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## **PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

Masses for weekend 14/15 April 2018	
East Grinstead Mass Centre - Our Lady & St. Peter	BAPTISMS - These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or
Sat 6:15pm Our Sick	12.15pm. Parents are asked to contact Fr. Steven.
Sun 10:30am Our Catechists	MARRIAGE – Marriage arrangements should be made with Fr. Steven at least
Mon. 9:30am Martin Farrell's Good Estate	12 months before the marriage date and prior to any social planning. To
Tues. 9:30am Our young people	arrange for marriage preparation please contact Fr. Steven.
Wed. 11:30am Anointing Mass: Gladys White & Deceased members of Lunch Club	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
Thurs No Mass	back of the church. Please do it well in advance if you want a specific date.
Fri. 9:00am Adoration	R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – Persons interested in
Sat. 9:30am Peter McKay RIP (anniv)	learning of the Catholic faith, and any adult person who wishes to receive
Masses next weekend 21/22 April 2018	Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation. If you need information regarding this
Sat. 6:15pm Our Parish	please contact Fr. Steven.
Sun. 10:30am Catherine Dawes RIP (anniv. fm) Sylvia Youldon RIP (anniv) Ralph Etheridge RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> anniv)	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>Lingfield Mass Centre – St. Bernard's</u>	NEW PARISHIONERS – Our Parish Family invites all its members to share fully
Sun. 9:00am	in our spiritual and social life. If you change your address or telephone number
Reconciliation (Confession)	please tell Fr. Steven.
East Grinstead: Saturdays - 10am - 10.30am 5:30pm - 6pm  Lingfield: Sunday - 8:15am - 8:45am	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.

<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> - 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.

<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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** - next week – for The Education of Future Priests of the Diocese. Can be gift-aided using Diocesan Envelopes.

**SPECIAL COLLLECTIONS** - Thank you for your generosity in recent special collections: Easter Flowers, £634 (particular thanks from the ladies who prepared the displays) and The Holy Places on Good Friday, £452.

**LOURDES YELLOW BOXES** - please return these as soon as possible and thank you for your contributions towards the parish Lourdes fund to help fund Helpers and Assisted Pilgrims on the this year's Diocesan pilgrimage.

EAST GRINSTEAD CATENIANS - The East Grinstead Circle of the Catenian Association will meet at the Dorset Arms, High Street, East Grinstead on Monday,16th April at 8.00 p.m. Members are also reminded that there are still spaces available for the Skittles Evening at Barcombe on 27 April and for the President's Ousting Dinner at Sweetwoods Park Golf Club on 19 May. 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

<u>PARISH MAGAZINE</u> - We hope to have an issue of the Parish Magazine by early summer, provided we have enough material. Please think whether you have something to share with parishioners: updates and news from our parish organizations, societies, clubs, the school, etc., or anything related to the Church, the Diocese, or our parish, charities, pilgrimages, charity work at home or abroad, as well as poetry and historical articles, etc., are all very welcome. Submissions can be left at the back of the church, addressed to Klara King, or, ideally, emailed to me at: klara.m.king@comcrafts.co.uk

<u>VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR PAINTING AND DECORATING</u> - Crawley Refugee Welcome Group (of which EG is a part), needs help with a house that has become available for a Syrian Refugee Family being settled in Crawley under the UN Resettlement programme. Anyone who has some spare time for this please contact Sue Joy. EG 835190. Thank you. <u>OL&SP LUNCH CLUB</u> - will meet on Wednesday 18th April. Fr Steven will say a Healing Mass at 11.30 am followed <u>with</u> Lunch at 12.30 pm. Please ring Ivy (323240) Jean(311295) or your Driver if you are unable to attend.

<u>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS</u> – In **East Grinstead**, from <u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April</u> we will be meeting each <u>Thursday</u> from <u>7.30-8.30 pm</u> in the <u>Parish hall</u> at Our Lady and Saint Peter's.

We will be running a 6 week '*Introduction To Christian Meditation*' course from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.30-8.30pm in the Parish hall. ALL WELCOME! Please see poster and leaflet at the back of the church. At **Worth Abbey**, meetings will be held in the <u>Chapel of The Blessed Sacrament</u> in the Abbey Church, between <u>7.45-8.45 pm</u> on the following dates – 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like any more information about Christian Meditation at either venue, please contact Gabrielle Jovce on 326118.

