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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

We are about to begin the season of Lent. It is a time of preparation for Easter, when we may undertake some spiritual exercises, renew our religious practices or just slow down in order to remember who and what should be a priority in our lives. There will be a number of opportunities in our parish to embark on that Lenten journey, either with a group of fellow parishioners or individually - coming to Adoration and going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us not miss the blessings associated with this time. We wish we could focus only on spiritual matters, but the rising cost of living and the international political situation bring both distraction and worry. We would like to begin this time with a fervent prayer for peace in Ukraine and Gaza. This week we have the opportunity to contribute to the work for peace with our prayers and some action. Let us offer hospitality to Fr MAMDOUG from Palestine who is visiting our parish this weekend. May he go back to his people reassured that the Holy Family Parish in Esher and Thames Ditton is going to support and keep him and his fellow believers in their prayers. Let us entrust him and the people affected by the military conflicts around the world to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. 'We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.' 'O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our souls.'

Fr Sebastian

Disclaimer: Last week there was a link to a BBC documentary about the situation in Gaza. It was added without the knowledge of Fr Sebastian and it does not represent his views

Mass Times this Week: Sat 1st March to Sun 9th March

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 1 st <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 <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	M. Green, Private Intentions People of the Parish Douglas Anderson, RIP
Monday 3 rd	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 4 th <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	9.30am 10am-12pm	Holy Name <i>Adoration & Rosary at Holy Name</i>	Richard Sullivan, RIP

Wednesday 5 th ASH WEDNESDAY	9.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes – School Mass Holy Name	
Thursday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Name	John Gibbons, RIP
Friday 7 th	9.30am 11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name	Margaret Godwin RIP Monica Christian – Funeral Mass
Saturday 8 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 9 th First Sunday of Lent	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Paul Williams, RIP Philip Manser, RIP People of the Parish

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is **THURSDAY 7pm at OUR LADY OF LOURDES** with an opportunity to light a candle and say a prayer for your deceased loved one. This is followed by the chance to join our meeting afterwards, considering *Are there times when it doesn't seem real? What is that like and how do you deal with it? The stages of grief.* All are very welcome to attend for tea and a chat.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

OLOL: 9.00am, 10.30am (year 4 St Pauls),

Holy Name: 7.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LED BY VOLUNTEERS

OLOL: Every Friday evening during Lent at 8pm (starting 7th March)

Holy Name: Fridays 12 noon during Lent followed by frugal soup lunch (except on 7th March)

SOCIAL

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

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"

DIARY DATES

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

OPEN AIR MASS – Sunday 29th June 10am on St Paul's School playing fields

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

Join us for this month's Fun Friday, March 7th as we celebrate all things Spring. This group we will be collecting items for Oasis Charity Easter baskets. Oasis provides vital support to vulnerable families and children in Elmbridge and the surrounding areas. Please bring along items that we can put in Easter baskets for children which we will deliver over the Easter holidays. We'll be making personal cards and crafts during Fun Friday. Thank you for your support. www.oasischarity.co.uk This club is for all primary school aged children and their families.

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.etd@abdiocese.org.uk Our planning meeting is Friday, March the 14th from 6 - 8pm at OLOL.

100 CLUB WINNERS – FEBRUARY

1st Stephen Raven, 2nd Lou Ferrara, 3rd Christopher Harrison

SAD NEWS

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Dave Meyer. He died peacefully on 23rd February. Gill and Dave were very much involved in the life of OLOL parish for many years before their move to Bexhill-on-Sea.

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](#)

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