

PARISH CHURCH MASSES -

<p>Masses for week commencing 10/11 April 2021 Mass for this week: 2nd Week of Easter</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. 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: www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com to join us online.</p>
<p>EAST GRINSTEAD - Our Lady & St. Peter</p>			
Sat, 10 th April 6:15pm Vigil Mass OLSP	Easter Saturday	Victims of Smolensk air crash (2010) and Katyn Massacre (WW II) (foundation) Jess Wallace RIP	
Sun, 11 th April 9:00 St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP Masses Streamed. Confirmation masses at 3pm and 4.30pm OLSP	2 nd (Low) Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Jack Joel RIP Mike & Mary Goodwin - 6 th wedding anniversary	
<p>No public masses from Monday 12th April to Friday 16th April</p>			
<p>Sat, 17th April 6:15 Vigil Mass OLSP</p>			
	2 nd Saturday of Easter	Audrey Pereira (1st anniversary RIP Martha Donohue - good estate	
Sun, 18 th April 9am St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP Masses streamed	Third Sunday of Easter	TONy Makolski RIP	

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 spiritual lives. 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.

I was delighted with how well the Easter Triduum, vigil and Easter Sunday services went. The churches were filled to 'social distanced' capacity for every service, and it was truly lovely to have spring flowers in the church along with music too. Thank you florists and musicians. And thank you too, our stewards and sanitizers, servers and sacristan. As you can see, I'm now having a few days off, I wish I could go somewhere warm, but like everyone I'll have to wait until next year for that!

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.

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.

LOURDES LENTEN BOXES - If you collected one of the little white boxes from either church at the beginning of Lent, please will you bring it back for counting. Just pop it into either sacristy, thank you very much.

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."

PARISH 100 CLUB - Congratulations to winners in the March draw: 1st, £50, no 60, Mr Mangan; 2nd, £25, no 39, Mr & Mrs Lake; 3rd, £15, no 27, Mr Berry.

YOUR EASTER OFFERTORY - is particularly appreciated this year as a gift to the clergy. Please donate at church or via the Parish website (www.eastgrinsteadcatholicparish.com) using the "Donate to East Grinstead Parish" window. You can use your A&B Diocese Gift Aid envelopes to enhance your offering by 25%. Thank you very much.

CONFIRMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE - A group of 11 young people in the parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special mass this weekend of 11th 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.

WALK FOR WATER - the total raised so far for CAFOD's project in Afar, Ethiopia is £890. There is still time to donate as St Peter's/St Bernard team are still walking for water.
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/WalkforwaterEG> Thank you to all parishioners who have sponsored us.

RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME - This year the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host world leaders for the UN "COP26" climate talks. Please call on the Prime Minister to use this historic opportunity to protect our common home. Pope Frances says "*Climate change is a global problem with serious implications. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.*" Please sign the CAFOD petition now. Go to cafod.org.uk/reclaim; Coming soon - postcards which can be sent to CAFOD for the PM.

EG FOODBANK - new items required are long life milk 1 litre, long life fruit juice 1 litre, rice pudding, custard, pasta sauce - jam, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, tinned sweet corn, tinned peas, tinned carrots, soap - liquid or bars, washing powder - tablets/pods, surface cleaner/wipes, kitchen roll, and toilet rolls.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is hoping to run a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23-29 July this year but sadly without assisted pilgrims because of Corona virus. The pilgrimage is intended as a retreat for medical staff, carers and able pilgrims. It will carry the prayers and intentions of many parishioners in our Diocese to Lourdes and pray for them and their families at the Grotto. Next year it is hoped things will return to normal. If you are interested in attending in 2021 please ring the Pilgrimage Office on 01403 740110, or look online at 2021.ablourdes.org or email office@ablourdes.org

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

Jenny finally completed her walk as planned on 31 March, finding herself virtually half-way back through France after walking 1,500 miles. SVP wishes to thank Jenny for her amazing effort and particularly wishes to thank all parishioners who supported her. The amount raised for the programme of baby feeding in the Sudan beat all expectations and reached an impressive £6,400. Well done all who contributed to that!

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.