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**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<b>Masses for weekend 17/18 December 2016</b>		
<b>East Grinstead Mass Centre-Our Lady &amp; St. Peter</b>		
Sat.	6:15pm	Patrick Barrett RIP & Liam Hough RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv)
Sun.	10:30am	Sir Walter Blount RIP (anniv)
Mon.	9:30am	Patricia Giblin, John Murphy, Francis Crayton, Kathleen Kennedy RIP
Tues.	9:30am	Deceased members of the Wallace & Kelly Families RIP
Wed.		No Mass
Thurs.	9:30am	Deceased friends & relatives of the Tuke Family RIP Deceased members of the Buchanan Family RIP
Fri.	9:00am	Adoration
Sat.	No Mass	9:30am Mass
	4:00pm	Children's Mass
	6:15pm	Our Parish
	Midnight	Deceased members of the Johnson, Fitzpatrick & Jones Families RIP
<b>Masses next weekend 24/25 December 2016</b>		
Sun.	10:30am	Our Parish
<b>Lingfield Mass Centre – St. Bernard's</b>		
Sun.	9:00am	
Reconciliation (Confession)		
<b>East Grinstead:</b>		
Saturdays	-	10:00am - 10:30am 5:30pm - 6:00pm
<b>Lingfield:.</b>		
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 12 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.

**APPEAL & 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY** - Aid to the Church in Need.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** - see Cards also at back of church.

OLSP - Christmas Eve - 4pm Children's Mass.  
6.15pm.  
11.30pm Carols then Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day - 9am Lingfield.  
10.30am OLSP.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH** - Another great parish social gathering; a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. Thanks to all who came and made it such a grand luncheon party – and special thanks to the ladies on the **Lunches Team** who once again fed us all so very well.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS MESSAGE LIST 2016** - available with newsletter.

**MULLED WINE SOCIAL** - today after 10:30 Mass ,everybody is invited for mulled wine and hot sausage rolls in the Parish Centre. There will be a charity plate and a special double-draw for prizes in the Parish 100 Club.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** - Monday 7pm OLSP.

**BIG CHURCH CLEAN AT OLSP** - Tomorrow - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am onwards. Please come along and help if you are available.

**PLEASE SIGN UP** - for Christmas ministries, we especially need Welcomers .

**READERS** - please collect new rotas.

**ADORATION** - Adoration will continue as normal on Fridays 9-1pm over the Christmas and New Year period.

**DO YOU NEED** - an office or house cleaner or assistant to help in any way - please contact Maria 07707308393.

**COUNTED MISSIO RED BOXES** - Would OL&StP boxholders please collect their counted boxes from the windowsill close to the choir loft door. Thank you for your generosity.

**MISSION TODAY 2017 CALENDAR** - Complimentary copies of the calendar are available from the church table for Missio members and any parishioner who would like to have one.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** – East Grinstead. We are now having a break for Christmas and the New Year and will meet again in 2017.

**ADVENT TREE** - please take a label from the Advent Tree and bring the item along for Crawley Open House for the big Christmas donations push. Thank you.

**“SVP** - Dear parishioners, there are now several Catholics living at Forest Lodge, Portland Road, East Grinstead, and there is a need to provide lifts to Sunday 10.30am Mass. If anyone is able to give a lift from there on Sunday mornings, my intention is to set up a rota, as we do with other ministries. If you are able to help please ring me, Peter Wells on 01342 811543. Leave a message if necessary.”

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** - are a way to give fun and meaningful Christmas gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a beautiful gift card, and you can choose to send trees, a goat, or even a camel!

**“ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - 27<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – online applications will be open soon - check the Pilgrimage website for details [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org) Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance, or those without access to the internet, should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct for a paper application form on 01403 740110.”

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL** - If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2012 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, you are now in the process of making a big decision about their primary school. The school will be hosting information meetings for parents to hear about the school and tour around the site. You are warmly invited to attend on - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 9.30am - 10.30am. Please contact the School Office (01342 321985) to book a place.

**EG FOODBANK** - requires the following please: disposable razors (men's and women's, ladies sanitary items, long life milk (green), long life fruit juice, tinned carrots, small packets of washing powder, size 4/5 nappies (please only this larger size). Please leave donated items at Jubilee Community Centre in Charlwood Road or bring to Church and leave in the box near the main door.

**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, sponge puddings, 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** – urgently require medium sized jogging bottoms and Trainers size 9&10.