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Newsletter 3rd May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners

In this week's gospel reading (John 15: 9-17), Jesus delivers one of his most famous commandments: 'Love one another, as I have loved you'. That's the sort of line that would likely get Him millions of 'Likes' on his social media account today! So, it's a clear instruction to those who claim to follow Him - and, as one of those people, that includes me. But do I really love others in the selfless and sacrificial way Jesus loved (and loves) me? Probably not - certainly not often enough. So, maybe Jesus was right to make this a commandment: a clear reminder of what's expected of us all in terms of our relationships with others. And personally I think that creating the space in our busy daily lives to be able to focus on the needs of others - often no more than a need for some of our time - is a step toward our being able to show those around us that we really do love them and are there for them. The good news is that Jesus is ready to help us with those outreach efforts - when we do get around to creating that space and the focus on others, He'll be there to guide us. I hope that, despite the truly challenging times the world and many of us personally find ourselves to be in, you're able to draw comfort from that knowledge.

God bless – Alan Verschoyle-King

Mass Times this Week: 4th- 12th May 2024			
<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 4 th <i>The English Martyrs</i>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th	9.00am 11.00am 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
Monday 6 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday 7 th	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Fr Sebastian's private intentions
Wednesday 8 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 9 th <i>Ascension to the Lord</i>	9.30am 10.30am	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes	Richard Sullivan RIP St Paul's School Mass
Friday 10 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Brian Cotter RIP
Saturday 11 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Private Intention
Sunday 12 th	9am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Confirmandi and families George Assal RIP People of the Parish

CONFIRMATION SERVICE LAST SUNDAY

We had a beautiful ceremony for our Confirmation groups (36 year 8s and 37 year 10s!) last Sunday at St George's College chapel in Weybridge. The young people carried themselves with dignity and faith and made their families and catechists very proud. Congratulations to them all.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to the McLatchie and Stephens families as we welcome their children Dylan and Elizabeth into the Church at OLOL on Sunday

BEREAVEMENT COFFEE MORNING – Tuesday 7th May, 10am at Holy Name

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

CHURCH SHOPS – First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts

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

COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE BRENDAN'S FINISHING LINE!

You will remember one of our parishioners and member of our Community & Charities team, embarked last year on a 4,000 mile walk around the England and Wales coastline to raise money for the Cardinal Hume Centre, homeless charity. He is on his last leg (well not literally!) of the mammoth walk and aims to walk into London on Monday 13th May. So we would like to invite any of you who wish to celebrate with/congratulate him to drinks and nibbles on the evening of Tuesday 14th May in the Holy Name parish rooms.

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

SOCIAL

SOUP LUNCH – Wednesday 8th May, 12 noon at OLOL

A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!

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. For tickets please email 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 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 – 10th May

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 – 5th May after 9am Mass - Holy Name group only

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

DITTONS FAIR

The Dittons Fair takes place next Sunday, 12th May, on Giggs Hill Green from 1pm. The Dittons Churches will again have a Prayer Tent and will manage the Plant Crêche. Helpers are needed to give an hour or so to assist at the **Plant Crêche**. It is an enjoyable task! Volunteers, please give your names and available times to Stella Eusebio (020 8398 7648) stellaeusebio@hotmail.com

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
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