


**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<p><b>Masses for week commencing 27/28 April 2024</b>  <b>Mass for this week: Fifth Week of Easter</b>                  (Psalter week 1)</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@outlook.com">jamjenkins64@outlook.com</a> <a href="http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com">www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com</a> to join us online.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> 6:15 Vigil Mass, OLSP</p>		
<p><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter, 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9:00 Mass St Bernard 10:30 Mass Our Lady &amp; St Peter (<i>Gill Carpenter RIP</i>)</p>		
<p><b>Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April – Catherine of Siena</b> 9:30 Mass (OLSP)</p>		
<p><b>Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9:30 Mass (OLSP)</p>		
<p><b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May – St Joseph the Worker</b> 9:30 Mass (St Bernard) 7:30pm Adoration/Holy Hour - St Bernard</p>		
<p><b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May - St Athanasius</b> 9:30 Mass (OLSP) <i>Feast - (Queen Victoria Hospital)</i></p>		
<p><b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Sts. Philip and James</b> 9:30 Mass (OLSP) <i>Feast</i> 11:00 Adoration and Rosary OLSP</p>		
<p><b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May – The English Martyrs</b> 9:30 Mass (OLSP) <i>Feast</i></p>		
<p><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 Mass, St Bernard 10:30 Mass, Our Lady &amp; St Peter (<i>Gerald Edwards RIP</i>)</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 Parish takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.**

Our safeguarding Representative is Maribel Favor  
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 M: 07528 694112  
 The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on  
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**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. Tuesday 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Rosary, Silence and Music. All are welcome. Contact Mary Watson 01342 836344 or Nicky Daines 01342 870358.

**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.

**"AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH AS PART OF A PARISH TRAIL - a CCTV recording monitor has been installed.** Please read the notice on the Notice Board in the Church and in the Hall Lobby for further information."

**COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY:** - Last chance! Please fill in the forms at the back of the churches and put in the metal box or complete the survey online. Your voice counts to how we focus our energies. Thank you to the 80 of you that have contributed so far.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION 20/21 APRIL** - Thank you for your generosity to the collection for the Education of Future Priests when £462 was donated. To this can be added £53 by the use of Diocesan purple Gift Aid envelopes. Thank you very much. The next special collection will be in three weeks on 18/19 May to mark **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY**.

**LOURDES LENTEN GIFT BOXES** - Thank you for your generosity in the boxes now returned with £403 gifted to date. Any outstanding boxes will still be gratefully received.

**DUE TO DIOCESAN PROMISE OF THE FATHER COURSE AT ARUNDEL**..... we will move Holy hour at St Bernard's from Wed to Tues for 6 weeks. New dates, 23rd April and 1st, 7th 14th of May. Same time 7.30pm."

**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, starts just after Easter, on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and will run to the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. 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/>

**CONSOLATION CAFE** - Our next Consolation Cafe takes place on Saturday 27th April - 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.

**CHARITY FEASTS SPRING PROGRAMME** - leaflets now available at the back of both Churches. Monday 29 April **Ghurka**, EG 325325. **Val-Nak-Kam** Tuesday 14th May, EG 774753. **Tarana and Thai Lounge** Monday 20 May, EG 837770 and EG 832222. Proceeds to be divided between Being Neighbourly, Crawley Open House, EG Foodbank, EG & District Mental Health Association, Prison Fellowship Crawley and Young Epilepsy. All meals £25 for 3 courses of which £8 will go to the charities. Your support is appreciated.

**'JAZZ IN THE GARDEN WITH THE PHILIP DODD QUARTET** - DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT – SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024 – 12.30PM – VENUE: LONDESBOROUGH HOUSE, TILBURSTOW HILL ROAD, RH9 8LB. TICKETS £50 TO INCLUDE MUSIC, BBQ LUNCH, PUDS, WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS. RAFFLE WITH 5 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS. LIMITED TICKETS – TO BOOK RING OR EMAIL MARY: 07767335001 [cbeandmme@aol.com](mailto:cbeandmme@aol.com). ALL PROCEEDS TO SVP BABY FEEDING PROJECT IN SOUTH SUDAN.'

**CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL** - next weekend - 4/5 May there will be a CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal at all Masses. Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

**PARISH AGM** - "The AGM will be at St Bernard's on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May following the Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm (before Ascension Thursday). There will be a social gathering after the mass and then we will go back into the church for the AGM presentations."

**CHILDREN'S MASS - SUNDAY 12TH MAY** - The 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 12th May will be a Children's Mass. Because of this the Mass will NOT be livestreamed. We would love for as many children to participate as possible, so if you would like to support the reading or welcoming team for the day please let us know in advance at [eastgrinstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eastgrinstead@abdiocese.org.uk).

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING** - St. Mary's are organising a coffee morning to raise funds for Christian Aid and invite parishioners to join them. It is on Monday May 13th 10.30am till 12noon in St Mary's hall with as much coffee as you can drink and cake, cost £5.00. Christian Aid Week is from 12-18 May. All welcome.

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EAST GRINSTEAD THY KINGDOM COME 9TH – 19TH MAY 2024**

This event has been running every year since 2016. It invites Christians to pray for 5 people, whom they know, to choose to ask Jesus to be their Saviour. The dates chosen are the 10 days between Jesus' Ascension(9th May) and Pentecost (19th May), when God's Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. Churches Together in East Grinstead (CTEG) has invited all churches to hold prayer meetings during these 10 days to which other Christians are invited. There is on Sunday 12th May a Joint Service at 6pm at St John's Felbridge.

People can access daily prayers by going to the TKC web site [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) Please put the dates in your diary and prepare to take part. **John Starling (CTEG secretary)**

**PARISH FUNDRAISING QUIZ** - 17 May- To support Fr. Jack's recent appeal to raise funds for the parish, the Catenians are arranging a Family Quiz and Raffle at St. Peter's School Hall on Friday 17 May from 7.30. All are welcome - Teams of up to 6 (teams can be 'formed' on the night). Please bring your own drinks and 'nibbles' as required. Cost just £2 a head, payable on the evening. To assist us in gauging numbers, please can you let Wladek Koch know on [wjk@hlp4u.co.uk](mailto:wjk@hlp4u.co.uk) if you will attend (and how many). Please try to support this worthwhile parish cause if you can. It should be a fun evening!

**GIFT AID** - Year end tax letters confirming the amounts of their donations and tax recovered have now been sent by email to parishioners who donate by Gift Aid and who have provided email addresses. Please look out for yours. Letters to other Gift Aid donors are now available for collection at the back of the church. Any queries, please contact the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator Frank Lilley (01342 321 987 or [frank@thelilleys.plus.com](mailto:frank@thelilleys.plus.com)).

**REFUGEES WELCOME GROUP** - if anyone has a medium sized wardrobe in good condition that they would like to donate, RWC has need of one for a local family. Thank you. Sue Joy 07821379064.

**EG FOODBANK** - New items for Foodbank are deodorant for men and women, instant mash potato packets, jam, jars of pasta sauce 550g, orange squash 750ml or 1.5ltr, and porridge oats 500g. Thank you.

**"DEAR PARISHIONERS,** - as from the Feast of Corpus Christi, to be celebrated on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024, Holy Communion will be distributed in both kinds at both the Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6.15pm and the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass at OLSP. In order to sustain rotas of three ministers at each Mass, besides Fr. Jack, a few more Special Ministers of Holy Communion are required. Please come forward, if you feel you could take on this very important role. No one feels worthy enough to do this for Our Lord, but only by the grace of God can we be made worthy to do so. The main question is "Am I available?" Please contact either Fr. Jack or myself, Peter Wells – my mobile no. is 07484 330899. "

**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.

**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](mailto:wjk@hlp4u.co.uk)