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## **Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Dear Parishioners**

**What are the Scrutinies?** They are a series of rites/masses for adults (young & old), who wish to be baptised during the Easter Vigil celebrations. The mass settings in our Sunday Missal booklets are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth week of the Lenten season and follow three very important passages of St John's gospel. These Gospels teach the elects about the mystery of sin and fill them with the spirit of Christ: 1) **the Samaritan woman at the well**, tells us that Christ is the Living Water (John 4: 5-42); **the healing of the blind man**, tells us that Christ is the Light of the World (John 9: 9-41); **the raising of Lazarus from the dead**, tells us that Christ is the Resurrection and Life (John 11: 1-45). At the time Jesus was starting his mission and the Pharisees were accusing him of blasphemy. They did not trust his claims when he told the Jewish people that he was the son of God and the Messiah. We must ask ourselves: Why do we believe the Gospels. Is it the gift of Faith? I recommend an Easter series on Netflix: "The Chosen". It covers the period of when Jesus began to preach, Maria Magdalene and Nicodemus, who is intrigued by what Jesus is proclaiming and it ends with the Samaritan woman at the well.

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<b>Mass Times this Week: 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>			
<b>Day/Feast Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Mary Jophiel Thanksgiving Peace in Ukraine Roger Edwards RIP
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 3.20pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Pidu Monteiro RIP Funeral of Carmen Pintus
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> St Joseph	9.30am 10-12 noon	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	George Stathakopoulos RIP
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Adoration and Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.10am 9.30am	Morning prayer at Holy Name Holy Name	Salesian Family
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am 12 noon 8pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Stations of the Cross Holy Name Stations of the Cross OLOL	Private Intention
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Maisey Stevens RIP
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Hugo & Angela Pini RIP Private Intention People of the Parish

### **BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND**

Congratulations to the Davidson family as their son Ludo is welcomed into the Church this weekend at Holy Name

### **HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!**

To our many Irish parishioners, wishing you all a Happy St Patrick's Day on Sunday!

### **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm at OLOL

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 11am at Holy Name

### **RED BOXES – thank you**

Thank you to all red box (Mill Hill APF Fund) loose change donors. The contents have been counted at both churches (thank you to all counters for this mammoth task) – the total amounted to almost £750. Thank you very much for all your savings over the last few years! We feel that as people generally have less cash nowadays, it is best if you would like to donate to do so via APF's online donation button here <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>

### **SOCIAL**

**SUMMER CONCERT – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at OLOL**

**OLYMPIC CHARITY EVENT - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

Save the date: For all Parishioners with an Olympic Gold medallist Sunday 23 June 2024 after 11am Mass - details to follow.

**RACE NIGHT – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Name**

(please save the new date)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAWN MOWING AT HOLY NAME**

We have a small group of parishioners who help on a rota to keep the lawns mowed at Holy Name during summer months. We would really like some more to join us. Our group is called the "Holy Mowers" and it's a commitment to mow the lawns, in pairs. We mow once every couple of weeks so with more people on the rota, it is only required every 6-8 weeks. Further details via the parish office with a link to join the Holy Mowers group on WhatsApp straight away!

### **YOUTH**

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP – 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 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 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March

**CONFIRMATION**

Next Year 8 Confirmation preparation: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Holy Name.

Next Year 10 Confirmation preparation: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm at Holy Name

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND– after Masses 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March**

Please support this sale and buy some cakes after masses next weekend provided by our First Holy Communion children, proceeds will go to Kingston Churches on Action against Homelessness (KCAH)

## SONGBIRDS

Songbirds will be resuming rehearsals from Monday 15 April 8.15-9.30pm and most Mondays until our Summer concert on Saturday 15 June 2024 all at OLOL Church Hall with professional musical director and parishioner Mary McIntyre. New choir Members and musical friends always welcome for further information get in touch with [Karen@Haizelden.com](mailto:Karen@Haizelden.com)

## LENT

**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

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## CAFOD BIG LENT WALK FROM OLOL TO HOLY NAME – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30am start

All are welcome, including dogs, to walk from OLOL to Holy Name – hot cross buns, refreshments, dog biscuits etc on arrival. Or just come for the refreshments at the end. Donations will go to CAFOD supporting their seasonal appeal 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. Transport back to OLOL will be provided if needed.

## 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>

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCHES

Holy Thursday	8pm	Holy Name	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	9.45am	OLOL	Family Stations of the Cross
	10.30am	Holy Name	Family Stations of the Cross
	3pm	OLOL	The Passion
	3pm	Holy Name	The Passion
Holy Saturday	11.00am	Holy Name	Blessing of the Easter Baskets
	8.00pm	OLOL	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9am	Holy Name	Easter Sunday Mass
	11am	OLOL	Easter Sunday Mass

## RETURN TO OUR LADY – SPECIAL NOVENA PRAYER REQUEST FROM CARDINAL BURKE

Starting on March 12th each month and ending on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12th) In a world grappling with great disease, a war rages on in Europe. After years of truce, a new invasion of Palestine threatens to unsettle the Middle East. Theological debates are politicized and lead millions of believers to abandon the faith. How can we help? We can join in prayer. For further details [Return to Our Lady \(cardinalburke.com\)](http://cardinalburke.com)

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 Look out in newsletter for next one	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: 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> April</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: 19<sup>th</sup> March</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 10am  Call: 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: 10<sup>th</sup> April</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