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PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for weekend 23/24 September 2017 East Grinstead Mass Centre-Our Lady & St. Peter Sat 6:15pm Eulalia Vaz RIP (anniv) Philomena Tass RIP The Blount Family RIP (fm) Sun 10:30am Jim Hughes RIP Mon. No Mass Tues. No Mass Wed. No Mass No Mass Thurs. Fri. 9:00am Adoration Baby Rebecca Coxall RIP Sat. 9:30am Masses next weekend 30 Sept/1st October 2017 6:15pm East Grinstead Catenians: Vocations. Jim Hughes RIP Sun. 10:30am Canon Walter Gauche RIP (20th anniv) 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

<u>BAPTISMS</u> – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or 12.15pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Steven.

<u>MARRIAGE</u> – 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.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> – 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 person 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.

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u> – 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
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.

<u>SICK/HOUSEBOUND VISITS</u> - requests for visits and for Holy Communion in the Lingfield area – contact Deacon Ted. <u>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</u> - "Exposition takes place every Friday morning at Our Lady & St Peter's between 09:00-12:00pm. Come let us adore Him."

<u>REFRESHMENTS</u> - Everybody is cordially invited for refreshments after Sunday Mass at both St. Bernard's and Our Lady & St Peter's churches.

<u>WILLS & BEQUESTS</u> - The Parish has benefited greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have nominated the parish to receive funds from their estate. Pleas e consider it.

<u>GIFT AID OFFERINGS/DONATIONS</u> - 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 TODAY** - Home Mission – can be gift aided using the charity's own envelopes. Thank you. **FAIRTRADE SALE** - will be after both masses this weekend 16th/17th September. We will have copies of the new catalogue available. Any special orders please ring Mike and Tina on 311435 or email <u>t.causton@sky.com</u>, or Chris and Margaret Vasey on 834436 or email <u>civasey@aol.com</u>.

<u>"SVP</u> - This month there will be a second collection for the work of the SVP shared between St. Bernard's and Our Lady and St. Peter's Conferences. Thank you all sincerely, in anticipation, for your support in helping us to carry out our work across the parish, addressing those in need both here and abroad.

EAST GRINSTEAD CATENIANS - The East Grinstead Circle of the Catenian Association will meet at the Dorset Arms, High Street, East Grinstead on Monday, 18th September at 8.00 p.m. Members are also reminded of the Thai Meal to be held after the Catenians Mass for Vocations on Saturday 30th September. 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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - St. Vincent de Paul Society - can be gift-aided using the charity's own envelopes.

<u>CREAM TEA</u> - In aid of MacMillan Cancer Care. Sunday 1st October 2.30 – 5pm – at 2 Garth Court, 20 Mount Pleasant Rd, Lingfield.

<u>CARDINAL CORMAC MURPHY – O'CONNOR RIP</u> - to celebrate his life, to remember him and to pray for him there will be a Diocesan Mass at 3pm, Sunday 1st of October at Arundel Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

<u>INVITATION</u> - Each Friday morning there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Exposition - at OL&StP between 09:00 and 12 midday. If your time permits, why not pay a visit for as long or short as suits you. No commitment, no signing-in, just a quiet period before the Blessed Sacrament. Come, let us adore Him.

<u>OUR LADY & ST PETERS LUNCH CLUB</u> - meet on Wednesday 20th September. Fr Steven will say a Healing Mass at 11.30 am followed by Lunch at 12.30. Please ring Ivy (323240) Jean (311295) or your Driver if you are unable to come.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION 2018 - If you have a child in Year 4 primary school year or older and would like to enrol them in our next programme, please take an Application Form at the back of your church and complete. Please hand your form to Fr Steven Purnell, East, Grinstead Deacon Ted Rider, Lingfield or the school office at St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, East Grinstead. The first parents' meeting without the children will be held on Wednesday 20th September at 8pm in the church hall East Grinstead.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS —In East Grinstead we meet each Thursday from 7.30-8.30 pm, in the Parish Centre/Church Hall at Our Lady and St Peter. At Worth Abbey we meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, from 7.45-8.45 pm, in the Chapel of The Blessed Sacrament, in the Abbey Church. For those who wish to stay, Compline starts at 9.00 pm in the Abbey Church. Visitors and new members are always welcome at both venues. If you would like any more information, please contact Gabrielle Joyce, on 01342 326118.

<u>MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE</u> - Complimentary copies of the Autumn edition of the Missio magazine are available from the church table for Red Box holders and any parishioner who would like to read one.

LOVE IN A BOX - both churches and St Peter's School will be participating in this annual scheme which aims to help children in Eastern Europe. Leaflets will be available in October but in the meantime please save any shoeboxes with detachable lids for the scheme. Thank you.

<u>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</u> - Friday 6 October with the theme "We plant the seeds that one day will grow." Envelopes will be available for your donations the w/e of 7/8 October.

<u>HARVEST W/E</u> - will also be 7/8 October so please bring extra tins or packets of food, toiletries along and place on the altar and these will be given to Crawley Open House. Their stocks need to be built up for the winter months for the homeless and disadvantaged. Thank you.

AUTUMN CHARITY FEAST 2017 - A CHARITY FEAST IS TAKING PLACE OVER 4 NIGHTS

Mon 2nd October - La Farola - East Grinstead Spanish Food - 01342 322399 Mon 9th October - Ghurkha@ the Woodcock Inn – Felbridge A taste of the Himalayas - 01342 325325 Mon 16th October - Paglia e Fieno - East Grinstead Italian Food - 01324 328713 Mon 23rd October - Tarana - Lingfield Indian & Thai Food - 01342 832222

Please Book Early to Reserve Your Place
Please arrive at La Farola 7pm for 7.30pm start
Please arrive 6.30pm for 7pm start for other restaurants
ALL MEALS £16 PER HEAD, OF WHICH £8.00
WILL GO TOWARDS THE FOLLOWING 5 CHARITIES

Crawley Open House I The East Grinstead Foodbank
Crawley Prison Fellowship
Age UK East Grinstead & District
East Grinstead & District Mental Health Association

With special thanks to

EG. Charcoal Grill I Glanfield Food & Wine
Redmond & Associates I HDL Lingfield
And also all the businesses and shops that have kindly donated raffle prizes

EG FOODBANK – requires tinned ham, tinned custard, tubs of sweets, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables, packets of biscuits, small cereal packs, tinned meatballs, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, small jars of coffee and sponge puddings. Bring to church or take straight to Jubilee Community Centre, or Sainsbury's, Waitrose or Barclays Bank. Thank you.

<u>CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE</u> - welcomes 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.