

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<p><b>Masses for week commencing 6/7 April 2024</b> <b>Mass for this week: SECOND WEEK OF EASTER</b></p>	
<p><b>Easter Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> 6:15 Vigil Mass, OLSP (<i>Veronica &amp; Paul Emslie, sick</i>)</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>Second, 'Low,' Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy), 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9:00 Mass St Bernard (<i>Tina Holah RIP</i>) 10:30 Mass OLSP (<i>Ann &amp; Jack, Joel, RIP</i>)</p>	
<p><b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, Annunciation of the Lord</b> 9:30 Mass (OLSP)</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> No Public Mass 7:30 Adoration/Holy Hour - St Bernard</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> No Public Mass</p>	
<p><b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> No Public Mass</p>	
<p><b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> No Public Mass 11:00 Adoration and Rosary 12:00 - OLSP</p>	
<p><b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> 6:15 Vigil Mass (<i>Rayan Fernandes RIP, Brenda McCrory 1<sup>st</sup> Anni</i>)</p>	
<p><b>Third Sunday of Easter, 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9:00 Mass St Bernard 10:30 Mass, OLSP</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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**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.

**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 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](mailto:klara.m.kin@comcrafts.co.uk)) before 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT (S) FROM FR JACK**

## **MESSAGE FROM FR JACK**

Dear Parishioner, you will know that we completed the refurbishment of our church of our Lady & St Peter in East Grinstead in 2021. We now face a similar task at St Bernard's our church in Lingfield. I intend to talk directly to you all on this subject, at each of our Masses on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April. Please try to attend or watch on line, as my comments will be of concern to every member of the Parish of East Grinstead and Lingfield. Thank you. May God bless you all. **Fr. Jack**

**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](mailto:jamjenkins64@outlook.com) God bless you all **Fr Jack**.

**THANK YOU** - for your generosity to the special collection on Good Friday for The Holy Places:£414 was donated. The next special collection will be in two weeks time on 20/21 April. This will be in support of VOCATIONS AND THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS. **Important:** Your gifts to this will be enhanced by 25% if you use your purple Diocesan envelopes. Named boxes of new special collection envelopes are now available from the church tables for use. If expected, please collect yours soonest.

**PARISH 100 CLUB DRAW** - It is The Big One! Come for refreshments after 10:30 Mass on Sunday when a charity cake sale is planned and the 100 Club draw will also be held. £150 + £75 + £50 in prizes to be won. You can enrol for a prize chance right up to draw time, just £20 annual subscription with four chances per year. Contact Chris on 07812 952784.

**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.

**LOURDES** - please return your small Lent saving boxes to both churches asap and give them in at the Sacristy for safety. Thank you for your contributions which will support young Helpers and Redshirts on this 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and will run to the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The Promise Of the Father promises to be an exciting, enriching and God willing, a-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/>

**GIFT AID** - Boxes of Gift Aid envelopes 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)). 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.

**CHARITY FEASTS SPRING PROGRAMME** - leaflets now available at the back of both Churches. Monday 22 April at **Dom Domingo** - 2 sittings, EG 324730. 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.

**"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"

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

**EG FOODBANK** - New items for the Foodbank are fruit juice 1ltr long life (not chilled), hair conditioner, hair shampoo, kitchen roll, sanitary pads medium, shaving foam, spray surface cleaner, tampons - all sizes and washing up liquid 450ml. Thank you for Easter bag packing contributions - just over 100 bags were distributed via local schools. Please take to the Jubilee Centre, to our two churches or donate at Sainsburys or Waitrose. Thank you.

**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)

