St Wilfrid's Catholic School for September 2024. For further information please click on the following link <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teacher-of-religious-education-west-sussex-2012726>. The deadline is Monday 18 March 2024 at 09:00hrs. Please email recruitment@stwilfrids.com or call 01293 421421 for further information on the position and how to apply.

THE NEXT PARISH LUNCH CLUB - will be on TUESDAY 19th March at 12.30 in the church hall at Our Lady and St Peter. If you would like more information, please speak to Jan, Alan or Christine, or leave a message for Jan on 07927 494341. We look forward to seeing you on 19th.

MASS CARD AMNESTY! - If you have absently taken home a mass card and have now built up a little collection, please bring them back. We have recently added to our dwindling pile but every lost card returned to fold is most welcome.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS - On reviewing the various means we use to communicate within our Parish, it has become clear that while they work individually, collectively they have no cohesive plan. To address this, I have decided to appoint a Parish Communications Officer reporting directly to me. I am delighted to announce that Jonathan Jenkins has accepted this new role. His first job is already underway. Working with one or two other techies, he will create an online and paper survey to find out what you think about the way we communicate. This should be out in a couple of weeks. Thank you for supporting this initiative. Any comments or questions should be sent to Jonathan at jamjenkins64@outlook.com God bless you all **Fr Jack**.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER, ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL - St Wilfrid's Catholic School is looking to appoint a highly organised attendance officer who displays excellent communication and administration skills. The role of the Attendance Officer will have responsibility for all aspects of attendance including the monitoring, recording and reporting of absence of all students from years 7 to 13. The role requires working at pace and the ability to prioritise and work well under pressure. You will be proactive and able to work independently as well as part of a team. This role is part-time, 30 hours per week 5 working days, Monday to Friday from 08:30 to 14:30hrs, term time only plus INSET days. It is initially a fixed term contract for 18 months but will be reviewed in Autumn 2025. For further information please click on the following link <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/attendance-officer-west-sussex-2008841>. The deadline is Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 09:00hrs. Please email recruitment@stwilfrids.com or call 01293 421421 for further information on the position and how to apply.

CONSOLATION CAFE - Our next Consolation Cafe takes place on Saturday 23rd March - 10:30-11:30 - in the Parish Centre at Our Lady & St Peter. If you are feeling lonely or sad following the loss of a loved one or just in need of some friendly company, please join us for a cup of tea/coffee. A warm welcome awaits you.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS - Children please come and join us for the way of the cross at St Bernard's at 10.30 on Good Friday 29 March. Everyone is welcome - grown ups too!

SVP INVITES ALL TO JOIN FOR A SOUP LUNCH AND CHAT ON SATURDAY 30TH MARCH - As on every last Saturday of the month, all are welcome to join us for a bowl of hot soup and chat on Saturday 30 March, from 12.30pm till 2 pm at St. Bernard's church. There is no charge. Angelina & Jenny.

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 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 bags of sugar 500g, decaf coffee 100g, decaf tea bags (40), fruit juice 1 1ltr long life (not chilled), jam, tinned meatballs and tinned tomatoes. Please take to the Jubilee Centre, to our two churches or donate at Sainsburys or Waitrose. Thank you.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING AS A HELPER OR SUPPORT STAFF? - If so then do look at this website and see how you could take advantage of some financial assistance <https://catenianbursary.com/lourdes-awards/> So, if you are a young Catholic (or a member of a faith in full communion with Rome) and are aged between your 16th and 25th birthday (or are in year 11 and become 16 by 31st August in the pilgrimage year) then you could qualify for some financial support. Visit the website or contact Wladek Koch on wjk@hlp4u.co.uk

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.

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.

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/>