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## **Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Dear Parishioners**

This Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, sees the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Patron of our Church in Thames Ditton, now part of the Parish of the Holy Family. It is our “Patronal Feast”, which, if on a Sunday, may replace the Mass of the Lord’s Day. But we shall retain the Mass of the Lord’s Day and sing just two hymns to Mary in celebration of our Feast, and *we will really sing!* The annual HCPT Lourdes Supper is at OLOL on the evening before, so it’s a full weekend in this part of the Parish! Our Lady of Lourdes protects our whole Parish in her prayers, and we are also protected and guided by the prayers of St Bernadette, whose resistance of hardship and ridicule, and whose faithfulness to Mary’s instructions when nobody understood what she was doing or why, has been such an inspiration to us all.

**John Merrigan**

<b>Mass Times this Week: 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>			
<b>Day/Feast Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Scholastica</i>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Rosemary McIlwraith RIP
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feast of our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)</i>	9am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Andrew Larkin RIP Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – for the sick of the Parish People of the Parish
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10-12 noon	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Armandi di Palma RIP
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30 7.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name	Margot Walsh RIP
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am 9.30am	<i>Morning prayer at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Michael Clarke RIP
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Matthew Finch Ints
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Frank Martin RIP Ursula Prince RIP Pat Sutterby Ints

## **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – Lourdes Pilgrimage**

There will be a special second collection this weekend to raise funds to contribute to help fund volunteers to join the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which this year marks its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The pilgrimage relies on volunteers and generous donors to enable it to offer financial support to many Assisted Pilgrims who join them and to those who will care for them whilst in Lourdes. This year the funds will subsidise the price for young people to answer Mary's invitation to "Come in Procession" which we hope will help them deepen their relationship with God and encourage them to share their experience back home with their parish communities. This scheme is Gift Aided so please try to fill this part in when contributing on our contactless machines or online. More details on the pilgrimage and how to donate can be found here <https://abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

## **SOCIAL**

### **PANCAKES ON SHROVE TUESDAY – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February after 9.30am Mass at Holy Name**

All are welcome to come along for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass at Holy Name

### **RACE NIGHT – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Holy Name**

More details to follow

### **SAVE THE DATE- Exciting Olympic Charity event - Sunday 23 June 2023**

For all Parishioners with an Olympic Gold medallist Sunday 23 June 2023 after 11am Mass - details to follow.

### **VALENTINES SOUP LUNCH AT OLOL – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at midday at OLOL**

Homemade soups and cheese, all welcome, bring a friend

## **YOUTH**

### **NEXT YOUTH GROUP – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Holy Name**

Our next youth group for ages 13 to 17 will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Holy Name. All are welcome

### **NEXT FUN FRIDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> March at OLOL**

Pizza, games, crafts and an opportunity to hang out with friends. For Years 3-6, siblings welcome.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next First Holy Communion classes will be 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February

### **CONFIRMATION**

Next Year 8 Confirmation preparation: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm at Holy Name.

Next Year 10 Confirmation preparation: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm at OLOL

## **RED BOX COLLECTION**

Many of you will still hold a red box for loose change, organised to help the APF Mill Hill Missionary Fund for churches operating in war torn countries. Could you please bring your red boxes into either church office or sacristy during the month of February to be counted and the contents to be sent on to the APF Fund

## **LENT**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

OLOL – 9.30am , Holy Name - 7pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – weekly Stations will take place in both churches during Lent:

Holy Name – Fridays 12 midday (followed by Lenten Soup Lunch), OLOL – Fridays 8pm

### **CAFOD LENT 2024 APPEAL INCLUDING BIG LENT WALK**

This coming Lent, we will be supporting CAFOD and their seasonal appeal which this year focuses on the Church's development agency's support for fishermen in Liberia, providing education, skills and technology which are all bringing very real improvements to the local economy and community. We will be organising a 'Big

Lent Walk' between OLOL and Holy Name, finishing with refreshments. Further details will follow, but please do speak to any of the CAFOD team (Roger Vincent, Anna-Marie Leafberg or Hugh Rawlinson) if you'd like to get involved or would like any further information.

### **INVITED**

The Diocese are again organising materials for a Lenten course – either for organised local groups or to join online. To find out more <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

### **SONGBIRDS**

Songbirds we're looking for new choir members - rehearsals start on Monday 04 March 2024 to prepare for a summer charity concert as well as visits to local care homes to spread the benefits of music throughout the community. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays 8-9.30pm at OLOL Church Hall. All ages abilities welcome if you like to sing come and give us a try. For further information please contact [Karen@haizelden.com](mailto:Karen@haizelden.com) or 07921089755. Our events always include 'musical friends' so if you can't commit to every Monday but want to be involved please get in touch.

