

PARISH CHURCH MASSES -

<p>Masses for week commencing 13/14 March 2021 Mass for this week: Fourth Week in Lent</p>			<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 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>
<p>EAST GRINSTEAD - Our Lady & St. Peter</p>			
Sat, 13th March		Mrs Sam Burford RIP	
6:15 Vigil Mass			
OLSP			
Sun, 14th March	Fourth 'Laetare'		
9:00 St Bernard's	Sunday of Lent		
10:30 OLSP			
Masses streamed		Agnes Wallace RIP (foundation)	
Mon, 15th March	Monday of the	David Burford &	
11:00 OLSP	fourth week in Lent	Family	
Requiem			
Brian Bell			
Tues, 16th March	Tuesday of the	Antonia Makolski RIP	
9:30 OLSP	fourth week in Lent		
Wed, 17th March	Wednesday of the	Tessa Darlison RIP	
3pm St Bernard's	fourth week in Lent	(foundation)	
Thur, 18th March	Thursday of the	Fr Reginald Cheux	
9:30 OLSP	third week in Lent	RIP	
8:00 Vigil Mass	St Joseph		
OLSP			
Fri, 19th March	St Joseph, Spouse	Husbands, fathers and	
9:30 OLSP	of the B. Virgin Mary	stepfathers	
Sat, 20th March		John DeCastaeker	
6:15 Vigil Mass		RIP	
OLSP			
Sun, 21st March	Fifth Sunday of		
9:00 St Bernard's	Lent		
10:30 OLSP		Rosa Maria Raho &	
Masses streamed		Arienne Adams	
<p>LINGFIELD - St. Bernard's</p>			
Wed, 17th March	Wednesday of the	Tessa Darlison RIP	
3:00pm	fourth week in Lent	(foundation)	

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.

PARISH 100 CLUB - Congratulations to winners in the February draw: 1st, £50, no 31, Mrs Aherne; 2nd, £25, no 117, Mrs Mustard; 3rd, £15, no 10, Miss Longley.

MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE - Complimentary copies of the Spring edition of Missio's magazine are available from the church table as you leave church.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - Next weekend, there will be an extra Special Collection. This will be in support of our Parish Altar Societies raising funds for church flowers at Easter and on through the year. Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes can be used for this event, thank you. The recent special collection for CAFOD's LENTEN FAST DAY has now reached #869 including #113 Gift Aid. Again, thank you very much.

THE PRINTED WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - Please will you note that, in accordance with ongoing Diocesan instructions to avoid any risk of infection being spread, the printed newsletter at Masses may only be collected for taking home after the service.

From the Diocese -

Invited:

God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life.

There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission.

www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited

VOLUNTEERS HAVE A VITAL ROLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH - 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*.

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.

EAST GRINSTEAD CATENIANS - The East Grinstead Circle of the Catenian Association will meet via Zoom on Monday, 15th March at 8.00 p.m. Members are reminded that the meeting will immediately be followed by a 'Call My Bluff' session at **8.45pm** and are alerted to a Craft Beer

Tasting event via Zoom on Friday 9 April. The Catenian Association is a Catholic faith-based friendship group for men who meet socially and support each other through fellowship, faith, family, fun and fundraising. To find out more on the Catenian Association. please call Paul Barrett on 01342 870058 or visit <http://www.egcats.co.uk>

CAFOD BIG WALK FOR WATER DURING LENT - A team of parishioners from Our Lady and St Peter's and St Bernard's Churches - Rosalind, Penny, Sue, David and Kay - are 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> If you have already done so thank you very much. On the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk there is a very moving video about a young Ethiopian man, Abdella, age 23 who walks for 10 hours a day to find water for his family - he lives in a very hot part of Ethiopia. CAFOD has been installing solar powered water pumps in that part of the country which has helped many people like Abdella to have water freely available for their needs and for watering their crops. For most of us it is unimaginable that water doesn't come out a tap instantly, and always, for many people round the world.

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.

"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."

"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."

JENNY'S BLOG JENNY WHO?

Every day in our country we face the fallout from Covid 19.

So much so that it seems to take precedent over our thoughts and help for others who are even worse off than we.

However bad it is, the humanitarian disasters in other countries continue, the impact both on their health and economies, of Covid19 has wrought havoc on the people in the poorest countries.

One such country, as we see in the media is South Sudan the third poorest country in the world now enduring economic breakdown amidst the ongoing civil war. As we see the desperate pictures in the Media of starving children we ask, **What can we do?**

'Much in the spirit of Colonel Tom', this is a story of a wonderful lady who took her own decision and has turned, **'Concern Into Action'**.

Her name is Jenny Wilson and she is a retired 74 year old school teacher.

Last September she decided she was not going to sit out the virus restrictions but start a sponsored walk to raise funds for the Sudanese Children. She is a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society who have, for many years supported the Sudanese people.

She gave herself six months to walk 1000 miles.

By the end of February she had passed 1200 miles.

Think of somewhere 7 miles from your home and contemplate walking to it every day for five months.

Then imagine you were 74 years old. Not many of us would consider it would we? Particularly during the worst weather periods.

Well that is what Jenny has achieved so far!

March is her final month and the financial Appeal is starting to accelerate.

People are pledging and giving anything between 1p/ mile and £1.0/mile.

Please consider giving her your support, she is certainly giving us the opportunity to answer our own question-

"What can I do about the humanitarian disasters around the world?"

If you do wish to support this remarkable lady please consider:

1. Donate to 'Just Giving' <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jennyonethousandmiles>

2. Direct transfer to St Vincent de Paul Society NatWest Bank Acct No 46085335 sort code: 60-60-04 ref WALK.

3. Whatever you decide please spread the word to your own Friends and Family.

It has been said that we can't help Everybody but if we are able, we should help Somebody.

Thank you on behalf of Jenny and the Children in the Sudan, 20p will give one child a meal for one day. At the moment some children don't receive one meal in a week.

God bless you! SVP

Jenny will give us a weekly BLOG during March recalling her progress over the past 5 months, miles achieved and funds raised.

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.