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## **Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

<b>Mass Times this Week: 27<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>			
<b>Day/Feast Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Sean Kennedy RIP
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 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
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Margaret Grady RIP
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Richard Sullivan RIP
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Tony Harryman RIP
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Ss Philip and James</i>	9.30am 11.30	Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name – funeral	Special Intention <i>Funeral of Christopher Harrington</i>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>The English Martyrs</i>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Fr Barry Wymes RIP Paddy Dolan RIP Mary Callaghan RIP

### **CONFIRMATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY**

Congratulations to our Confirmation groups from Holy Family parish (we have 35 year 8s and 20 year 10s). They will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Georges chapel Weybridge tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families on this special day.

### **YEAR 10 CONFIRMATION GOING FORTH MASS – Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

A reminder that the Year 10 Confirmation group's "Going Forth" Mass will be on Saturday during the 6pm Mass

### **COMMUNITY & CHARITIES TEAM MEETING – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10am at OLOL**

All are welcome to come along to this meeting where we discuss causes, action and upcoming events for our community and fundraising

## CHURCH SHOPS – First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts

Please remember our church shops stock lovely cards and presents for upcoming celebrations

### **SOCIAL**

#### **AN EVENING OF TAPAS AND TUNES – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7pm at Holy Name**

The ever popular Tapas and Tunes evening will be held on Saturday 15 June 2024. 7.30pm - at Holy Name Parish Room -live music, delicious food and sparkling company!! All profits to Elmbridge Rentstart.

Tickets £15 per person must be purchased in advance. For tickets please email [karen@haizelden.com](mailto:karen@haizelden.com) or text 07921089755 hurry don't miss out on this Fun filled evening.

Tickets will be on sale very soon

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

Straight after 11am Mass until 2.30pm on St Paul's playing field weather permitting or alternatively the Church Hall!! There will be sporting fun and activities for ALL age groups, a chance to meet and get top tips from an Olympic rowing Gold medalist ( and Parishioner), photo opportunities, good food and thirst quenching drinks. Make sure to attend ALL WELCOME.

Before this event we would like to launch an Art Competition for pieces to be displayed at the event. The theme is 'The Olympics' please drop your entries into either Church Office- with your name/age category either under 7, 7-11, 11-18, 18+ and your contact details for prizes!

Donations from the Holy Family Olympic event will be spilt between Oasis Children's Charity Cobham and St Paul's School.

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

### **100 CLUB WINNERS – APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> prize Lynne Owens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Kerry Jefferies, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Marian Di Lieto

### **LIVE STREAMING AT HOLY NAME**

This now seems to be working! Please accept our apologies for the absence of these since Easter. It was connected to moving broadband supplier. Hopefully it should continue to work this Sunday!

### **YOUTH**

#### **NEXT YOUTH GROUP – 26<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Name**

Youth group for ages 13 to 17 at Holy Name. This evening we are going to HMP Send at 5pm. 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.

#### **NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES – 27<sup>th</sup> (OLOL), 28<sup>th</sup> (Holy Name) April**

### **HCPT HOSANNA HOUSE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – 31<sup>st</sup> August – 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk)

### **STRAWBERRY TEAS**

We plan to run this event again at OLOL on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** but need volunteers. If you are able to help please contact Julie O'Brien [erinmum08@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:erinmum08@yahoo.co.uk)

### **FOOD BANK**

Please remember we have a food collection area in both church porches/narthex which is collected regularly and taken over the East Elmbridge Food Bank

## **OPPOSING DECRIMINALISATION OF ABORTION**

The government's flagship Criminal Justice Bill has two important amendments that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. The Church encourages us to write to our local MP to make our voices heard, asking MPs to oppose the decriminalisation amendment and support the reduction of the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks (as babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving).

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## **NOTE FROM ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK ON ASSISTED SUICIDE**

There is a note below taken from another parish newsletter on this subject which you may like to read.