## **ENCOUNTER EVENING (FOR 15-30S), FRIDAY APRIL 20TH, 7.30PM**

ENCOUNTER evenings are a chance for young Catholics (15-30) to get together, make some friends, have some fun, and get some great teaching. The next on in Crawley is Friday April 20th at 7.30pm at St Wilfrid's School (RH118PG). Father Simon from Crawley is the guest speaker this time round! For more information, search 'ENCOUNTER Crawley' on Facebook. If you haven't been before, don't worry! Our welcome team will look out for you and make you feel at home.

<u>THE NEXT FAIRTRADE SALE HERE</u> - will be after both masses on 21st/22nd April Any special orders please ring Mike and Tina on 07544382565 or email <u>t.causton@sky.com</u>, or Chris and Margaret Vasey on 834436 or email cjvasey@aol.com.

<u>CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE</u> - are holding their annual Coffee Morning on Sunday 22nd April after Mass. There will be cakes, plants, books and bric-brac for sale. Please come and support us to fund our Chistmas charities.

## <u>SPRING CHARITY FEAST 2018</u> - <u>A CHARITY FEAST IS TAKING PLACE OVER 5 NIGHTS</u>

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April - Ghurkha@the Woodcock Inn - Felbridge A taste of the Himalayas - 01342 325325 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April - Tarana - Lingfield Indian & Thai Food - 01342 832222

Please Book Early to Reserve Your Place
Please arrive 6.30pm for 7pm start for all restaurants

3 COURSE MEAL FOR £20 PER HEAD, OF WHICH £10.00 WILL GO TOWARDS THE FOLLOWING 5 CHARITIES

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE/THE EAST GRINSTEAD FOODBANK/CRAWLEY PRISON FELLOWSHIP

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With special thanks to

EG. CHARCOAL GRILL/GLANFIELD FOOD & WINE/HDL LINGFIELD MARVOLIO'S NOSTRUMS (free tastings of local liqueur at some of the above meals) And also all the businesses and shops that have kindly donated raffle prizes.

SONGS OF FREEDOM - an evening of music and laughter with Jonathan Veira in support of Prison Fellowship England and Wales. Sat 5 May at Jubilee Community Church at 7.3pm Tickets £10 from Val Maynard 07846 201277.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - The Parish Spring Lunch will be held in St Bernard's Church Hall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS AND CATECHISTS - INSPIRE 2018 - On Saturday May 12th, there will be a day for youth leaders, Confirmation catechists and young adult ministers, as well as anybody who is interested. The day will be delivered 'TED Style' with six great speakers each giving a short 20-minute talk. We're delighted to have Will Desmond from Sion/ theASCENT, Father Nick Crowe from the Dominicans, Lizzie Wakeling, Toby Harman, and others. A fantastic line-up! Bishop Richard will also be with us for the first part of the day. It's all happening at St Joseph's Church, Redhill on Saturday May 12th from 10am to 3.30pm. Tickets are £10 with parish group discounts available. To book, or for more information, Email YMBookings@dabnet.org.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE IS RUNNING AT WORTH ABBEY - from the 18-20th May for all those in year 7-9. Over the weekend we are going to be exploring the idea that the journey of discipleship is a great adventure that we are each called to through workshops, input, prayer, worship and a whole lot of fun! The price is £84 but bursaries are available. For more information please email: fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

ROSARY BIKE RIDE TO WALSINGHAM & BACK - I am undertaking a sponsored bike ride again this year, a round trip to Walsingham, starting at the memorial to unborn children at Mt Noddy Cemetery on 1<sup>st</sup> June. It's to raise money in support of the work of the charity, Good Counsel Network, who reach out to help expectant Mothers and new Mothers in difficult circumstances, through a helpline, a free advisory service, practical help, friendship and moral support. I will also mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act by praying 50 rosaries on the way to Walsingham, 50 whilst there and 50 on the return journey. If you would like to support this cause please see flyer on notice board. Donations (gift aidable) can be made via web page: justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride or direct to me via sponsor sheet. As ever, deeply grateful for every donation made. Les Whittaker

<u>EG FOODBANK</u> – items required re washing up liquid, washing powder, fruit juice 1 litre long-life, **tinned rice pudding**, **toilet paper (small packs) and tinned sweetcorn.** 

<u>CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE</u> – welcomes sleeping bags, blankets, and flasks to give to homeless people who turn up at the Door when the Centre is full. In addition tinned and packet food is welcome as well as coffee, tea and sugar. Please leave donated items at the back of church at OLSP and St. Bernard's. Larger items, including duvets and clothes also be donated at both churches, or taken directly to COH at Three Bridges. Tel: 01293 447702. Alternatively, if you prefer, please leave a cash donation in the basket and the SVP will purchase items on your behalf.

