

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<p><b>Masses for week commencing 24/25 April 2021</b>  <b>Mass for this week: Fourth Week of Easter</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, 24 <sup>th</sup> April 6:15am Vigil mass OLSP	Third of Easter	Joe Brennan RIP	
Sun, 25 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP Masses streamed	Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter	Ralph Etheridge RIP Alison Dewdney – good estate	
Mon, 26 <sup>th</sup> April 9:30am OLSP	Fourth of Easter	Robert Bell RIP	
Tues, 27 <sup>th</sup> April 9:30am OLSP	Fourth of Easter	Monica Rees RIP	
Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup> April 3pm St Bernard's	Fourth of Easter	Parish and People	
Thurs, 29 <sup>th</sup> April 9:30am OLSP	St. Catherine of Siena	Gill Carpenter RIP Joe Brennan RIP	
Fri, 30 <sup>th</sup> April No Public Mass	Fourth of Easter		
Sat, 1 <sup>st</sup> of May 6:15pm Vigil mass OLSP	Fourth of Easter	Bernard Randall RIP	
Sun, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 9:00 St Bernard's 10:30 OLSP Masses streamed	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Joy Family – Good estate	
<p><b>LINGFIELD – St. Bernard's</b></p>			
Wed, 28 <sup>th</sup> April 3pm	Fourth of Easter	Parish and People	

**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.

**NUMBERS ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS HAVE BEEN INCREASING** - and we are now operating at capacity. This is putting pressure on our stewards - please please please can we have some more volunteers please.

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION** - is for the Education of Future Priests and the fund is retained within the Parish. You can use your A&B Diocese Gift Aid envelope to increase your offering by 25%. Thank You.

**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.

**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."

**MISSIO RED BOXES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS** - Thank you for your contributions during 2020. Missio have advised us that the Parish contributed a very creditable £2,606 in the year. This is made even more creditable when we consider the difficulties of accessing boxes due to the pandemic. We are indeed very grateful to our collectors for their efforts in this and also to box holders for efforts made to deliver their box contents to the churches.

**A REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION** - was made to me recently by a young lady who is completing her professional training in East Grinstead. She is either looking for a house-share or lodging for at least 12 months. I have checked what she has told me about herself and she seems to be genuine. If you might be interested in helping her, please contact me (Fr Jack) and I will let you know more.

**FREE FOR COLLECTION** - **Baby's drop-sided cot including fitted mattress, 2 pink cot sheets and Bumper. EG 322983.**

**CASH4COINS - OUR LADY & ST. PETERS S.V.P.** - are collecting British and Foreign currency - old and new coins and banknotes you may have forgotten about in the attic. Please Contact Jean 01342 311295.

**A&B DIOCESE EDUCATION SERVICE – FOUNDATION GOVERNORS** - Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? Foundation Governors are practising Catholics, appointed by the local Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and represent the Bishop's education policy (e.g. worship and religious education) to the governing body. Because not all governing bodies need the same skills, to be successful, it is vital that individuals from all backgrounds volunteer to be a Foundation Governor. A reference from your Parish Priest will be taken up as part of the application process. Covid restrictions have impacted the advertising and recruitment of Foundation Governors. Some Deanery areas across the diocese have a high number of vacancies for Foundation Governors in their Deanery schools. Further information on these wider vacancies can be obtained from Gill Sajnog Lead Officer for Governance [www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance).

Within our own parish, we are currently looking for Foundation Governors to support our local school, St Peter's Catholic Primary School in East Grinstead. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr Jack, or Judy Hayler (chair of governors) [jhayler@stpeterseg.co.uk](mailto:jhayler@stpeterseg.co.uk). Foundation Governors do not need to be education experts. The most effective governors listen, think and ask questions. There is no magic formula about what makes a perfect Foundation Governor, they come from all walks of life and all ages and the governing body needs people with a mixture of skills, experience and backgrounds. Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher. Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role.

**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](http://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 Coronavirus. 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](http://2021.ablourdes.org) or email [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org)

**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.