

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES -**

<b>Masses for week commencing 12/13 September 2020</b>		
<b>Mass for this week: 24<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time.</b>		
<b>EAST GRINSTEAD - Our Lady &amp; St. Peter</b>		
Sat, 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 6:15pm Vigil, OLSP		Evelyn Hyland RIP
Sun, 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 9:00am St Bernard's 10:30am OLSP	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Day	Our Schools
Mon, 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept. No Public Mass	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Gaspar Badelic
Tues, 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 9:30am OLSP	Our Lady of Sorrows	Maureen Scrine
Wed, 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 3pm St Bernard's	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	
Thur, 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 9:30am OLSP	Feria	
Fri, 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. No Mass	Feria	
Sat, 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 6:15pm Vigil OLSP	Feria	Peter Neave (Foundation) Pauline Hughes RIP
Sun, 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 9:00am St Bernard's 10:30am OLSP	25 <sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time Home Mission Day	
<b>LINGFIELD - St. Bernard's</b>		
Sun, 9:00		
<p><b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b>                  East Grinstead: Saturday 10:00 – 10:30 am and 5:30 – 6:00 pm                  Lingfield: Sunday 8:15 – 8:45 am</p>		

**BAPTISMS** – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or 12.30pm. 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.

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY** Every week we will pray, by name, for our sick parishioners in the Bidding Prayers. Please contact Father Jack/Sue Wade at East Grinstead to arrange inclusion. Names will be included for two weeks and can be continued provided that you renew the request each fortnight. Time will always be included in the Prayers to remember long-term sick parishioners (and other loved ones) whose names are not included for reading and are not printed in the newsletter.

**SICK/HOUSEBOUND VISITS** - requests for visits and for Holy Communion in the Lingfield area – contact Deacon Ted.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Suspended until further notice.

**REFRESHMENTS** – Suspended until further notice.

**WILLS & BEQUESTS** - Parish has benefited greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have nominated the parish to receive funds from their estate. Please consider it.

**GIFT AID OFFERINGS/DONATIONS** - can be taken out at anytime throughout the year. It is a valuable source of additional income for the parish with no extra cost to the parishioners.

**PUBLIC MASS** - is celebrated as follows:

**Saturday**, 6:15pm at Our Lady and St Peter, East Grinstead

**Sunday**, 9:00am at St Bernard's, Lingfield and 10:30am at Our Lady and St Peter, East Grinstead.

**Monday** – mass is said privately.

**Tuesday**, 9:30am at Our Lady and St Peter.

**Wednesday**, 3:00pm at St Bernard's Lingfield.

**Thursday**, 9:30am at Our Lady and St Peter.

**Friday**, no mass, Fr's day off.

**Please only attend if you are in good health.**

Full social distancing will be in operation.

**Parishioners are now required to wear face coverings in church.**

**Please note that our compliance with government and diocesan guidance is dependent upon having volunteer stewards and cleaners. Please do help keep our churches open by volunteering. This is truly essential.** To volunteer please speak either to the Parish Priest or to one of the stewards before or after mass.

**MASS ATTENDANCE** - has been steadily increasing, which is excellent - however due to social distancing requirements we are now approaching capacity in both of our churches. May I gently suggest that, if it is convenient, you might make your communion on one of our weekday masses. As things stand there is no Sunday Obligation and to do so would lessen the chance of us having to put up a 'church full' sign. Something that I would hate to do.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** - **Is now available. However it cannot take place in an enclosed space such as a confessional box or room. Full social distancing also has to take place. If you wish to make your confession, please telephone me and we can arrange a suitable time and place for this important sacrament to take place. Each confession has to be arranged individually.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** - **is now being celebrated, however numbers are limited to 30 with social distancing being required. If you wish for your child to be baptised please contact Fr. Jack.**

Again, please visit the parish web-site regularly for information as and when it is published, and likewise do phone each other to encourage and foster our church community during these odd times. And don't forget that **I am only a phone call away**. Even if you just want a chat I am very happy to receive phone calls.

