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Newsletter 19th April 2024 **Fourth "Good Shepherd" Sunday of Easter**

Dear Parishioners

Three weeks since Easter Sunday. How time flies! Yet, we are still in the season of Eastertide - the best season of the year – and this week we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. We are sheep, apparently. And, as one of the Lord's sheep, I feel safe, and cosy, and secure in his flock, though I am never really quite sure that He wants me to feel that way. I puzzle, for example, quite a bit, over what I read in scripture. It's not a comfortable feeling, and this week's gospel of St John gives a perfect example. *"There are other sheep I have, that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well."* Who on earth is the Lord talking about? Who is he referring to? I would love to know! Dear Lord, I hope that you will bless me with the answer one day.

God Bless, John Merrigan

Mass Times this Week: 20th – 28th April 2024			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 20 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	John Mahoney RIP
Sunday 21 st	9.00am 11.00am 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
Monday 22 nd	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Samir Abbo RIP
Tuesday 23 rd St George	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Mandy Riddall RIP
Wednesday 24 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 25 th St Mark	9.30am	Holy Name	The deceased members of the Dooley family
Friday 26 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Carmel Pintus RIP
Saturday 27 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Sean Kennedy RIP
Sunday 28 th	9am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Richard Sullivan RIP Bridie Goode RIP People of the Parish

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

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

LIVE STREAMING AT HOLY NAME

Our apologies to all who have been missing the live streaming at Holy Name since Easter!! We are still trying to fix it but in the meantime we hope you are able to follow streaming at Our Lady of Lourdes instead. Please give it a try again on Sunday to see if the latest tweaks have worked.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST - Wintershall

The popular event in Bramley, Surrey, is returning on 18-22 June. For more details calls 01483 892167 www.wintershall.org.uk

UPDATE ON THE FORMING OF THE NEW PARISH OF WEYBRIDGE

On 2nd January 2024 Bishop Richard issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton: The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission. Since then, we have had a few opportunities to find out more about his intention to put in place some new measures to enhance our pastoral work within the parishes and deaneries. There is a special webinar available on the diocesan website which sets the parameter for the structures of the new pastoral centres. I took part in the training for the moderators where some of the potential implications were outlined and discussed. This is an early stage of the process and no conclusions have been made. The next meeting of the local clergy and the diocesan representatives will take place at the end of June, and it will mark "a beginning of a journey" for our deanery rather than a launch of the new structure. I will update you along the way and please keep Canon Kieron O'Brien, Deacon Nick St. John, local clergy, lay leadership teams and all those involved in your prayers. In addition to the conversations over the new Pastoral Plan, the Vision Team suggested creating a new Parish Pastoral Committee which will coordinate the pastoral work in the parish and communicate with the new pastoral centre in the deanery. We are still working on the details and will give you some more information in the coming weeks.

YOUTH

NEXT YOUTH GROUP – 26th April, Holy Name

Youth group for ages 13 to 17 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

HCPT HOSANNA HOUSE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – 31st August – 6th September 2024

Come and join us to experience a new adventure! We are looking forward to yet another week of prayer, rest and fun. We will also visit places of interest such as Bartres and Gavarnie in the Pyrenees. Our group includes persons of all ages and those requiring special assistance. Young helpers will be provided training. For further details please contact Emil (020 8398 9222) or Dr Ian (020 8398 3642) or by e-mail: group537@hcpt.org.uk

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 – Xavierian Missionaries

We will be visited this weekend by Xavierian Missionary Fathers, whose motto is “to make of the world a single family”. The missionaries are committed to developing a mission spirituality in collaboration with other like minded organisations which reflects Christian values based on social justice and the wellbeing of the poor and marginalised; working with and for the people in parish communities; and supporting the formation of the laity.

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