## **MARCH COLLECTIONS**

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

## **ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S PASTORAL MESSAGE ON THE QUESTION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE**

ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S PASTORAL MESSAGE ON THE QUESTION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Our world is beautiful, but it is also troubled. We are witnessing an increasing number of threats to the dignity of the human person. These range from violence and war to poverty and disease. Our global climate is in crisis. Some of these threats may seem distant to us. They happen to other people in other countries; but the human family is one. We are our brothers and sisters keeper. We share a common home and share one humanity. There are, however, some direct threats we face at home, threats to human life at its earliest beginnings through abortion, and threats to human life at its end through assisted suicide. These threats are not only physical. They are also moral and spiritual. They may involve individuals, but their impact is much more extensive and challenges our very understanding of the value and dignity of human life. Threats to human life, at whatever stage of existence, undermine our claim to uphold equality in a most fundamental way. For our common good and wellbeing, the family must be protected as the fundamental unit of society. Despite its imperfections, the family is where we learn to love and respect life. The family is where we care for one another and value the dignity of every person. It is within the family that we are taught the duty to care for the poor and the sick, and to protect the vulnerable. As Christians, the family teaches us to treat every human life as a gift from God, not a commodity we manipulate and dominate. Every human life is to be welcome. Every human life is to be cherished. In different ways all members of the human family face suffering. St John Paul II reminded us of our shared responsibility in response: to 'cure if possible,' but 'always to care.' Incurable does not mean un-care able. Nor does it signify meaningless. To be 'present with' people who are sick and suffering is a hallmark of our humanity. To accompany people, to listen to them and make them feel loved to the natural end of their lives, is the authentically human instinct that overcomes loneliness and isolation. This is how the fear of suffering and death can be avoided. The Catholic Church believes and teaches that every life is valuable, regardless of one's physical or mental state or ability. We are called to care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death. We cannot approve of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Rather, we need to support individuals, families, and those who work in healthcare, so that the fundamental value of life is not eroded. The United Kingdom is currently experiencing a significant campaign by advocates of assisted suicide. There has been increased media coverage and pressure on Members of Parliament to change legislation. This would involve a fundamental conviction that life is not worth living and a suffering person is better off dead. This raises many serious issues: the pressure which will fall on people with debilitating and life-shortening illnesses who are made to feel a burden to their family or society; the slippery slope which moves from there being an option to end one's life to this becoming a duty; the impact on the ethos of medical and healthcare workers when those we trust to care for us also become those who might end our life; and the challenges of obtaining consent in the context of suffering. Elevating individual choice above any concern for its wider consequences can deform a culture of life into a culture of death. Experience shows, not least with abortion legislation, that whatever safeguards are initially assured, restrictions are trampled. Legislation in Oregon, USA, has been used to permit assisted suicide for conditions including anorexia, diabetes, hernias, and arthritis. In the Netherlands and Belgium, euthanasia eligibility has expanded to include infants and children of any age. Here in the United Kingdom, assisted suicide and euthanasia are currently illegal. There are, however, ongoing attempts to introduce legislation to legalise such practices. As Christians we hold truths

that are not limited to religious believers. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us, and it is not ours to dispose of. If you are able, please contact your MP to express your opposition to assisted suicide and your desire for the government to commit to improving palliative care provision across the UK; and also your opposition to abortion. Dear brothers and sisters, you and me, every person, is created in the image and likeness of God, and is therefore deserving of respect and protection. As baptised followers of the Lord Jesus we must do all within our power to support the most vulnerable in our society, especially those who have no voice to speak for themselves. May God bless you always, and guide and strengthen you in your efforts to uphold, respect, and protect every human life from conception until natural death. With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers Yours devotedly in Christ + John Wilson Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark (For the full text of the archbishop's message go to [www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/pastoralmessage](http://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/pastoralmessage))

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 weekend of the month	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	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	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