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ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for weekend 21/22 November 2015		
East Grinstead Mass Centre-Our Lady & St. Peter		
Sat.	6.15pm	John & Elizabeth Bourke RIP
Sun.	10:30am	Deceased Catenian Brothers RIP Oswald Tramontin RIP
Mon.	9:30am	No Mass
Tues.	9:30am	No Mass
Wed.	9:30am	No Mass
Thurs.	9:30am	No Mass
Fri.	9:00am	Adoration
Sat.	9:30am	Gospel of Life Group
Masses next weekend 28/29 November 2015		
Sat.	6:15pm	Eric & Hermia Frantz RIP
Sun.	10:30am	Grace Ewing RIP
Lingfield Mass Centre – St. Bernard's		
Sun.	9:00am	
Reconciliation (Confession)		
East Grinstead:		
Saturdays	-	10:00am - 10:30am 5:30pm - 6:00pm
Lingfield:		
Sunday	-	8:15am - 8:45am

BAPTISMS – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or 12.15pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Steven.
MARRIAGE – Marriage arrangements should be made with Fr. Steven at least 6 months before the marriage date and prior to any social planning. To arrange for marriage preparation please contact Fr. Steven.
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 well in advance if you want a specific date.
R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – Persons interested in learning of the Catholic faith, and any adult persons who wishes to receive Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation. If you need information regarding this please contact Fr. Steven.
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.
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. Steven.
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 Steven/Sue Wade at East Grinstead or Deacon Ted Rider at Lingfield 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.

SICK/HOUSEBOUND VISITS – requests for visits and for Holy Communion in the **Lingfield** area – contact Deacon Ted.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – "Exposition takes place every Friday morning at Our Lady & St Peter's between 09:00-1:00pm. Come let us adore Him."

REFRESHMENTS - Everybody is cordially invited for refreshments after Sunday Mass at both St Bernard's and Our Lady & St Peter's churches.

WILLS & BEQUESTS - The Parish has benefited greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have nominated the parish to receive funds from their estate. Please consider it.

GIFT AID OFFERINGS/DONATIONS - can be taken out at anytime throughout the year. It is a valuable source of additional income for the parish with no extra cost to the parishioners.

WE WELCOME - Fr. Kevin OSB from Worth Abbey, who will be celebrating the Masses at East Grinstead and Lingfield.

2ND COLLECTION - next week. The Cathedral. Can be gift-aided. Thank you.

EAST GRINSTEAD CATENIANS - This Sunday's 10.30 mass is being offered for the deceased Brothers of the East Grinstead Catenian Circle who include Peter Neave who died recently. The Catenian Association is an international brotherhood of practising Catholic laymen who meet socially, at least once a month. To find out more on the Catenian Association. Please call Bill Blackledge on 01342 317599 or visit <http://www.egcats.co.uk>

CONFIRMATION 2016 - Completed application forms for the Confirmation preparation programme should be handed to Fr Steven by 22nd November.

CHRISTIAN MEDIATION GROUP - meets each Thursday from 4.30-5.30 pm in the Parish Centre. For more information and if you would like to join us, please contact Gabrielle Joyce 326118.

ANGEL TREE - One of the Justice and Peace Group's members, Valerie Maynard, recently received an MBE for her work in Lewes Prison Chaplaincy particularly for introducing, and being a beacon for, *Sycamore*, a very successful Restorative Justice scheme, which Prison Governors value highly as it reduces re-offending rates for those who take part. As usual Val is organising **Angel Tree**, a Prison Fellowship programme providing those in prison with an opportunity to send a Christmas gift to their children and maintain a connection with their families. If you would like to help please contact Valerie on 01342 326896 asap. Thank you.

**“St. Peter’s is a GOOD school where the behaviour of pupils is
OUTSTANDING “**

Ofsted, June 2015

**If your child was born between
1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012
you are now in the process of making a big decision about their primary school.**

**The school shall be hosting information meetings for parents to hear about the school and to tour
the site. You are warmly invited to attend a meeting on either:**

Thursday 22nd October 2015, 9:30am – 10:30am.

or

Friday 27th November 2015, 9:30am – 10:30am.

or

Thursday 7th January 2016, 1:30pm – 2:30pm.