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** - *The Diocese is hosting a Webinar to help Confirmation Catechists explore what some of the options are as we move forward in the 'new normal' that Covid 19 has created. It will be taking place online via Zoom on 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.*

*We have a range of guest speakers who will be able to provide advice on how to engage young people online, how to keep them safe online, and advice on the current guidance on meeting in person. There will also be a chance to speak to each other in breakout rooms, and to ask the panellists questions. We look forward to hosting as many of you as possible, but if you cannot attend at this time, please still register your interest and we will be able to send you a recording of the session. To register please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/96kHpayQarneZiJV9> God bless you and all you do in this very important ministry.*

**PARISH CONTACT LIST** - We have had a fantastic response to our contact list campaign. THANK YOU. If you haven't yet done so, we are asking you to give us your basic contact details so that we may know each other a little better. There are forms to fill in outside the church at all masses. Please fill in and pop into the box. Even better, there is a short online form which will be found on our website ([www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com](http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com)). Please take the time to help us improve our communications with the parish. Any questions or suggestions please contact Jonathan Jenkins ([jjenkins@stpeterseq.co.uk](mailto:jjenkins@stpeterseq.co.uk)) **If not filling out online, please remember to bring back your completed forms next weekend.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** - *There will be a retiring special collection after all Masses this weekend, the intention being The Holy Places. This is the Diocesan collection traditionally taken on Good Friday afternoon. However, due to the lockdown, this collection, like a series of others which will follow in forthcoming weeks, had to be deferred. "This collection does not qualify for Diocesan Gift Aid." Thank you for your generosity.*

**LOVE IN A BOX** - this scheme will still run this year and leaflets will be available in due course. In the meantime please keep shoeboxes with detachable lids. Thank you.

**MINI SLEEP OUT** - a huge thank you to all parishioners who so generously sponsored Sue and Enrique for the mini Sleep Out in August. A final figure will be available soon but it is anticipated that each of the three charities - Crawley Open House, The Easter Team and Turning Tides will receive at least £600 each. This will be increased by gift aid which many people have agreed to do. Please keep these organisations in your prayers as they continue to provide help to the poor, marginalised and homeless. The Government funding for the initiative to get Rough Sleepers off our streets during lock down has been successful but the situation will be dire after the end of March 2021 when the financial provision is due to end. Homeless organisations will be trying hard to persuade the Government to extend it.

**CAFOD** - the Coronavirus appeal to help many impoverished people around the world suffering the consequences of this virus is still open. To donate please go to [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) The same website has details of Pope Francis' Care of Creation programme which encourages the Catholic Community around the world to pray for our common home inspired by the landmark encyclical *Laudate Si*. The prayers are based on the Canticle of St Francis whose Feast Day is 4 October and can be downloaded. CAFOD's Autumn Family Fast Day will be Friday 9 October - details of how to give to this twice yearly Appeal will be given in a forthcoming parish newsletter.

**EG FOODBANK** - items required; jam, kitchen roll, surface cleaner, washing up liquid and bleach. Financial donations are welcome. Cheques to EG Foodbank, Jubilee Centre, Charlwoods Road, East Grinstead, RH19 2HL, or donate online. Info on [www.eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk). If you cannot leave your house and need donations to be collected please telephone Sue Joy 01342 835190.

**CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE** - Crawley Open House - donations of packet and tinned food are welcome as are cleaning materials - surface cleaner, bleach, wipes etc. - stocks are very low and Harvest contributions may be sparse this year. Please deliver directly to them (see above) or, if you need items collected, please contact Sue Joy. 01342 835190.

**HELP FOR THE HOMELESS** - as you know the usual Sleep Out and Street Collection on 4 July was not able to take place this year. Thank you if you have contributed directly to The Easter Team and Turning Tides. The month of September has been designated as fundraising for Crawley Open House who care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for adults suffering from the effects of homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, discrimination or social exclusion. Donations may be given online at [www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk](http://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk) or sent to COH, Riverside House, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1TN. Tel: 01293 447702. You can also join the 1 in 1000 scheme.

**GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP**- desperately needs medium sized trousers and trainers Size 9 & 10.

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