

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<p><b>Masses for week commencing 2/3 March 2024</b>  <b>Mass for this week: Lent 3</b>                  (Psalter Week 3)</p>		<p><b>BAPTISMS</b> - These are usually celebrated on a Sunday at 3:00 pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Jack.  <b>MARRIAGE</b> - 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.  <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> - 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.  <b>R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS</b> - 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.  <b>VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY</b> - Please keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital.  <b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b> - 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: <a href="http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com">www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com</a> after which you will receive the newsletter by email each Saturday.  <b>BIDDING PRAYER REQUESTS</b> - 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 <a href="mailto:suzy.faulkner@icloud.com">suzy.faulkner@icloud.com</a> at Our Lady &amp; St Peter, or Fr Jack or Nicky Daines 01342 870358 <a href="mailto:raymondaines@btinternet.com">raymondaines@btinternet.com</a> or Mary Watson 01342 836344 <a href="mailto:mbwatson@hotmail.com">mbwatson@hotmail.com</a> 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.  <b>REQUEST PRIVATE PRAYER</b> - 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 <a href="mailto:suzy.faulkner@icloud.com">suzy.faulkner@icloud.com</a>. 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."  <b>LIVESTREAMING</b> - 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.  <b>REQUESTS</b> - for livestreaming of weddings, funerals and baptisms should be made to Fr Jack or Jonathan Jenkins <a href="mailto:jamjenkins64@gmail.com">jamjenkins64@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com">www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com</a> to join us online.</p>
<p>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Feria                  6:15 Vigil Mass –Our Lady &amp; St Peter -                  (Francis Brasington &amp; family RIP)</p>		
<p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>                  Third Sunday of Lent                  9:00 Mass - St Bernard (<i>Janette Findley RIP</i>)                  10:30 Mass – Our Lady &amp; St Peter –                  2:00pm St Bernard – Holy Baptism of Eleni &amp; Myla</p>		
<p>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Feria                  9:30 Mass - Our Lady &amp; St Peter</p>		
<p>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March – Feria                  9 30 Mass - Our Lady &amp; St Peter - (<i>Fr Kevin Gaskin RIP</i>)</p>		
<p>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Feria                  9:30 Mass, - St Bernard                  7:30pm Adoration/Holy Hour – St Bernard</p>		
<p>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March - Feria                  9:30 Mass – OLSP (<i>Fr Jim Maguire RIP</i>)</p>		
<p>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March - Feria                  No public Mass                  11:00 OLSP Adoration - 12.00 Rosary</p>		
<p>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March - Feria                  6:15 Vigil Mass - Our Lady &amp; St Peter                  (<i>Joseph RIP, Clemency Hinde RIP</i>)</p>		
<p><b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>                  Forth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent                  9:00 Mass, St Bernard                  10:30 Mass, Our Lady &amp; St Peter</p>		
<p><b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b>                  East Grinstead: Saturday 10:30 – 11:00 am and 5:30 – 6:00 pm</p>		

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Our safeguarding Representative is Maribel Favor

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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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan) with hard copies available to read in each parish.

**MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE** - Complimentary copies of the Spring edition of Missio's magazine are available from the church tables for Red Box holders, other subscribers, and parishioners who would like to read a copy.

**THANK YOU** - for your generosity to the special collection last weekend in support of CAFOD's LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY. Including Gift Aid benefit, where declarations were made to increase individual donations by 25%, £981 was raised. Thank you very much - and late donations will still be appreciated.

**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.

**CURRY LUNCH AT ST BERNARD'S THIS 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. Mary Godwin - **01342 892042**.

**INVITED LENT 2024** - There will be 3 meetings taking place at St Bernard's Church Hall on Monday, 4th, 11<sup>th</sup> and 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](http://www.abdiocese.org)

**FAIRTRADE BIG BREW** - Saturday 9 March at LD Community Centre, Lingfield, 10am-12 Noon: Fairtrade food, variety of stalls: Surrey honey, Sussex cheeses, Bloomin' Arts Charity, China restoration, local handmade Pottery and Argentinian wood craft, homemade cakes. Raffle. Proceeds to Transform Trade. Please join us, free entry.

**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](mailto:leswhittaker252@outlook.com).

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**"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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Redshirts and 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:info@refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk) Further information about this charity can be found at [www.refugeewelcomecrawley.co.uk](http://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.