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PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for weekend 19/20 December 2015	
East Grinstead Mass Centre-Our Lady & St. Peter	
Sat. 6.15pm	Sir Walter Blount RIP (anniv)
Sun. 10:30am	Nora Mai Daly RIP
Mon. 9:30am	Patrick Barrett RIP
Tues. 9:30am	The Makolski Family
Wed. 9:30am	Josie & Eamonn Tuke RIP
Thurs. 4:00pm	The Parish
6:00pm	The Parish
Midnight	Deceased friends & relatives of the Jones & Johnson Families RIP & Thanks for recent blessings
Fri. 9:00am	Lingfield
10:30am	The Parish
Sat. 9:30am	Our Servers
Masses next weekend 26/27 December 2015	
Sat. 6:15pm	Agnes Wallace RIP
Sun. 10:30am	Patrick Burgess RIP Deceased friends & relatives of the Burgess Family 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.

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**MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
A PATH THROUGH THE DESERT FOR GOD.
AWAKE FROM YOUR SLEEP,
REJOICE NOW TO GREET
THE ONE WHO COMES.**

RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR ADVENT - Monday 21st 7.30pm, The Friary, Crawley.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - by ancient tradition, for the Parish Clergy. Thank you for your contributions.

LINGFIELD - Christmas Day – Mass 9am. Intention: Margaret Mary Conway RIP.

READERS - Please sign up for Christmas Services – list at the back of the Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES OLSP

Christmas Eve - 4pm (largely for children); 6pm;
Midnight - starting with Carols at 11.30pm
Christmas Day - 10.30am

THANK YOU - for your generosity in the recent 2nd collections for church flowers at Christmas and beyond.

PARISH MAGAZINE - Thanks to our contributors, the Magazine is now ready. Be sure to pick up a copy for each family.

A CORDIAL INVITATION - This Sunday we will have our Christmas Mulled Wine refreshments in the parish centre after 10.30 Mass. Hot sausage rolls and mince pies included together with tea and coffee as usual. Also the Christmas 100 Club bonus draw for £180 in prizes with still time to join, just contact Chris Pond (327002).

TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE - this Sunday, 20 December 4pm. An occasion for everyone to enjoy a traditional Carol Service in the inspiring surroundings of Worth Abbey church. Join the Choir and virtuoso organist D'Arcy Trinkwon for an hour of carols, readings and magnificent organ music reflecting the Advent season. A wonderful opportunity to capture the spirit of the season and to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

The proceeds of the retiring collection will be donated to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) fund for the Refugee Crisis in Europe. Refreshments afterwards.

INDIAN HOLY MASS - Holy Malayalam Mass on 23rd December, Wednesday 5.15pm beginning with Rosary. All are welcome in the name of Jesus. Many thanks.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - There will be no morning Adoration on Fridays 25th December and 1st January 2016. The first date in the New Year will be on Friday, 8th January. Come let us adore Him at Christmas.

MISSIO RED BOXES - Would boxholders please collect their counted boxes from the usual window ledge by the church doors. Thank you for your generous contributions and to our helpers with their counting.

2 CLEANERS - needed for OLSP – 2 more volunteers needed to go on our Rota of Cleaners. Can you spare the odd hour once in a while? Please let Fr. Steven know if you can help? (He is also on the Rota – so anyone can do it!)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP - We are having a break over Christmas and will be meeting again in the New Year.

ADVENT TREE FOR CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE - please take a label from the Christmas Tree at the back of OLSP and bring the item on it back to church up until Christmas week when there will be a special delivery. Thank you.

2016 CALENDARS - Complimentary copies of the Missio 2016 calendar are available from the church table at OL&StP for all Missio members and any parishioner who would like to have one.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH --- if you live alone and would like to have lunch in the company of others, Trinity Methodist will be serving a meal. Telephone either Mary Nichols 322573 or Ann Balfour 529101 to reserve a place (numbers are limited).

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. Also, if you are using Waitrose to shop please note that EG Foodbank is one of the 3 charities to benefit from the Green Token scheme this month so please support them.

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.

