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PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for weekend 21/22 May 2016							
East Grinstead Mass Centre-Our Lady & St. Peter							
Sat.	6:15pm	Fidelia Fernandes RIP					
Sun.	10:30am	Alex Halls RIP					
Mon.	9:30am	No Mass					
Tues.	9:30am	Eugene O'Driscoll RIP					
		Miss Teresa Santosh – Thanksgiving					
		& good estate					
Wed.	9:30am	Private Intention (M.H.)					
Thurs.	9:30am	Ann Wilson RIP					
Fri.	9:00am	Adoration					
Sat.	9:30am	No Mass					
Masses next weekend 28/29 May 2016							
Sat.	6:15pm	Rosemary Dickens – good estate					
Sun.	10:30am	Patricia Giblin RIP (anniv)					
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.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese. This may be gift-aided using the vellow envelope

CONFIRMATION - today at 3pm, Worth Abbey. Thank you, car parking volunteers.

CAKE & PLANTS SALE - The Gospel of Life Group's cake and plant sale takes place at OLSP after mass this weekend of 21/22 May. All proceeds will go to a supported housing project for young Downs Syndrome people in Brighton. As the Group of Life Group is small in number, donations of plants and cakes are particularly welcome, if we are to raise a reasonable sum of money for this cause. If you would like to donate please contact Les Whittaker on 315484 or at leswhittaker252@outlook.com.

BAPTISM - Tuesday 4pm, OLSP. Hope Marta Kinver.

INDEPENDENT WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TAXI - (7 Seater) available at your door step anytime. Contact - Sunny Joseph. Mob: 07481107832/07908494532.

<u>MANY THANKS</u> - to all those who came to the meals of the spring charity feast and bought from the takeaways. The total amount raised was £2,000 and Barclays Bank matched this amount to make the total raised for the 5 local charities £4,000 - £800 for each charity – Crawley Open House, East Grinstead Street Pastors, Crawley Prison Fellowship, Age UK EG & District and East Grinstead Community First Responders.

PARISH LUNCHES - The Parish Lunches have been taking place over the past 10 years and have numbered approximately 35 with between 70 - 95 parishioners attending each one. They have been very successful and have brought together people from all areas of the parish. However the present team are not getting any younger and although we have some new younger members on the team, we are looking for more new faces who would be willing to take over from the present team in due course. If you feel you would like to help in the preparation and serving of these lunches or would like more information on what is involved, please contact Geraldine Rider (835110/832283). Many thanks.

PARISH MAGAZINE - We are planning to have an issue of the Magazine before the school holidays – that is, early July – so we will need contributions by the end of June. News from parish organizations, societies, clubs, etc., articles related in some way to the history of our parish or to the church in general, descriptions of pilgrimages, etc., as well as other contributions, poems, etc. are all very welcome. Also, please be sure to let me know if any of the entries for Parish Organizations on the inside back cover need to be changed (names, telephone numbers, times or places of meetings). If a group has a presence online (webpage, Facebook, twitter...), then you may wish to give a link to that there as well. Submissions can be emailed to me at klara.m.king@comcrafts.co.uk Alternatively, contributions can be addressed to Klara King and left on the table at the back of the church.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND WORTH ABBEY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS — would you like to know more about this contemplative form of prayer? Please call us for more information, or come to one of our meetings. In East Grinstead, we meet in the Parish Centre/Church Hall of Our Lady and St Peter's Church, each Monday 7.30 pm — 8.30 pm. At Worth Abbey, meetings are held in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 8.00pm- 8.45pm, followed by Compline at 9 pm, for those who wish to stay. Further details of dates are at the back of the church. For more information, please contact Gabrielle Joyce for East Grinstead 01342 326118, Caterina Brown for Worth Abbey 01243 554001.

<u>CHURCHES TOGETHER ECUMENICAL SERVICE</u> - OLSP, Sunday 5th June 6pm – All welcome. Theme – Care for Creation.

<u>ADVANCE NOTICE</u> - Street collection and annual Sleep Out on Saturday 25 June on aid of Crawley Open House, The Easter Team and Worthing Churches Homeless Project. Anyone wishing to take part/help out please contact Sue Joy.EG 835190. Sponsors will be sought at the end of May onwards. Refugee Crisis Newsletter - copies of this very informative Diocesan publication featuring Bishop Richard are available from both churches from this w/e. Very relevant reading in this Year of Mercy.

<u>CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE</u> – 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.

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