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PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for weekend 15/16 December 2018	
East Grinstead Mass Centre - Our Lady & St. Peter	
Sat 6:15pm	Parish & People
Sun 10:30am	Regina Sikorska RIP (1 st anniv) Mary Delaloye RIP
Mon.	No Mass
Tues. 9:30am	Sir Walter Blount RIP (anniv)
Wed.	No Mass
Thurs. 9:30am	Deceased friends & relatives of The Foley Family RIP
Fri.	
Sat. 9:30am	Deceased friends & relatives of The O'Keefe Family RIP
Masses next week 22/23 December 2018	
Sat. 6:15pm	Fatima & Patrick O'Neill RIP
Sun. 10:30am	Favor & Pascua Family – Thanksgiving For Ingrid's recovery
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 preparations 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 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.

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 09:00-12:00pm. 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 - 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.

ENTRY REFRAIN FOR ADVENT

**MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
A PATH THROUGH THE DESERT FOR GOD.
AWAKE FROM YOUR SLEEP,
REJOICE NOW TO GREET THE ONE WHO COMES.**

CAKE SALE - in the hall at St Bernard's, following the 9.00am Mass today (16th December). The proceeds will be donated to St Catherine's Hospice in fond memory of Lucienne Butcher (RIP).

OTHER RECONCILIATION/PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE DEANERY - Monday 7pm Horsham, Thursday 7pm Horley.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION/PENITENTIAL SERVICE - this Tuesday (18th) at 8pm at Our Lady & St. Peter's. Get ready in a spiritual way for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FEAST - At the Gurkha@the woodcockinn,felbridge. Tuesday 18 Dec. 6.30pm for 7pm start. £20 for a 3 course Nepalese meal. £8 goes to CAP (Christians against Poverty). Live auction on night. Tel: 01342 325325 to book your places now. All churches can have Christmas meal together and raise money for Christians against Poverty.

FR. DAVID GODDARD RIP - of West Grinstead – Funeral Wednesday 11am at the Cathedral.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Jack Lusted – to be Ordained Priest at the Cathedral this Wednesday evening.

PARISH 100 CLUB Congratulations to winners in the November draw: 1st, £50, no 59, Mrs Marsh; 2nd, £25, no 96, Mr Sherman; 3rd, no 95, £15, Mrs Trueman. There will be **£180** in prizes in the December draw before Christmas and we have a small number of memberships for sale, just speak to Chris (327002).

WINTER APPEAL FOR CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE - A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed to the SVP's annual appeal for the funding of Sleeping bags and thermos flasks for the Open House, who send us the following message: "God bless all at St Bernard's. We could not survive without your help and the bags and flasks could not have come at a better time – as we had completely run out due to the bad weather last winter".

ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE - please take a label from the Christmas Tree and bring the item along for Crawley Open House for the residents. Box for tinned and packet items also available as usual.

2019 CALENDARS - Complimentary copies of the Missio 2019 calendar are available from the church table at OL&StP church.

MISSIO RED BOXES - Please will you bring your box to OL&StP church for year-end counting. Deliver it into the sacristy, please don't leave it anywhere else in the church. If your box is normally counted at home this will happen as usual. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - The Parish Christmas Greetings sheet will be published at Mass on the weekend of 15/16 December, and we are looking for as many contributors as possible. If you would like to have your greeting published, please email or telephone details to Les Whittaker at leswhittaker252@outlook.com / tel 315484, or Muriel Cheesman murielcheesman@hotmail.com / tel 327512. They can also be left in note form with Fr. Steven. Please let us have your greeting by Sunday 9th December at the latest. Donations to CAFOD – please put cash or cheques (made payable to CAFOD) in an envelope marked Christmas Greetings and give to Fr Steven, Les or Muriel.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP) DEBT ADVICE - a local support group offering a listening ear, advice and information to those facing debt problems is available in EG, operating from Trinity Church (the service is free). If you need help with debt issues don't delay and worry, get it sorted NOW. Phone 01274 760720 to get registered, or go online to www.capuk.org

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING - Give a gift that will change a life . There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at both churches or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

EG FOODBANK – require the following items: Christmas crackers, Christmas puddings - large and small, Large tins of ham, **Tubes** only of Crisps, large tins of sweets, jam, Christmas cakes, large boxes of biscuits and Children's Chocolate selection boxes. **Please ensure sell by dates are after Christmas.** Please take to the Foodbank at the Jubilee Centre in Charwoods Road (box inside the Centre on the left) if you can deliver, or bring to Church. Thank you for your continued support.

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE – 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.

GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP-desperately needs medium sized trousers and trainers size 9&10