

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES -**

<p><b>Masses for week commencing 27/28 March 2021</b>  <b>Mass for this week: Holy Week</b></p>			<p><b>BAPTISMS</b> – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or 12.30pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Jack.</p> <p><b>MARRIAGE</b> – 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><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> – 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><b>R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS</b> – 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><b>VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY</b> Please keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital.</p> <p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b> – 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: <a href="http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com">www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com</a> after which you will receive the newsletter by email each Saturday.</p> <p><b>PRAYING FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY</b> 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><b>LIVESTREAMING</b> - 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. We also livestream the 3pm Wednesday mass at St Bernard's. Other masses and special services will be streamed as advertised in this bulletin. Please go to: <a href="http://www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com">www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com</a> to join us online.</p>
<p><b>EAST GRINSTEAD - Our Lady &amp; St. Peter</b></p>			
Sat, 27th March		James Hitchen (foundation)	
6:15 Vigil Mass			
OLSP			
Sun, 28th March	Palm Sunday	Paul Tanti RIP	
9:00 St Bernard's			
10:30 OLSP			
Masses streamed			
Mon, 29th March	Monday of Holy Week	Gill Carpenter RIP	
9:30 OLSP			
Tues, 30th March	Tuesday of Holy Week	The Joy Family	
9:30 OLSP			
Wed, 31st March	'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week		
Chrism mass at the cathedral			
Thur, 1st April	Maundy Thursday	Hannah Cherry (1st Anniversary)	
10:00 Requiem Antonietta Makolski, OLSP			
8pm Holy Thursday Liturgy, OLSP			
Fri, 2nd April	Good Friday		
10:00 Stations of the Cross, St Bernard's			
3pm Liturgy of Good Friday OLSP			
Sat, 3rd April	Holy Saturday	Diana Waters RIP	
8pm Easter Vigil Mass OLSP			
Sun, 4th April	Easter Sunday	Len Watson RIP Sheila & Tom O'Neill (Wedding Anniv.)	
9:00 St Bernard's			
10:30 OLSP			
Masses streamed			
<p><b>LINGFIELD - St. Bernard's</b></p>			
Wed, 31st March	'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week		
Chrism mass at the cathedral			

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.**

**Confession/Reconciliation** - This is an essential part of our Lenten journey. As always I am available after mass on weekdays. Also on Saturday Morning from 10:00 to 11:00. You may also phone me for an individual appointment if you wish.

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.

Recently most of you received a letter/email asking if you might consider making a contribution or increasing your regular giving to the church. I would very much like to say a big thank you for taking this on board. This is, of course, a difficult time for us all and many of you have been very generous. Thank you - Fr Jack.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** - Boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the year commencing 6 April 2021 are now available at the back of church. If you are registered to donate using Gift Aid envelopes, please collect your box now. Any queries, contact Frank Lilley on 01342 321 987."

**THANK YOU** - for your generosity to two recent special collections: Last week's collection for EASTER FLOWERS raised £306 and the final remittance of monies for the CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY collection on 28th February (including net Gift Aid benefit when met) amounted to £937.

**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.

**LIVESTREAMING** - Please note, requests for livestreaming of other services can be requested via Fr Jack or Jonathan Jenkins at [jamjenkins64@gmail.com](mailto:jamjenkins64@gmail.com)

**CONFIRMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE** - A group of 11 young people in the parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special mass on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> April. They have been preparing for their Confirmation over a long period, with interruptions due to the pandemic, and more recently using online sessions. We would greatly appreciate prayer by lots of parishioners in support of these young people celebrating their Confirmation, particularly in the weeks leading up to it, that the Holy Spirit fill them anew and strengthen them now and in the future. Jesus said "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). We pray that these young people will experience and show that fullness and the fruit of the Spirit, particularly Love, Peace and Joy, throughout their lives. Please also include the catechist team in your prayers. Thank you, from that catechist team.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**"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](mailto: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](mailto:jennings@achingjaw.plus.com)."

**Jenny's Blog**

New Year's Day and a walk to South Park with my son, the weather was mild for this time of the year and the worries of snow and more rain were far from my mind. A week later a 15 mile hike with daughter and son-in-law and a picnic at view point! I settled into a false sense of security as far as the weather was concerned to be nudged out of my good fortune by waking to snow on the 23rd! Well there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing, so I delved into the wardrobe and donned ski trousers, jacket and trusted Timberlands. (No I don't ski!) Walking poles were my companions for a few weeks as after the snow melted came the rain, to turn the footpaths once again into sticky, gloopy tracks. February 1st and once again walking with my daughter and son-in-law towards Worth Abbey when I 'hit' the 1,000 mile challenge. Do I stop here or carry on until the end of March? Well I had promised our SVP group to walk until the end of March so I set myself a new target of 1500 miles.

At this point life became busy as the SVP team worked hard to advertise my walk. Two interviews on radio Surrey, an interview for 'Yours' magazine, a chat to James for the SVP newsletter and magazine and Rachel set up a 'just giving' account. The walk was focused on the ICN and 'In your area' which resulted in anonymous donations on the 'just giving' site. So here I am beginning the last week of my mission to feed as many children as possible in Sudan. I thought the task would become easier the closer to the end, but have found the last week difficult to keep motivated and it is only the thought of the disadvantaged children which keeps me going.

Just in from my walk (Wednesday 24th March) and the total miles walked 1441.53 the 1500 mile target seems very possible now with one week to go.

Jenny 🐾🐾