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Newsletter 12th April 2024 **Third Sunday of Easter**

Dear Parishioners

It's the end of the Easter holidays for many of us and our families, with a lot of focus moving to the Summer term, the pressures and opportunities that this period brings, but also - hopefully - some decent weather to help us along the way. I'm certainly looking forward to more time outdoors!

For us, as Catholics, the Easter season itself continues and this Sunday's readings take us through some very beautiful accounts around the time immediately after Jesus' resurrection and the remarkable life of the early Church. Personally, I find this period fascinating to reflect upon; it's also a period to be very grateful for as, without it, we might not have our faith and community that we all treasure today.

Have a good week.

Hugh Rawlinson

Mass Times this Week: 13th – 21st April 2024			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 13 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	John & Eileen Totham RIP
Sunday 14 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Guy Robert RIP Private Intention People of the Parish
Monday 15 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	John Hazelden RIP
Tuesday 16 th	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Carol Marsella RIP
Wednesday 17 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Dympa Banim RIP
Friday 19 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls
Saturday 20 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	John Mahoney RIP
Sunday 21 st	9am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Mornington Seager RIP People of the Parish Christopher Harrington RIP

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to the Prince and Abel families as we welcome their children into the Church on Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes

SOCIAL

AN EVENING OF TAPAS AND TUNES – 15th June 2024, 7pm at Holy Name

Tickets will be on sale very soon

OLYMPIC CHARITY EVENT - Sunday 23rd June 2024 at OLOL

Watch this Space more exciting news to come about our Olympic Charity Event on Sunday 23 June 2024 following the 11am Mass on St Paul’s School Field. Make sure you save the date so you don’t miss all the sporting fun guaranteed for All Ages- young and young at heart

RACE NIGHT – Saturday 29th June at Holy Name

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY & CHARITIES TEAM

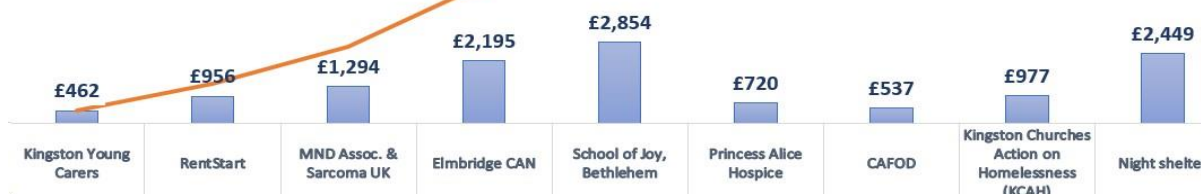
As you know, we have an active Community & Charities Team in the Parish, with currently 12 members representing our two churches. 2023 saw our Community come together to raise funds for local, national and international charities whilst making friends and sharing happy times together. As you’ll see below Funds Raised 2023 summary, thanks to the incredible generosity of the Holy Family Parish, last year a total of £12,444 was raised for charity - a 10% increase from the previous year! At a time of challenged finances for many Parishioners, it goes without saying that the charities benefitting from this generosity - which included Kingston Young Carers, RentStart, Elmbridge CAN and Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH) - were extremely grateful. Please take our leaflet (at the back of the churches or download from the website here <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/app/uploads/2024/04/Outreach-Leaflet-24.pdf>) which includes a list of planned 2024 community and charitable Parish events. You may recall that earlier this year, following a voting process in which all Parishioners were invited to participate, our chosen charities for the year were agreed as KCAH, RentStart, Oasis and Kingston Young Carers, and the events scheduled for this year will primarily benefit those charities. We very much look forward to your active participation in, and support for, these events throughout this year! On behalf of the Parish Community & Charities team, and of course of the benefitting charities, thank you once again for your continued generosity. Alan Verscoyle King



**Parish Charity Events
Funds Raised 2023**

£12,444

Thank You!



GRANDPARENTS MEETING – Tuesday 16th April, 10.15am at OLOL

Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa

QUIZ, BINGO AND CHILLI EVENING - Saturday 20th April 7.30 - 9.30pm at OLOL

Anna, in year 12 who attends Holy Cross School, is going to Kenya in July to volunteer at a school in Nakuru. The proceeds of this fun evening will be shared between the cost of her trip and Molesey Churches Night Shelter. Tickets are £15 per adult and £5 for under 21s. If you would like tickets, please contact elizabeth.neaves@ntlworld.com or text 07534 869522

YOUTH

NEXT YOUTH GROUP – 12th April, Holy Name

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

NEXT FUN FRIDAY – 10th May, OLOL

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

NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES – 27th (OLOL), 28th (Holy Name) April

NEXT BIBLE GROUP – Wednesday 17th April, 10.30am at OLOL

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

STRAWBERRY TEAS

We plan to run this event again at OLOL on **Sunday 9th June** but need volunteers. If you are able to help please contact Julie O'Brien erinsmum08@yahoo.co.uk

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – Education of Future Priests

This is a non- optional collection insofar as the parish gets levied by the Diocese (£7,500) – so your donations offset the not inconsiderable cost to the parish of this necessary expense.

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Standing orders £12,130.77; Offertory Cash £2,369.72; Contactless £885

REGULAR EVENTS		
Divine Mercy Chaplet: All welcome to pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord encouraged St. Faustina to say.	Weekly - Sundays after 9am Mass in the Lady Chapel	Holy Name
TakeTime Meditations: A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to explore your faith with others.	Weekly - Mondays at 8pm on Zoom	Email parish office for Zoom link
Playgroup and Café: A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly - Fridays 9-10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sew 'N So's: Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and suggestions about anything you are "stuck" on.	Weekly - Fridays 11am-1pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Fun Fridays: 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
Youth Group: Ages 13-17. Come along for food, games and fun	Every other Friday (see newsletter	Holy Name
Holding Hands Play Café 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
Drinks and games after Saturday and Sunday evening Masses: come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first weekend of the month	Our Lady of Lourdes
Rosary: All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Weekly - Friday 7pm Monthly - 1st Saturdays at 9.30am Weekly term time Monday 7.30pm	Holy Name Holy Name OLOL
Bereavement Coffee Morning: Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.	Monthly - 1st Tuesdays at 10am	Holy Name
Grandparents and Elderly Group: Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.	Monthly - 3rd Tuesdays at 10.15am	Our Lady of Lourdes
Bible study group: 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
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Taizé Evening: 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
Esher Catenians: open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network	Monthly – generally 2 nd Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm Email: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel, TD