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PARISH CHURCH MASSES

Masses for weekend 17/18 February 2018		
East Grinstead Mass Centre - Our Lady & St. Peter		
Sat	6:15pm	Frank Whelan RIP
Sun	10:30am	Danny Johnson RIP Lina Di Soccio Cipolla RIP Nora & Jerry Moynihan RIP
Mon.	9:30am	Kathleen Reilly RIP
Tues.	11:00am	Requiem Mass: Patricia Bulford RIP
Wed.		No Mass
Thurs	9.30am	Mary Newby RIP
Fri.	9:00am	Adoration
Sat.	9:30am	Lina Di Soccio Cipolla RIP
Masses next weekend 24/25 February 2018		
Sat.	6:15pm	Nelly Chester – 95th birthday – Thanksgiving Lolanda (Rene) Morris – 90th birthday
Sun.	10:30am	Suzanne Henderson RIP (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

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 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.*

CAFOD - Lent Fast Day - next Friday. Envelopes at back of church. Please take and bring back next week.

REQUIEM MASS - 11am Tuesday OLSP. Patricia Bulford RIP.

OL&SP LUNCH CLUB - will meet on Wednesday 21st February at 12.15 pm. We look forward to meeting together after the winter break, please ring Ivy (323240) Jean (311295) or your Driver if you are not able to come.

GLADYS WHITE RIP - Funeral - 12.15, Thursday 22nd at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

DURING LENT - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between 09:00 and-12:00 noon, followed by the Holy Rosary, will continue each Friday morning at Our Lady & St Peter's. Why not pop in for a visit at any time that suits you during these days.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE BOXES - (Our traditional Lent alms project) will be available at the back for you to take home.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2018 - forms for this year's pilgrimage from 26 July - 3 August are now available online from www.ablourdes.org (helpers, doctors, nurses and able pilgrims). If you require paper copies please ring the Pilgrimage Office on **01403 740110. Redshirts (years 10 and 11) apply by 28 March on the same website.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - We have gone a long time without any and that is not a good thing. We need someone to take responsibility to organise. (as I am sure there will be willing helpers to do it). If you feel you can serve the Church in this way, like to give it a go or want to know more, please contact Fr. Steven.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT (26TH FEB. – 11TH MARCH) - "We are holding a Fairtrade Big Brew on Tuesday 6th March at 5 Stream Park opposite the Felbridge Hotel. Please come either 10-12am or 2-4pm, for a cup of coffee or tea. If you need a lift email Tina & Mike on t.causton@sky.com or tel; 07544382565."
FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY - 7pm for 7.30pm at St Luke's Church. Churches Together AGM - Fairtrade Gold - From Misery to Hope. Guest speaker: Greg Valerio: jeweller and acclaimed author of "Making Trouble." 7pm for 7.30pm start at St Luke's Church, Community Centre, 54 Holtye Avenue, RH19 3EP. Fairtrade wine and nibbles provided plus Fairtrade food and craft stalls.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018 - the services will be at 10.30 and 8pm on Friday 2 March at St John's Felbridge. The service has been prepared by the Women of Surinam (South America) and the theme is All God's Creation is Very Good!

CAKE SALE - After the 9am Mass on Sunday 11th March Lingfield SVP are holding a cake sale in St. Bernard's hall. All proceeds are in aid of the SVP Baby Feeding Programme in South Sudan.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS – In **East Grinstead** we meet each **Thursday**. We are now meeting **earlier**, from **5.00-6.00pm** during the darker months, in a member's home. Do contact Gabrielle if you would like to join us.
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.
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY - CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support those who don't have enough to eat. You give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity. This lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate, CAFOD, the UK government agency will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.
Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.
Considering recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk - see noticeboard.
EASTER RETREAT FOR 18-35s AT WORTH ABBEY - Worth Abbey and The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum (29th March-1st April) with a retreat at Worth Abbey. Over the Easter Triduum young adults from across the UK will be gathering to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The retreat will be centred around participation in the Triduum liturgy from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, with a programme of talks by the monks, discussion, prayer & reflection and fellowship. Leading up to the retreat, you are welcome to be part of a 'Cross Walk'- a group of young adults and monks who will walk to Worth from Arundel, across the beautiful South Downs, carrying the cross. We will begin the walk on Palm Sunday (25th March) and arrive at Worth on Maundy Thursday (29th March). Booking forms are now available. Please contact TOC@worthabbey.netor fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk. You can also find more information via Facebook.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! - Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admission cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

BISHOP RICHARD INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN WITH THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS -
21-26 August 2018 sees the arrival of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. The Diocese is making the most of this wonderful opportunity by organising a pilgrimage for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandma and Pops!
We will be staying together in Dublin City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A three Day congress will be followed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis. If you would like more information about the event visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/
If you would like to join us on pilgrimage, please speak to your parish priest about how he can support you financially, and for a booking form. Alternatively you can contact Lizzie or Katherine of Diocesan Pastoral team wmof2018@dabnet.org.

EG FOODBANK – requires surface cleaner, tinned fruit, milk Longlife 1 litre, Washing powder - small packets, toilet rolls - small packs, tissues, tinned meat, pasta sauce jars, coffee - small jars, and tinned rice pudding.

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.