

**PARISH CHURCH MASSES**

<b>Masses for week commencing 23/24 March 2019</b>	
<b>EAST GRINSTEAD - Our Lady &amp; St. Peter</b>	
Sat 6:15pm	Parish & People Deceased friends & relatives of Mrs Rollinson RIP (fm)
Sun 10:30am	George Bye RIP Nick & Linda Skilton Bork's good estate
Mon. 9:30am	Agnes Wallace RIP Thanksgiving – The Agbigay Family
Tues. 9:30am	Fr. Leonard Fitzpatrick RIP (fm) James Hitchen RIP (fm)
Wed.	No Mass
Thurs. 9:30am	Vera Adams RIP (anniv) Jess Wallace RIP
Fri. 9:00am	Adoration 12:00 Holy Rosary
Sat. 6:15pm	(VIGIL) Hugh Highland RIP Gerard Jeffrey RIP
Sun. 10:30am	Parish & People
<b>LINGFIELD – St. Bernard's</b>	
Sun. 9:00am	
<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> East Grinstead: Saturday 10:00 – 10:30 am and 5:30 – 6:00 pm Lingfield: Sunday 8:15 – 8:45 am	

**BAPTISMS** – These are usually celebrated on a Sunday during Mass or 12.30pm. 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 at 09:00am and the Holy Rosary follows at 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.

**Refrain**

**HEAVEN IS OUR HOMELAND FROM WHERE THE SAVIOUR COMES;  
HE WILL TRANSFIGURE THESE BODIES OF OURS INTO COPIES OF HIS OWN.**

**BAPTISM TODAY** - OLSP Ruby Grace Pipe.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** - on retreat at Worth Abbey this weekend.

**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS MEETS** - Tuesday 7pm at School.

**AFRICAN MISSION APPEAL** - next week, with 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - will be done on weekday mornings at 9am before Mass

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** - this Sunday. Lent 3C – Fig Tree.

**OL&SP SVP** - are collecting Cash4coins, British and Foreign old or new Coins and Notes.

**OUR LADY & ST PETER'S – REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**

Some of you may recall Storm Doris which took loose render from the Church tower back in Feb '17 and which identified a serious problem with render on the tower generally. As the Church is Grade II listed we appointed a conservation architect to carry out a full survey and production of a scope of the general refurbishment work required. We are also taking the opportunity to carry out other necessary repairs as well as some upgrade work internally within the Church. Contractor tenders have been received and our consultant is currently reviewing same with a view to reporting on overall costs. The

Architect will attend Masses this weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March to present details of the work planned. There will be an opportunity to ask questions informally after each mass.

**THANK YOU** - for your generosity in recent **2019 Parish Special Collections**: SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL, £692; PAX CHRISTI, £570; LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND, £666; CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY, £1,432 (+£140 Gift Aid value). In the full year, 2018, offertories to all Special Collections in the Parish amounted to nearly £16,000.

### **SVP - CARAVAN HOLIDAY IN BOGNOR REGIS**

"Dear Parishioners,

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are offering a week's holiday in their 6 berth caravan based in the up market Riverside Caravan Centre in Bognor Regis.

The caravan is top of the range having gas central heating and double glazed. Holidays are available outside of the school holidays and would be ideal for families with children under school age, it would also be ideal for couples etc. who would enjoy a base to travel around the seaside resorts etc. The cost of a week in the caravan is only £250.00. Should you be interested or know of someone this holiday who would be suitable please contact Peter Wells Mob. 07484330899."

**CARE IN EAST GRINSTEAD AND LINGFIELD** - CARE is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. This voluntary organisation supports our local community through Christian volunteers. People are taken to medical appointments, shopping is done, gardening and other light tasks. Their services are overstretched and they desperately need more volunteers – both drivers, and people with basic computer skills to be Duty Officers, who work one day a month from home to take calls from clients and find volunteers who can help them. Pray for Care, and if you can volunteer to help ring John Monk, 01342 410086.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** - will hold their annual National Coffee Morning on Sunday 31st March after Mass. There will be cakes, plants and cards for sale and all proceeds will go towards our Christmas charities. Please support us.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** - Our next issue is planned for just before Easter, so we need contributions by the end of March. Members of parish organizations, societies, clubs, etc., anyone who is doing anything in connection with the Parish, the Diocese, the Church, or charities, anything of interest to parishioners, anyone who has been on a pilgrimage.... please consider seriously writing about it and making a contribution. Submissions can, as usual, be left at the back of the church, addressed to Klara King, or, preferably, emailed to me at [klara.m.king@comcrafts.co.uk](mailto:klara.m.king@comcrafts.co.uk)

**PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019. For details please enquire from Maribel – 07528694112 Norly – 07794937788.

**EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35S)** - This Easter weekend, there will be a retreat for young adults at Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The monastic community at Worth Abbey and the members of The Wellspring Community invite you to join us for this great Feast! To Book, please contact The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey ([TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net)) for a booking form. If you have any questions, do drop us an email [youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk). We look forward to seeing you there!

**20P FEEDS A BABY FOR A DAY!** Lingfield SVP are running a **Family Race night** on Saturday 11th May from 6.30 - 10.00ish. Venue Jubilee Community Centre East Grinstead. Tickets cost £10 for a family of 4 or £5 per adult. It includes a Ploughman's Platter and Ice Cream. It will be an evening of fun and laughter with Children (of any age) riding the hobby horses and a licensed bar for the adults (soft drinks for the children). By making this fun night a success we all reach out directly to the children in Sudan. We need to know numbers a.s.a.p. and tickets are available from Lala (01342 327222) Angeline (01342 832665) or Enrique (07824 098276). Many thanks for your support, as always.

### **ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The governors of St Peter's are really pleased to be able to share with the parish that our school has once more been judged as good by Ofsted. One parent is quoted in the report as saying 'My children are happy and proud to be part of the big family which is St Peter's.'

Governors are an integral part of this family and the majority of the governors of our school are Foundation governors. Only Catholics can be considered for this role. We do currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor and it would be great if parishioners would consider putting themselves forward for this role. Enthusiasm and commitment to your faith and education are the only qualifications! Please speak to Fr Steven if you are interested to learn more.

### **INSPIRE 2019 - DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS**

'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested. It's happening on Saturday May 11th at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10. The day will include some time with the Bishop, as well as a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry. To book head to [tinyurl.com/InspireBookings](http://tinyurl.com/InspireBookings) or Email [Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk)

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** - applications for this year's pilgrimage from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 2 August are now open for helpers, assisted pilgrims and pilgrims, doctors and nurses. Please go to <http://www.ablourdes.org> For paper application forms and further enquiries please ring 01403 740110 or E-Mail [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org)

**EG FOODBANK** – items required are long life milk (1 litre green cartons, small packets of washing powder, small packs of tissues, bars of soap, 2 or 4 packet toilet rolls, chocolate creme eggs or packets of mini eggs (not boxed Easter eggs due to storage problems in the warehouse).

**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. Thank you for all your generous donations throughout the year.

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

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