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**ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<b>Masses for weekend 18/19 March 2017</b>	
<b>East Grinstead Mass Centre-Our Lady &amp; St. Peter</b>	
Sat. 6:15pm	Margaret Slavey RIP
Sun. 10:30am	Doreen Sparrow RIP John De Caestecker RIP
Mon. 9:30am	Ann Mahoney's good estate
Tues. 9:30am	Joan Patry RIP Maureen Hull RIP Veronica Jefcoate RIP Susan Murphy RIP
Wed. 9:30am	Good estate of Mary Pincomb
Thurs. 9:30am	Deceased friends & relatives of Mrs Rowlinson RIP (fm) Edward Bellinger RIP
Fri. 9:00am	Adoration
Sat. 9:30am	Hazel Delgard
<b>Masses next weekend 25/26 March 2017</b>	
Sat. 6:15pm	Thanksgiving & Safe travel Agnes Wallace RIP (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Leonard Fitzpatrick RIP (fm)
<b>Lingfield Mass Centre – St. Bernard's</b>	
Sun. 9:00am	
Reconciliation (Confession)	
<b>East Grinstead:</b>	
Saturdays	- 10am - 10.30am 5:30pm - 6pm
<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.

**HOLY WEEK WARNING** - Parking will be difficult on Good Friday & Easter Eve as the Flying Scotsman is in town. Come early.

**CAFOD WEEKDAYS IN LENT** - When there is a 9.30am mass at OLSP it will be preceded by Way of The Cross at 9am.

**APF – MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU & APPEAL** - Father Liam wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of APF – Mill Hill by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, OR to find out more about APF – Mill Hill, please contact your APF – Mill Hill Local Secretary.

**PARISH SPRING 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 members of the **Lunches Team** who fed us all so very well.

**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS' MEETING** - Thursday 7pm.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** - There will be a special collection at Masses for Church Flowers at Easter. Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes can be used to enhance contributions by 25%, thank you.

**CLOCKS CHANGE** - next Saturday evening – Forward.

**ST. JOHN VLANNEY GROUP** - A Group of Men, aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the Priesthood. The next meeting takes place from 4 – 7.30 pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at The Presbytery, 3 Springfield Rd, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PJ. For more details contact The Vocations Director, Fr. Con Foley on Tel. 01932842643 or email [Foleycon@gmail.com](mailto:Foleycon@gmail.com)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE UKRAINE** - Thank you for contributing to the £36,926.11p raised by the diocese for this.

**LENT BOXES** - so our sick, elderly, and young helpers in the parish can be helped go to Lourdes. Please take one and return it after Easter.

**PARISH LENT PROJECT** - as has become the tradition, this is to raise money for the sick and frail to go to Lourdes on The Diocesan Pilgrimage, alongside helping our young people to go as Helpers. Boxes will be available at the back of church.

**MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE** - The Spring edition of the magazine is available from the church table for all Red Box holders and everybody else who would like to read it.

**PARISH 100 CLUB** - Congratulations to winners in the February draw: 1st, £50, no 82, Mrs Castiglione; 2nd, £25, no 65, Mrs Todd; 3rd, £15, no 80, Mr & Mrs Mulhearn.

**STANDING ORDERS** - Thank you for these. They help the Churches here in East Grinstead and Lingfield to pay the bills as they are regular. However, charges and prices go up. If you have not reviewed your standing order for a number of years it would be appreciated if you would consider increasing it.

**EAST GRINSTEAD CATENIANS** - The East Grinstead Circle of the Catenian Association will meet at the Dorset Arms, High Street, East Grinstead on Monday, 20th March at 8.00 p.m. Members are also reminded that there are still spaces available for the Skittles evening with Haywards Heath on Friday 24th. 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>

**DORMANSLAND BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A CONCERT** - given by Marilyn Baker (Christian Singer/Songwriter) on Tuesday, 28 March at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments. This is part of their celebration of the bi-centenary of the church building.

**RICH MAN POOR MAN LUNCH** - 12.30 for 1pm on Sunday 7 May at St Bernard's Parish Hall to raise money for young helpers going on this year's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tickets: £8 for adults, £4 for children under 14. On sale from next week or tel: Sue Joy EG 835190 and leave a message.

**SAFEGUARDING AT ST BERNARD'S** - Now that the new system is up and running, it is time to ensure that all those carrying out certain ministries have an current criminal record check via the Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) for the Diocese. Starting with St Bernard's, all parishioners who are carrying out the following ministries need to pick up a pack from the back of the church and follow the details of what needs to be done: eucharistic ministers, anyone involved in children's liturgy or a catechist and any altar servers (over the age of 18). The packs are self explanatory but I will be available after church on the 26th March to answer any questions. I have also included contact details should queries arise when the packs are looked at. In due course, I will announce dates in the newsletter when I will be at St Bernard's, after mass, to check identity documents. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their assistance in this area. Janette Pentney.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS – EAST GRINSTEAD AND WORTH ABBEY** - In East Grinstead our weekly meetings are held each Thursday from 7.30-8.30pm in the Parish Centre (WEATHER PERMITTING). In Worth Abbey, meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7.45 until 8.45 in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. For further details of dates, please see leaflet at back of church. For more information please contact Gabrielle Joyce on 01342 326118.

**ADVANCE DATE** - Sleep Out and Street Collection for the homeless - Saturday 1 July.

**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.”

**EG FOODBANK** - requires donations of the following; **Small** Easter eggs eg. Crème egg (**no large eggs please due to storage issues**), Jam, Tinned sweetcorn (small tins) Tinned pasta (hoops etc), Pasta sauce (jars), Tinned fruit (peaches etc), Tinned custard, Tinned tuna, Tinned meat (meatballs, hotdogs). Please leave at church or take to Jubilee Community Centre in Charlwood Road.

**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** - desperately needs medium sized trousers and trainers size 9 & 10.