### **JANUARY COLLECTIONS**

Standing orders £12,738; Offertory cash £2,574.32; Offertory contactless £1,120; Soups £63.50; Racial Justice £40; Crib offering £346.58; Pax Christi £208.33

### **FROM THE DIOCESE**

#### **Youth Worker - Catholic Parish of Guildford**

The parish is searching for a dynamic individual eager to positively impact children's and young people's lives while actively contributing to the Catholic Parish of Guildford's vision. Recognising the uniqueness of each individual, the parish offers flexible and negotiable working hours to accommodate the right person who can contribute wholeheartedly to its vibrant community. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/guildford-youth-worker>

#### **Pastoral Coordinator – Woking with Knaphill Parish**

**Salary £32,000-35,000, Full-time.** The post is full-time but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be considered. Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024. Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024. For more details see: W: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphill-parishes](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphill-parishes)

#### **Buildings Officer: School Buildings & Finance (Part-time: 0.6)**

**Based in Crawley - with travel around Sussex and Surrey, Salary £27,000 (FTE £45,000)**

The successful applicant will ensure that the diocesan education estate is safe and well maintained, prioritise school building projects, plan the maintenance and development of new and existing school stock and be the first point of contact for schools' capital issues. Closing: 16 February 2024. [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf)

**The Deaf Service** supports Deaf and hard of hearing adults and children providing catechism so that they can access the sacraments. The service creates awareness in the Church of the needs of Deaf and hard of hearing people Celebrate Mass in Sign Language once a month; Provides support in the Catholic faith Members of the Deaf Service visit the sick and provide support with the preparation of funerals to help meet communication needs. E: [peterandmaria.booker@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:peterandmaria.booker@abdiocese.org.uk) <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/deaf-community>

#### **Holy Father's Prayer intention for February**

Throughout February, Pope Francis has asked us to remember the terminally ill and their family and friends. Please pray for them to find the consoling peace of our Lord. If you are finding the journey through bereavement or challenging or overwhelming and would like to speak with someone, please ask your Parish Priest for more details or email [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

REGULAR EVENTS		
<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet:</b> All welcome to pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord encouraged St. Faustina to say.	Weekly - <b>Sundays</b> after 9am Mass in the Lady Chapel	Holy Name
<b>TakeTime Meditations:</b> A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to explore your faith with others.	Weekly - <b>Mondays</b> at 8pm on Zoom	Email parish office for Zoom link
<b>Playgroup and Café:</b> A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 9-10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Sew 'N So's:</b> Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and suggestions about anything you are "stuck" on.	Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 11am-1pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Fun Fridays:</b> Pizza, games, crafts and an opportunity to hang out with friends. For Years 3-6, siblings welcome.	Monthly – 3.30pm <b>Next: 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Youth Group:</b> Ages 13-17. Come along for food, games and fun	Every other Friday (see newsletter)	Holy Name
<b>Holding Hands Play Café</b> A new playgroup and café. Toy areas for young ones to explore, alongside tables and seating for parents/ caregivers. Light menu available	Weekly on Mondays and Thursdays 9.15-1.00pm (Commercial venture)	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Drinks and games after Saturday and Sunday evening Masses:</b> come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first Saturday of the month <b>Next: 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Rosary:</b> All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Weekly - <b>Friday</b> 7pm Monthly - <b>1st Saturdays</b> at 9.30am Weekly term time <b>Monday</b> 7.30pm	Holy Name Holy Name OLOL
<b>Bereavement Coffee Morning:</b> Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.	Monthly - 1st Tuesdays at 10am	Holy Name
<b>Grandparents and Elderly Group:</b> Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.	Monthly - 3rd Tuesdays at 10.15am <b>Next: 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Bible study group:</b> Come along for coffee, prayer and discussion: Have you ever thought about what you read in the Bible? Is it true? In what ways is it true? Is it a myth? Who says so? A small group who meet regularly to study and pray the bible together. Informative, useful, and fun	Fortnightly – Wednesdays at 10.30am John Merrigan (07949 913487).	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Parish Soups:</b> A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm <b>Next: 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Taizé Evening:</b> A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.	Monthly - Thursdays at 7pm (Please check newsletter for next)	Holy Name
<b>Esher Catenians:</b> open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network	Monthly – generally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm Email: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel, TD