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Newsletter 31st May 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Dear Parishioners

The celebration of Corpus Christi, traditionally falling the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, is a feast day with sole purpose of celebrating only the Holy Eucharist. For over 1000 years, since Saint Juliana of Liege began the cause for the feast day, communities celebrate the Eucharist through joyful /candlelit processions, Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, and flower wreaths on doors. I found this prayer re the Holy Eucharist that really resonated with me; *"In your great love for me you continue to give yourself, body, blood and soul and divinity in this sacrament of your love. As I pray here in your Eucharistic presence, rekindle in me the fire of your gospel. Nourish me with your love and compassion, so that I may be your living presence to all I meet. Amen"* (Anon). However you and your loved ones choose to celebrate this weekend let it start and/or end with the blessed Eucharist. I wish you all a joyous Corpus Christi.

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Mass Times this Week: 1st – 9th June 2024			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 1 st <i>St Justin</i>	10am, 12pm 5.30pm 6pm	First Holy Communion at OLOL Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Alwyn De Souza RIP
Sunday 2 nd <i>Corpus Christi</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Veronica Necchi RIP People of the Parish Philomena McQuillan RIP
Monday 3 rd <i>St Charles Lwanga</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Ryszard (for good health)
Tuesday 4 th	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Gerard Beattie RIP
Wednesday 5 th <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 6 th	9.30am 12.30	Holy Name Holy Name – Funeral of Frank O'Malley	The McCaffrey family and friends
Friday 7 th <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls
Saturday 8 th <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	William Wells RIP
Sunday 9 th	9am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Margaret Ramsaran RIP Anna Spencer Ints People of the Parish

PASTORAL PLAN – Message from Fr Sebastian

Many of you wonder about the future of the Parish of the Holy Family. On the weekend of 8th/9th June there will be a presentation from the Chairman of the newly-formed Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) – Chris Bourne – during every mass, which will review where we are now and explain our thoughts about our future within the Bishop's Pastoral Plan.

CHANGE OF DATE - OPEN AIR MASS – now 23rd June, 10.30am, St Paul's School playing field

The originally planned open air mass in July has now been changed to SUNDAY 23rd JUNE. We will have a change of Mass times over that weekend. Saturday 22nd June 6pm will be at Holy Name and Sunday 23rd will be on the St Pauls school field at 10.30am. (No 6pm Sunday Mass) This will be followed by our Olympic event.

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.

SPECIAL ROSARY AND PROCESSION THIS EVENING (Friday) at Holy Name

Please share with everyone you know that this Friday there will be a special Rosary and Procession in honour and celebration of Our Blessed Mother's feast day of the Visitation (31st May) 🙏🌹 We meet at 7pm in the Lady Chapel for hymn and opening prayer. Followed by procession of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima whilst praying the Rosary leading out of the Church to Arbrook Lane and Green returning to the Church garden and concluding in the Lady Chapel for hymn and closing prayer. We hope the weather will be pleasant and we pray that parishioners will come and support this first Marian procession at Holy Name 🙏💙🙏 Please bring roses for Our Lady and your fervent hearts of prayer, bring candle lanterns .. let us show our love to our Blessed Mother and our Catholic witness to the local community! 🙏🌹🙏💙 Pray the Holy Rosary daily!

WEDDING THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to Juyeon Chae and Cyrus Cheuk Yin Cheng who will be married at Holy Name tomorrow (Saturday)

FUNERAL OF TONY MCCAFFREY

This will take place on 21st June, 2pm at St Michael's Church in Ashtead.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – Sunday 2nd June

The re-commissioning of present Ministers and commissioning of new Ministers will be held during the morning Masses on Corpus Christi Sunday, 2nd June; 9am at Holy Name and 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes. This will take place immediately after the Homily. We are grateful for all those who have volunteered to support our Parish Priest, Fr. Sebastian Paul in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Holy Mass.

BEREAVEMENT COFFEE – Tuesday 4th June, 10am at Holy Name

Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.

100 CLUB WINNERS

1st prize Laurie Sheridan, 2nd prize Stephen Ennis, 3rd prize Laurie Sheridan!

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – Wednesday 5th June, 10.15 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

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 the open air 10.30am 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. Please bring a picnic. 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.

YOUTH

NEXT YOUTH GROUP – 6th June at Holy Name

The youth group will be going to see the musical Jesus Christ Superstar in Woking. Please contact Fr Sebastian for further details

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.

COLLECTIONS AT CHURCH – ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

As you know we are passing the offertory basket around during Mass, many do not contribute because they donate by standing order – which is our preferred form of giving. We cannot claim gift aid on cash given, however, for those who prefer to give cash and would like to gift aid, we have envelopes available. These can also be used for second collections. Please contact Leonie accounts@holyfamilylembridge.church if you would like a set of envelopes. A form and gift aid form can be found on our website here

<https://holyfamilylembridge.church/standing-orders/>

GIFT AID

Tax Statements for all donors were emailed out on Thursday 23rd May, please check your junk email folder as they have a habit of going there. The email will come from giftaidnotifications@abdiocese.org.uk Those who have not given us an email address will have a letter posted out so you should receive them next week before 31st May. If you haven't received your email or wish to add an email address please email Leonie accounts@holyfamilylembridge.church

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