

PARISH CHURCH MASSES

<p>Masses for week commencing 4/5 May 2024 Mass for this week: Sixth Week of Easter (Psalter week 2)</p>
<p>Saturday 4th May – The English Martyrs 9:30 (OLSP) <i>Feast</i> 6:15 (OLSP) Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter – 5th May 9:00 Mass, St Bernard 10:30 Mass, Our Lady & St. Peter. (Gerald Edwards RIP)</p>
<p>Monday, 6th May 9:30 Mass (OLSP) - (Marianne Wade RIP & John Anthony Heery RIP)</p>
<p>Tuesday, 7th May 9:30 Mass (OLSP) (Tina Holah RIP & Souls in Purgatory)</p>
<p>Wednesday, 8th May 9:30 Mass (St Bernard) 7:30 pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension (St Bernard) 8:30 pm Parish AGM (St Bernard)</p>
<p>Thursday, 9th May – Ascension of the Lord - (Holy day of Obligation) 9:30 Mass (OLSP) (Jennifer Toone – moving)</p>
<p>Friday, 10th May No Public Mass 11:00 Adoration and Rosary OLSP</p>
<p>Saturday 11th May 6:15 (OLSP) Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Seventh Sunday of Easter – 12th May 9:00 Mass, St Bernard 10:30 Mass, Our Lady & St. Peter. (Delores Stack RIP)</p>
<p>Reconciliation (Confession) East Grinstead: Saturday 10:30 – 11:00 am and 5:30 – 6:00 pm</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.

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Our safeguarding Representative is Maribel Favor

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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 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."

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - This weekend, the **CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL** collection will be taken at St Bernard's. It was taken early at OLSP last week but a special basket will be displayed there this week for later donations to be made. The next Parish special collection after this will be in two weeks on 18/19 MAY in support of **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY**. This collection will not qualify for use of your purple Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes. As always, for all special collections support, Thank You.

CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL - This 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. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

PLEDGE DAY 11TH/12TH MAY - Yes it's only a week away! Now that it's almost Pledge day, I do hope you've all given considered thought to ways you will help our efforts to secure the financial stability of our Parish. Whether an immediate financial gift, one made in stages or organising fund raising events in groups, every action will be a positive demonstration of our individual commitment.

I do hope and pray on behalf of today's and future congregations, that each and every one of us will place in their envelope a tangible response. Always remembering that whatever you offer should be according to your means. Let us pray for a successful outcome.

God Bless you. Fr Jack.

PARISH AGM - "The AGM will be at St Bernard's on Wednesday 8th 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.

MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE PARISH - This is an updating clarification and it is general advice for all occasions including the current Parish Pledge Appeal procedure: If you make a payment by cheque, always enter its payee details as **Our Lady & St Peter's Catholic Church**. If the payment is in connection with the Pledge Appeal, ensure that, on the back of your cheque, the word "**JACK**" is written. Procedure for online payments made direct to the Parish account now follows: The formal title of the Parish bank account with HSBC is 'A&B Diocesan Trust Registered Charity East Grinstead Our Lady & St Peter'. Parish sort code is 40-05-20, the Parish account number is 71076841. Some banks can be very precise over how much space is afforded for titles and abbreviating ours to suit is fine. However, the sort code and account numbers are the key elements. Again, if a transaction is made in connection with the Pledge Appeal, please ensure that its reference detail includes your own name together with the single word "**JACK**" in order for a clear record to be identified. If you have any questions on payments procedures, just contact Parish Cashier Chris Pond , 07812 952784, or e-mail cjp_mrp@hotmail.com (note underscore cjp_mrp)

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, 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 10th April 2024 and will run to the 23rd 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/>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EG THY KINGDOM COME 9 -19 May. SERVICE AT OLSP 10.30am THUR 16TH May

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 Please put the dates in your diary and prepare to take part. **John Starling (CTEG secretary)**

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.

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.

CHARITY FEASTS SPRING PROGRAMME - leaflets now available at the back of both Churches. **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.

U3A SINGING FOR PLEASURE CONCERT - on Friday May 17th 2-4pm at The Jubilee Centre Charlwoods Rd. The concert is in aid of St Catherine's hospice and the East Grinstead Foodbank. Admission £5 including refreshments. Tickets at the door.

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. **Please also bring cash for the raffle.** To assist us in gauging numbers, please can you let Wladek Koch know on 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!

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU TODAY! - Please help to raise money for our Catholic Church. Coffee Morning. Saturday 18th May 2024 at 11am at Fairview, West Lane, East Grinstead. RH19 4HH. Everybody welcome! Everybody welcome! Entry: £5. Contact Alice (0774 671 8630) or Beata (07938 272 199) for details.

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).

EG FOODBANK - needs are deodorant for both men and women, instant mash potato - packet, jam, pasta sauce 500g jars, and toothbrushes. Thank you.

"DEAR PARISHIONERS, - as from the Feast of Corpus Christi, to be celebrated on Sunday 2nd 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