Please contact the school office to book a place. 01342 321985

MISSIO RED BOXES - Will OL&StP box holders please bring-in their red boxes during the next few weeks for counting before year end. Deliver your box into the sacristy, please don't leave it elsewhere in church. If your box is normally counted at home, this will happen as usual. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME APPLICATION FORMS - Our parish programme for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion will be starting in early November. We invite all children in Year 4 primary school and older to apply. Forms will be available at the back of St. Bernard and Our Lady and St Peter churches. Please fill in and return to Fr Steven Purnell or Deacon Ted Rider.

PARISH MAGAZINE - It is still our hope to have the **Magazine out before Christmas**, but the deadline has now been moved to the **end of November**, so there is still time for everyone - and in particular those speaking for groups and clubs and societies - to send in your submissions. These can, as usual, be emailed to me at klara.m.king@comcrafts.co.uk - or left at the back of the church, addressed to Klara King. I acknowledge all emails received, so if you don't hear within a few days of sending one, I'm afraid I haven't received it.

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INDIAN MASS - Holy Malayalam Mass on 27th Friday 5.15pm begins with Rosary all are welcome in the name of Jesus.

GOSPEL OF LIFE - The next meeting of the Group will be held after Mass on Saturday 28th November, at OLSP hall, commencing 10.30am. All welcome.

THE CHRISTMAS MUSIC FROM 'MESSIAH' GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL - Concert by the Worth Abbey Consort and Orchestra at Worth Abbey Church, November 29th at 7.30pm. No Tickets – retiring collection for 'OUTREACH PERU.'

LAUDATO SI' CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME – Pope Francis calls on all Catholics as part of the worldwide Church to be concerned and take action on climate change as part of his encyclical because it is pushing people into deeper poverty in developing countries. In December there will be important international talks in Paris. **Please** take a special CAFOD postcard, put in your details and post it to CAFOD asap. If anyone is interested in attending a Rally to be held in London on Sunday 29 November please contact Sue Joy on 01342 835190 - CAFOD are asking for people to attend as are other international aid agencies.

CHARITY MEAL - in aid of St Catherine's Hospice on Monday 30 November, 6.30pm for 7pm at Tarana, Lingfield. £16 per head. Bookings to EG 832222. Thank you to all those who supported the recent events to raise £715.90 each for Crawley Open House, Crawley Prison Fellowship, EG Street Pastors and Age UK. Thanks also to Barclays Bank for match funding of £1000 and to those who donated raffle prizes.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH – (SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER) - in St. Bernard's hall – gathering from 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm. The meal will be a traditional Christmas Lunch. The arrangements will be as at the previous parish lunches: soft drinks will be provided but please bring your own alcoholic drinks; pre-booking is not required – just come along if you wish; there is no charge but there will be a voluntary donations basket. Everyone is welcome – from all corners of the parish.

EG FOODBANK - the following items are required please 500g bags of granulated sugar, Feminine hygiene products, Toilet rolls, Washing-up liquid and Men's deodorant. Thank you.

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE – is desperately short of blankets, sleeping bags and flasks to give to homeless people who turn up at the door when it is full. Toilet rolls, UHT milk, sugar and tinned meat are particularly required at present but any tinned and packet food is welcome plus tea and coffee. Please leave donated items at the back of the church at Our Lady and St Peter's and at St Bernard's. Larger items, including duvets and clothes to be taken to OLSP, or taken directly to COH near Three Bridges in Crawley. Tel: 01293 447702. Alternatively, if you prefer, please leave a cash contribution in the basket and the SVP will purchase items on your behalf. Thank you.

GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP – needs men's shoes, trainers, jeans and sweatshirts jogging trousers (medium and large sizes please) as well as toiletries.

