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PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for weekend 25/26 March 2017	
East Grinstead Mass Centre-Our Lady & St. Peter	
Sat. 6:15pm	Thanksgiving & Safe Travel Agnes Wallace RIP (21 st)
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Leonard Fitzpatrick RIP (fm)
Mon. 9:30am	James Hitchen RIP (fm)
Tues. 9:30am	Vera Adams RIP (1 st) Jess Wallace RIP
Wed. 11:00am	Requiem Mass: Terence Fallon RIP
Thurs. 9:30am	Margaret Purdy Snr RIP Thomas Larkin RIP (17 th)
Fri. 9:00am	Adoration
Sat.	No Mass
Masses next weekend 1/2 April 2017	
Sat. 6:15pm	Deceased friends & relatives of the Causton Family RIP
Sun. 10:30am	Josie & Eamonn Tuke RIP
Lingfield Mass Centre – St. Bernard's	
Sun. 9:00am	
Reconciliation (Confession)	
East Grinstead:	
Saturdays	- 10am - 10.30am 5:30pm - 6pm
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 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.

CLOCKS - sprung forward one hour last night.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY - there will be a special collection at masses for Church Easter Flowers. Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes can be used to enhance contributions by 25%. Thank you.

EMERGENCY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - the drought and famine in the Sudan. All monies to the National Appeal.

PASTORAL LETTER - today from Bishop Richard.

FINANCE MEETING - Monday 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

REQUIEM MASS - Terence Fallon RIP. Wednesday 11am OLSP.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - away at Worth Abbey next Friday to Sunday.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN - Eucharist morning at St. Bernard's.

INDIAN MASS - 5pm next Sunday OLSP.

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.

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 23rd 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

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.

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.

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.

SPRING CHARITY FEAST 2017 - A Charity Feast is taking place over 4 nights.

Mon. 24 th April	La Farola	East Grinstead	Spanish Food	01342 322399
Mon 8 th May	The Ghurkha	East Grinstead	A taste of The Himalayas	01342 311779
Mon 15 th May	Paglia E Fieno	East Grinstead	Italian Food	01342 328713
Mon 22 nd May	Tarana	Lingfield	Indian and Thai Food	01342 832222

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

All Meals £16 per head, of which £8.00 will go towards the following 5 Charities:

Crawley Open House, The East Grinstead Food Bank, Crawley Prison Fellowship, Age UK East Grinstead & District. East Grinstead & District Mental Health Association.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO:

E.G. Charcoal Grill – Glanfield Food & Wine And Redmond & Associates

And also all the businesses and shops that have kindly donated Raffle Prizes

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.

ROSARIES WANTED & FATIMA BIKE RIDE - Do you have a spare rosary at home that could be passed on to somebody else to use? I am getting together a display on the Fatima Apparitions to mark the Centenary (May 13th) and will have rosaries available, in the spirit of the Fatima Message. I will also be undertaking a sponsored bike ride to Fatima in the summer, in support of the World Apostolate of Fatima and pro-life causes-more details shortly.

If you would like to a rosary, please hand to me at Mass, tel 315484, or leave in an envelope addressed to me at OLSP. Thank you. Les Whittaker.

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 2nd and 4th 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.

SHOEBOXES FOR SYRIA - Crawley Refugees Welcome Group is organising shoeboxes for children in Syria similar to our Christmas Mustard Seed scheme. If anyone has any contributions they can make - shoeboxes, goodies (not sweets with gelatine or chocolate), small cuddly toys, pencils, notebooks, balls, dolls, skipping ropes toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap etc please leave them asap in a carrier bag marked **Shoeboxes for Syria** or ring Sue Joy for collection early next week. Tel: 01342 835190. Thank you.

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

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 27th July to 4th August 2017 – online applications will be open soon – check the Pilgrimage website for details 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 sponge pudding, 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.

