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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times this Week: Sat 22nd February to Sun 2nd March

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 22 nd <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Denise Scott, RIP
Sunday 23 rd <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	George Stathacopoulos, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 24 th	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes – funeral	Funeral of Denise Scott
Tuesday 25 th	9.30am 10am-12pm	Holy Name <i>Adoration & Rosary at Holy Name</i>	Roy & Muriel Rogers, RIP
Wednesday 26 th	9.30-10.00	<i>Adoration & Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Marie Lee, RIP
Friday 28 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday 1 st March <i>St. David</i>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Mr. & Mrs. Aines, RIP
Sunday 2 nd March <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Private Intentions People of the Parish Douglas Anderson, RIP

VISIT OF Fr MAMDOUG, SCHOOL OF JOY, BEIT SAHOUR, WEST BANK PALESTINE - 1st- 2nd March

On the weekend of 28 Feb to 3rd March we are privileged to host a visit from Fr Mamdouh. The visit is being organised by the Friends of the Holy Land. While in the U.K. Fr Mamdouh will be also speaking at an ecumenical service at Worcester Cathedral and at St Chad's Catholic Cathedral in Birmingham.

Some of our parishioners have visited the little school and craft centre which Father Mamdouh runs just outside Bethlehem. We have seen the vital importance to the children and local community of his work there. He will be celebrating Mass with Fr Sebastian at both our churches during his visit and we hope you will give him a very warm welcome. We are delighted that St Paul's Primary School will be welcoming Father Mamdouh on Monday 3 March in the morning just before his return. Please pray for the success of Fr Mamdouh's visit, and for his safe travel via Amman in Jordan, in such turbulent times.

If you missed the wonderful BBC2 documentary this week following the lives of four such brave children in Gaza do try and watch on the iplayer at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00285w7/gaza-how-to-survive-a-warzone>

A THANK YOU

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £1087.69 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.'

PARISH AGM: DATE FOR THE DIARY: Tuesday 1st April at OLOL

5-WEEK ALPHA PARENTING COURSE – starting 10th March, St Erconwalds's Church, Walton

For parents with children aged 2-10 years old learning practical tips for to help build and strengthen family relationships. For more details and to book [The Parenting Children Course \(Alpha\) \(10-Mar-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

SOCIAL

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES – 4th March after the 9.30am Mass at Holy Name

All are welcome to join for pancakes on this day.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – Thursday 6th March 7.30pm at Holy Name

Time For You: Are you always busy? Is life so full that you hardly have time to think about yourself and what you need? Come along to an interactive talk and chat about how you could do things differently. Bring a friend or family member - all women welcome. It will be a chance to meet others and learn something at the same time.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCH – Monday 17th March at Holy Name (preceded by 11.30am Mass)

Soup, puddings and merriments! £10 (or donation) per person. Please inform the Holy Name Parish office esher@abdiocese.org.uk if you wish to come. Profits will go to the charity "Kingston Young Carers"

DATE FOR THE DIARY – OPEN AIR MASS – Sunday 29th June

YOUTH

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 28th February 7-9pm Holy Name

For all those in school years 7-13 (ages 13 +) Our Youth group is really fun and relaxed and takes place every other Friday at the Holy Name Church, Esher in the Parish Rooms. It's a great opportunity to learn more about your faith, to enjoy friendship, share pizza, play games and spend some time in prayer.

NEXT FUN FRIDAY - March 7th 3.30pm at OLOL

A youth club for all primary school aged children and their families. 3:30 to 5pm in the church hall at OLOL. Games, crafts, snacks, and prizes. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends after school and enjoy seasonal themed activities.

YOUNG VINCENTIANS YOUTH CLUB - Year 7

Our new youth group is kicking off their community outreach program under the guidance of our local St Vincent de Paul team. We will be working with Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness and preparing a plan to support their mission of helping people facing housing crisis. All youth in Year 7 welcome! Please get in touch to join our Young Vincentians or to offer any support with their preparation. youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk Our planning meeting is Friday, March the 14th from 6 - 8pm at OLOL.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025

Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website. Also there is a short video available about the pilgrimage here <https://vimeo.com/1053828399> More detail on the Pilgrimage here <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

REGULAR EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)

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	OLOL
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 Ring Jo W on 020 8224 3705	OLOL
Fun Fridays: A youth club for all primary school aged children and their families. It takes place the first Friday of every month (term time) from 3:30 to 5pm in the church hall at OLOL. Games, crafts, snacks, and prizes. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends after school and enjoy seasonal themed activities.	Monthly – 3.30pm Look out in newsletter for next one	OLOL
Parish Youth Group: For all those in school years 7-13 (ages 13 +) Our Youth group is really fun and relaxed and takes place every other Friday at the Holy Name Church, Esher in the Parish Rooms. It's a great opportunity to learn more about your faith, to enjoy friendship, share pizza, play games and spend some time in prayer. For more information contact the parish office	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	OLOL
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 First Monday of the month 7.30pm (weekly during May & October) 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	OLOL
Bible reading 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 read and pray the bible together. Informative, useful, and fun	Fortnightly – Wednesdays at 10am Call: John Merrigan (07949 913487).	OLOL
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	OLOL
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 See newsletter for dates	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