

PARISH CHURCH MASSES -

Masses for week commencing 20/21 February 2021 Mass for this week: First Week in Lent			<p>BAPTISMS – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or 12.30pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Jack.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>LIVESTREAMING - We are pleased to have livestreaming of our services. Typically, this will be the 9am Sunday Mass at Lingfield and 10:30am Sunday Mass at East Grinstead. Other masses and special services will be streamed as advertised in this bulletin. Please go to: www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com to join us online.</p>
EAST GRINSTEAD - Our Lady & St. Peter			
Sat, 20th Feb. 6:15 Vigil Mass OLSP		Mike & Bridget Gibbons (13 th anniversary)	
Sun, 21st Feb. First Sunday of Lent 9:00 St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP Masses streamed		Anne Goodwin Pond & White families- good estate	
Mon, 22nd Feb. The Chair of St. Peter 9:30 OLSP		Louise Turner - after a successful operation	
Tues, 23rd Tuesday of the first 9:30 OLSP		Nicholas King RIP (after drowning accident)	
Wed, 24th Feb. Wednesday of the 3pm St Bernard's first week in Lent		Parish and People	
Thur, 25th Feb. Thursday of the 9:30 OLSP		Our Lady-comfort for parent and family of Nicholas King	
Fri, 26th Feb. Friday of the first No public Mass		Private intention	
Sat, 27th Feb. 6:15 Vigil Mass OLSP		Private intention Deceased Family & friends of O'Driscoll and Oliver Families	
Sun, 28th Feb. 2 nd , 'Transfiguration' 9:00 St Bernard's Sunday of Lent 10:30 OLSP Masses streamed		Maggie Wylie	
LINGFIELD - St. Bernard's			
Wed, 24th Feb. Wednesday of the 3pm first week in Lent		Parish and People	

The 'normal' pattern of Public Masses has now resumed, mass being offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Our Lady and St Peter at 9:30 a.m. being preceded from 9:00 with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. On Wednesday Mass is said at St. Bernard's Lingfield. **Please ensure all social distancing measures are observed and that your seat has been sanitised after mass.**

I am available for confession after mass on all weekdays.

Mass on Sunday will follow the pre-lockdown pattern both at St Bernard's and OLSP. Mass will continue to be streamed from OLSP and also from St Bernard's.

Please follow the parish web-site, and remember that I am always ready to chat on the telephone if needed.

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Clarification regarding Parish Emails After last week's announcement that there have been some fake emails circulating pertaining to come from Fr Jack, we would like to clarify that any 'general' electronic communication to parish members will come from our parish mailing list (the same address as the electronic Newsletters). Communication sent from our mailing list is authentic and can be trusted including a mailing that will be sent this week.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - Thank you for your generosity to last week's special collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund which has raised £297. Next week's special collection will be in support of CAFOD'S LENTEN FAST DAY. Please use their own envelopes, as distributed, for Gift Aid benefit of an extra 25% to donations.

LOURDES BOXES DURING LENT - Please take a little white box from church for any loose change or donations for Lourdes during Lent. It is intended to bring back the Pilgrimage Programme once the pandemic is over. Thank you.

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PRAYER FOR AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PARISH CONTACTING REGISTER - Some 200 parishioners have now enrolled onto this listing. Enrolment means that it becomes easier to ensure that Parish news and associated issues can be readily communicated online. For instance, if you have had difficulty in attending Parish public Masses in recent times and maybe participate through the streaming service, you can still have the Parish weekly newsletter automatically e-mailed to you each Saturday. It is a very good means of keeping in touch and enrolment is easy.....just access the Parish website on www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com and click on the button "Sign up to the Contact List" to complete a simple pro-forma.

STEWARDSHIP AT MASSES AT OL&StP - We urgently need stewards in support of assisting at weekend and weekday Masses or just to assist with the ongoing anti-bacterial cleaning which has to follow every service. The task is not onerous and it is a condition of our being able to celebrate public Masses during the pandemic. This appeal is in further support of our small, dedicated team that exists. If you are under seventy years of age, in good health and are willing, please speak to Father Jack or Chris Pond. Thank You and thank you so much to our existing group for making it possible for us all to celebrate Masses together.

"CAKE SALE - SVP are carrying out an Easter cake sale, with the proceeds directed to the programme for feeding babies in the Sudan. The range of cakes available will be Simnel cake, Lemon Drizzle cake, shortbread, Bakewell tartlets and chocolate brownies. To order a cake, please contact Sally at sallymartin086@gmail.com or Click on the word "Click Here" to take you to the flyer - Orders should be made by 26 March."

