

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

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| <p><b><u>Masses for week commencing 1/2 May 2021</u></b><br/> <b><u>Mass for this week: Fifth Week of Easter</u></b></p> |                        |  | <p><b><u>BAPTISMS</u></b> – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or 12.30pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Jack.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>EAST GRINSTEAD - Our Lady &amp; St. Peter</u></b></p>   |                        |  | <p><b><u>MARRIAGE</u></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>   |
| Sat, 1 <sup>st</sup> of May<br>6:15pm Vigil mass<br>OLSP   | Fourth of Easter       | Bernard Randall RIP  | <p><b><u>MASS INTENTIONS</u></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><u>R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS</u></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><u>VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY</u></b><br/>Please keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital.</p> <p><b><u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u></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><u>PRAYING FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY</u></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><u>LIVESTREAMING</u></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. Requests for livestreaming of weddings, funerals and baptisms should be made to Fr Jack or Jonathan Jenkins <a href="mailto:jamjenkins64@gmail.com">jamjenkins64@gmail.com</a></p> |
| Sun, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May<br>9:00am St Bernard's<br>10:30 OLSP<br>Masses streamed   | Fifth Sunday of Easter | Joy Family –<br>Good estate  |  |
| Mon, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>9:30am OLSP  | Sts. Philip & James    | Carmel Warren RIP  |  |
| Tues, 4 <sup>th</sup> May<br>1:30pm St Bernard's   | Requiem Keith Smith    |  |  |
| Wed, 5 <sup>th</sup> May<br>3pm St Bernard's   | Fifth of Easter        | Julie McLaughlen<br>(for health)   |  |
| Thurs, 6 <sup>th</sup> May<br>9:30am OLSP  | Fifth of Easter        | Marianne Wade RIP<br>Therese Dore-Boize<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary) |  |
| Fri, 7 <sup>th</sup> May<br>No Public Mass   | Fifth of Easter        |  |  |
| Sat, 8 <sup>th</sup> May<br>6:15pm Vigil mass<br>OLSP  | Fifth of Easter        | John Anthony Heery<br>RIP (anniversary)                                  |  |
| Sun, 9 <sup>th</sup> May<br>9:00 St Bernard's<br>10:30 OLSP<br>Masses streamed   | Sixth Sunday of Easter | Joe Brennan RIP  |  |
| <p><b><u>LINGFIELD - St. Bernard's</u></b></p>   |                        |  |  |
| Wed, 5 <sup>th</sup> May<br>3pm  | Fifth of Easter        | Julie McLaughlen<br>(for health)   |  |

**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.**

**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.**

**THANK YOU - for your generosity to last week's special collection in support of The Education of Future Priests. Including Gift Aid benefit £515 was raised. There is a further collection next week, 9th May, this time in support of the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese. Again Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes can be used to enhance individual contributions by 25%.**

**PARISH FINANCES** - Father Jack's appeal in support of the weekly offertory was made at the end of February. Therefore, it is not possible so far to fully assess its effect within the first quarter (January-March) results of Parish finances. These summarise as follows.....All income: £28,100 and all expenditure: £36,100 which produced a net deficit of £8,000. Within income, £19,100 was generated by the offertory; the balance was made up of rents received, donations, Gift Aid and interest. The principle elements of expenditure relate to utilities (heat/light/power), stipend, Diocesan levy, an insurance premium and buildings maintenance. If you have already responded following Father's appeal, THANK YOU and the effect will be apparent when half-year figures are reported. If you are still considering, particularly with regard to reviewing your regular standing order contribution or signing-up new to this method, please will you not delay and thank you again. If the foregoing raises any questions or queries on procedure by all means relay them to the Parish Finance Committee via [cjp\\_mrp@hotmail.com](mailto:cjp_mrp@hotmail.com) or 01342-327002 (Chris Pond). And a PS.....the Parish is currently undergoing an audit by an independent company, accountants Haysmacintyre, appointed by the Diocese.

**SOME OF US ARE STILL RECEIVING FAKE EMAILS** purportedly from Fr Jack. Usually, these ask you to email him urgently. These are not from Fr Jack's email and if you reply, they will ask you to send money or vouchers. Please delete these emails and add the sender to your spam list if you know how. If in doubt please call Fr Jack on 01342 325705.

**PARISH 100 CLUB** - Congratulations to winners in the April draw: 1st, £50, no 19, Mr & Mrs Parr; 2nd, £25, no 115, Mrs Kempson; 3rd, £15, no 47, Mrs Holland.

**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."

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY 21** - At this time of year we and other EG Christian Churches typically undertake house-to-house collections in East Grinstead. We are not collecting house-to-house this year due to the virus situation. This Christian Aid Week fundraising contributes over £6million in a 'normal' year, to support their work helping poor and disadvantaged people across the world to help themselves. But much of that money will not be raised this year, with fewer house-to-house collections. Instead, you are invited to donate to the work of Christian Aid direct via their website if you are able to do so. It's been a difficult year for us in the UK - but thankfully we haven't had to walk miles to collect our water every day. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

**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.

**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)