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Newsletter 5th July 2024

Ss Peter and Paul

Dear Parishioners

In this week's gospel reading (Mark 6:1-6), Jesus tells His disciples that "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house". In other words, I suppose, anyone who challenges the norms and demands change is more of a threat to those nearest to them than to those who have no relationship with them at all. I'm writing this before voting takes place in the UK General Election, whereas you'll be reading it when the voting results are already known, but it does seem to me that those politicians who've gone in to the Election demanding real change are the ones who've created the most 'noise' around themselves. They're the ones who've got us saying either "I completely agree with that" or "They're as mad as a box of frogs". Either way, those politicians have got themselves noticed and will be remembered! And I guess that's what Jesus did too. He challenged, He demanded change, and He got himself both loved and despised as a result of this - with those despising Him being the ones closest to Him who felt the most threatened by Him. Perhaps that was inevitable, but given that this ultimately led to His crucifixion, surely the way in which we can all best honour Jesus and His willingness to demand change is to live that change in our own daily lives, to the benefit of those people in our own countries, relationships and houses. One for us all to aim for!

God bless – Alan Verschoyle King

Mass Times this Week: 6th – 14th July 2024			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 6 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Maeve Allen RIP Marie Glass RIP Robert Petersen RIP
Monday 8 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 9 th	9.30am 10-11am 11.30am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name Holy Name - funeral	Nora Smith Ints Funeral of Leslie Franz
Wednesday 10 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 11 th St Benedict	9.30am	Holy Name	Elizabeth Keogan Ints
Friday 12 th	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes – funeral	Funeral of Margaret Donovan

Saturday 13 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Private Intention
Sunday 14 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	CJ Kim RIP Catherine Lewis RIP People of the Parish

ROWING COMPETITION RESULTS

Thank you everyone who joined in the Rowing Challenge at the Open Air Mass. There was great enthusiasm and many of the youngsters showed real potential to be great rowers in the future. Winner of categories: **Youngsters 100 metres:** Girls: Julianne 23.5; Boys: Fintan 25.2 **Adults 250 metres:** Women: Amanda 1.04 Men: Richard 0.46 **Special Mentions:** Future potential best technique: Lucia. Youngsters who spontaneously decided to undertake endurance challenges: William rowed 2000 metres (Olympic distance!): 17.54. Maksy rowed 1000 metres (Aged 7yrs!): 7.30. And Ellie who rowed for more than half an hour - in fact, until she dropped!!

The whole event raised almost £600 which will be divided between Oasis charity and St Paul's School. Thank you again to the organisers and participants

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY

We welcome Jenson Boutle, Dylan & Eve Atkinson, Theodora Absalom, Fredrik & Astrid Mulryan who will all be baptised into the Church this weekend at Our Lady of Lourdes

PARISH SOUPS – Wednesday 10th July, 12 noon at OLOL

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

VOLUNTEERS GARDEN DRINKS – Thursday 15th August 7pm at Holy Name

All volunteers of the parish are invited to join Fr Sebastian for drinks and nibbles after the Assumption Mass on 15th August at Holy Name

NEW LECTIONARIES FOR BOTH CHURCHES

The Catholic Church in England is introducing a new translation of the Bible into the liturgy, to reflect the original more adequately. The change will take place in Advent this year and we are planning to buy new lectionaries with the updated translation as soon as possible to get a substantial discount. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new books, please contact either parish office. It will be very much appreciated and we will put the names of the donors into the title page. Thank you!

FOODBANK

East Elmbridge Foodbank is stocking up ahead of a busy period during the school summer holidays. They need in particular: cleaning spray, condiments, fruit juices, long life milk, tinned fruit, squash, vegetarian meal tins

YOUTH GROUP – 5th July at Holy Name

Ages 13-17. Come along for food, games and fun. Please contact Fr Sebastian for further details

SUMMER CONCERTS

EARTHLY VOICES "Musical Voyage" SUMMER CONCERT – Sunday 14th July 2.30pm at Holy Name

Followed by afternoon tea. For tickets £15 please email boxoffice@earthlyvoices.org.uk

A MUSICAL EVENING Michael Bevan piano recital – Saturday 20th July, 7.30pm St Raphaels Surbiton

Music including Rachmaninoff, Grieg, Beethoven

JUNE OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £11,725.84; Offertory Cash £1,840.20; Offertory contactless £1,025; Soups £55.20; Tapas & Tunes £950; Rowing event £589.07

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, sibilings 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