VOLUNTEERS HAVE A VITAL ROLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH - However, as a church, we have a responsibility to ensure that everyone whose ministry is involved with children or vulnerable adults/ adults at risk has undertaken relevant training. If you are involved in any of the following roles: Catechist, Eucharistic Minister in the Community, Altar Server (over 18 years), St Vincent de Paul Society, Children's Liturgy or any other ministry where you come into contact with children or vulnerable adults/ adults at risk you will be required to complete the relevant training online by the end of March 2021. The expectation of training being undertaken has always been there but has not always been done. As a result, it has unfortunately been decided that if it has not been undertaken by that date, parishioners will no longer be able to undertake their ministry. This would obviously be disappointing to the individual and would also impact on the smooth running of the church. I would therefore ask you to undertake the relevant training by the 31st March 2021 by emailing the Safeguarding Office on safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk with your name and role. If you have attended Diocese face to face training or carried out Diocese online training via EduCare in the past three years, then your training requirement is up to date.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY - Your donations this Lent will help vulnerable communities around the world have access to clean water and other vital support. Special CAFOD Envelopes will be available after all Masses this weekend; please return next weekend 27/28 February. Donations may also be made online to cafod.org.uk/give; or text LENT to 70460 to donate £10 and you will be opting to hear more about CAFOD's work. Text LENTNOINFO to 70460 to donate £10 if you don't wish to receive marketing communications. Donations may also be sent to Fr Jack at 17 St James Road, East Grinstead, RH19 1DL. **THANK YOU!**

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD - Abdella lives in the extremely remote and mountainous province of Afar in Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water for his family - he has no time for anything else which is both shocking and amazing when you consider that most of us take our water supply for granted. Please give on Family Fast Day and to our **BIG WALK FOR LENT** (see below) to help change the lives of vulnerable communities around the world. **THANK YOU!**

CAFOD BIG WALK FOR WATER DURING LENT - A team of parishioners - Rosalind, Penny, Sue, David and Kay - will be undertaking a challenge to walk 10,000 steps a day between them during Lent to raise money for CAFOD's work in fighting poverty and injustice in the developing world with a focus on water, a very scarce resource in many countries, mainly due to climate change. **Please donate at** <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/WalkforWaterEG>

FAIRTRADE LINGFIELD AND DORMANSLAND - join a Fairtrade Virtual Fabulous Quiz Nite, in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation on Saturday, 27 February at 7.30pm. with Quiz Inquisitor, Paul Pirie. Cost: £10 per family/group/couple/singleton. Bookings to gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, telephone 01342 833994. If you would like to order a Fairtrade Snack Box/Supper to be delivered to your home on 27 February please let us know. The Virtual Fairtrade Quiz falls in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight, 22 February -7 March, a national drive in support of our partners, producers and farmers in the developing world. Another fundraiser is a Fairtrade Easter Cake Bake at Home. Our Fairtrade Simnel cake will be an ideal Mothering Sunday gift (14 March) or an Easter treat (4 April). Most ingredients will be included in the kit with full instructions) cost £12. (NB - not suitable for those with nut allergies). Orders as above for Quiz by 1 March for delivery to your doorstep on Friday 12 March. Proceeds to the Fairtrade Foundation.

"ACHING FEET - 1,200 MILES - ST. BERNARD'S TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

To support the Baby Feeding Programme in the Sudan, Jenny, of St Bernard's SVP, who started walking in September 2020, has already completed an amazing 1,000 miles towards her target of 1,200 miles, which she will achieve by the end of March 2021.

Please consider sponsoring this wonderful effort towards feeding the children in the Sudan - £10 will provide 50 meals - £75 will feed one child for a year.

To pledge your sponsorship please contact: The SVP Treasurer: londesborough@compuserve.com 01342 892042

Please send:

Your name, address, phone number and email address

The amount of your pledge - marked 'Jenny's Walk'

You will be contacted on or after 1st April 2021"

To see Jenny's blog and pictures of her walks so far, please contact her at jennings@achingjaw.plus.com."

EG FOODBANK - is still open but has reverted to being a delivery service for the time being for those who need emergency food parcels. A voucher is required from a Minister, doctor, social worker, CAB etc. - please ring 07856 864251 to request food. However, donations can still be left in the boxes at the Jubilee Centre entrance (Charlwood Road), or donate at Sainsburys and Waitrose. New items for EG Foodbank are tinned fruit, pasta sauce, surface spray, toilet rolls, toothbrushes, long life juice 1 litre cartons, surface wipes and baby wipes. Extra items; conditioner, tins of meatballs, sweetcorn, fruit cocktail, hotdog sausages, spaghetti hoops, rice pudding, packets of mini eggs and boxes of cream eggs. The Foodbank will be delivering 150 Easter lunch bags to local schools after 25 March.

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE - is closed so please don't take donations of food there at present. However, if you would like to financially support the work of this centre helping the homeless and marginalised, then please go to their website and make a donation online. Thank you.