

PARISH CHURCH MASSES -

Masses for week commencing 27/28 February 2021 Mass for this week: 2nd 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, 27th Feb. 6:15 Vigil Mass OLSP		Private intention Deceased Family & friends of O'Driscoll and Oliver Families	
Sun, 28th Feb. Second Sunday of 9:00 St Bernard's Lent (Transfiguration) 10:30 OLSP		Maggie Wylie	
Masses streamed			
Mon, 1st March 9:30 OLSP	St David	Brian and Jeanne Bell, and deceased members of OLSP lunch club	
Tues, 2nd March 9:30 OLSP	Tuesday of the second week in Lent	Francis Brasington & family (foundation)	
Wed, 3rd March 3pm St Bernard's	Wednesday of the second week in Lent	Elizabeth Vasey RIP	
Thur, 4th March 9:30 OLSP	Thursday of the second week in Lent	Rene Morris RIP	
Fri, 5th March No public Mass	Friday of the second week in Lent	Fr Kevin Gaskin (foundation)	
Sat, 6th March 6:15 Vigil Mass OLSP		Dora Richardson RIP	
Sun, 7th March 9:00 St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP Masses streamed	Third Sunday of Lent	Ted Bellinger RIP	
LINGFIELD - St. Bernard's			
Wed, 3rd March 3pm	Wednesday of the second week in Lent	Elizabeth Vasey RIP	

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.

From the Diocese -

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AN AUTHENTIC LETTER FROM FATHER JACK - If you have received a personal letter from Father Jack, with attachments, during the past week, IT IS AUTHENTIC. Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - There is a special collection at all Masses this weekend in support of CAFOD'S LENTEN FAST DAY. Please use their special Gift Aid envelope to increase your donation by 25%.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT - If you write a cheque for the Parish from either church, the payee term 'Our Lady & St Peter's Catholic Church' is fine. However, if your bank requests fuller details of the Parish account, the full title is 'A&B Diocesan Trust Registered Charity East Grinstead Our Lady & St Peter'.

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.

"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.

FAIRTRADE LINGFIELD AND DORMANSLAND - If you would like to order a Fairtrade Snack Box/Supper to be delivered to your home on 27 February please let us know. This is Fairtrade Fortnight. Fairtrade Fortnight, 22 February -7 March, a national drive in support of our partners, producers and farmers in the developing world. Our 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Your donations this Lent will help vulnerable communities around the world have access to clean water and other vital support. Please bring your envelopes back this weekend. 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>**

"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.

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