

THE REFRESHMENTS TEAM at OLSP - wish everybody a Happy Easter. Refreshments after 10:30 Mass are paused this Sunday but we will be back next week when the quarterly bumper 100 Club draw will be included. £275 is to be won in three drawings and if you would like to join in, just contact Chris on 07812 952784 (or cjp_mrp@hotmail.com note underscore between cjp_mrp) for a draw number before then.

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.

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.kinTHE.PARISHg@comcrafts.co.uk) before 22nd April.

WELCOMING AT OLSP OVER EASTER - A reminder that we need your extra welcoming support over Holy Week. Please sign up if you are staying in the parish over Easter and take our thanks for doing so. There is a clipboard at the back of the church at OLSP. Anyone else who might be interested in engaging with this important ministry, please contact Jonathan Jenkins at jamjenkins64@outlook.com and we can have a chat.

"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"

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.

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.

EG FOODBANK - needs are fruit juice 1ltr long-life (not chilled), Hair conditioner, hair shampoo, kitchen roll, long grain rice 500g/1Kg, porridge oats 500g, spray surface cleaner, toothbrush, washing up liquid 450ml. 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

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.

CAKE SALE 7 APRIL - Amelia Siwicka, a Year 12 student at Reigate College, is volunteering in Tanzania this July where she will be working with underprivileged children, helping with their education as well as assisting in building facilities for them to use. She wishes to take some small gifts for the children such as colouring pens, books, etc. To raise funds towards these gifts she will be holding a Cake Sale on 7 April after 10.30am Mass at OL&SP. All the proceeds of the sale will go towards the gifts. Amelia hopes to see as many parishioners as possible.

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/>