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Newsletter 17th May 2024

Pentecost

Dear Parishioners

Pentecost, for Catholics, marks the moment when the disciples, filled with divine inspiration, spoke in tongues and spread the message of Jesus with newfound fervour. They spread a message of unity, solidarity and understanding and I imagine were as countercultural then as they would be in our world today! So having the super-power of the Holy Spirit was much needed then as it is now. I will certainly be praying for this gift and the courage to speak up (whatever the context) for compassion, empathy and cooperation. I hope you will join me.

Marie-Anne Chidiac on behalf of the Pastoral Committee

Mass Times this Week: 18th – 26th May 2024			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 18 th	10am, 12pm 5.30pm 6pm	First Holy Communion at OLOL Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th <i>Pentecost</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Lystra Hitchings RIP Hannah Seabrook Ints CJ Kim RIP
Monday 20 th <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Frarca Izquierda RIP
Tuesday 21 st <i>St Christopher Magellanes</i>	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Douglas Austin RIP
Wednesday 22 nd	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Name	Yoli Menechelli RIP
Friday 24 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Confirmandi group
Saturday 25 th <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Alison Leonard Talbot RIP
Sunday 26 th	9am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Yates family Magdalena Klaus RIP People of the Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We had a very happy First Holy Communion service at Holy Name last weekend and now look forward to the two services at Our Lady of Lourdes tomorrow. The 72 children have been preparing for many weeks now. Congratulations to all the children and their families and thank you to the catechists who have devoted their time to preparing them.

OPEN AIR MASS – 21st July, 10.30am

We will have a change of Mass times over the 21st July weekend. There will be one Mass at each Church: Saturday 20th 6pm at Holy Name and Sunday 21st July 10.30am Open Air Mass on St Pauls school field

READERS MEETING – Saturday 8th June, 11am at OLOL

There will be a meeting for readers in both churches. An opportunity for Fr Sebastian to run through some key points and we have an expert on hand to give some reading tips, practice etc. This is an introduction for new readers and a refresher for existing readers.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING – Tuesday 21st May, 7.30pm at Holy Name

There will be a training session/refresher for Eucharistic Ministers on this evening. Following this there will be a commissioning on the morning Masses on 2nd June Corpus Christi Sunday.

SOCIAL

STRAWBERRY TEAS – Sunday 9th June 3-5pm at OLOL

The strawberry teas are in the diary. If you can help by: Making/buying cakes/scones with jam & cream, providing Strawberries & cream, making a tray of sandwiches, providing any help on the day: setting up, serving or clearing up, providing lifts please contact Julie O'Brien erinsmum08@yahoo.co.uk

AN EVENING OF TAPAS AND TUNES – 15th 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 - please email karen@haizelden.com or text 07921089755 hurry don't miss out on this Fun filled evening.

OLYMPIC CHARITY EVENT - Sunday 23rd 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 medallist (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 split between Oasis Children's Charity Cobham and St Paul's School.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY GROUP – Wednesday 22nd May, 10.15am 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

YOUTH

NEXT YOUTH GROUP – 24th May at Holy Name

Youth group for ages 13 to 17 at Holy Name. All are welcome

NEXT FUN FRIDAY – 7th June, 3.30pm at OLOL

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES AND CELEBRATIONS

Holy Name – during and after the 9am Mass this coming Sunday 19th

Our Lady of Lourdes – Wednesday 22nd May 4.50pm

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is traditionally dedicated to honouring Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. During this month, we pay homage to our Blessed Mother raising our devotions in fervent prayer as we seek Her intercession. Let us honour Mary by offering Her a crown of spiritual roses: praying the Holy Rosary as she had taught the three children at Fatima to do so daily. Join us to pray the Rosary - weekly on Fridays 7pm, monthly on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am (Holy Name) and weekly on a Monday at 7.30pm (term time) at OLOL. Bishop Barren has an annual rosary pledge for Our Lady, praying for those to return to the faith. You log your pledge here <https://www.wordonfire.org/pray-rosary/> and it appears on the map. Last year 50,000 pledged their rosary – please spread the word to friends and family in our parish.

STELLA MARIS WEBINAR

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

DIOCESAN RUN EVENTS

Inclusion

If there is someone in our Parish who is attending formation for any of the sacraments, who has any challenges or a disability, they are welcome to contact Margaret (details below) so she can explore with them how their needs are met at home, school or at work and then make recommendations for how the formation could be adapted to meet their needs. Email Margaret Fraher, the Inclusion Adviser for the Diocese E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk

Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 5 July 7pm Arundel Cathedral

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please book here [Mass for Engaged Couples \(05-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event please contact Katherine Bergin, marriage & Family Life Advisor E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk **Poster attached and social tile for use in your parish.**

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 15 June 10-4pm. Cost £30 - Please note that the venue has changed to The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley

Being aware of the challenges and signs of the struggle many people have with their mental health is becoming more and more important in our modern world. We are pleased to announce that in association with Mental Health England we are running a one day course in mental health awareness. The course has been heavily subsidised by the Diocese. For registration please follow the link via the QR code or through the attached booking link [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk **Please see the attached new poster and new social tile for use in your parish.**

APRIL OFFERINGS

Standing orders £12,261.00; Offertory cash £2,248.57; Offertory contactless £1,102.00; Xaviarian Mission £1,309.00; Holy Places £354.45; Education of future priests £705.37;

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
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 Weekly Wednesday 9.30am	Holy Name Holy Name OLOL 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