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## Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Dear Parishioners**

A fellow parishioner recently said to me , ‘The World has gone mad ‘. I tend to agree but what does this mean? For me it is the lack of certainty these days in terms not only about global politics but also in our own society. No government supports knife crime, no government wants child poverty or waiting time of 9 hrs in A&E. We all get frustrated that there is only a bus replacement service most weekends from Surbiton to Waterloo. But we are lucky that in many things we have choice: when to get up in the morning; what we eat and drink; the choice of church we attend . And you are reading this because you choose to and because you are a member of a community of Catholics in Thames Ditton and Esher. And our community has given you the opportunity to communicate your ideas and opinions on what sort of Parish you would like in the future. This is why you should attend the Pillars Meeting tomorrow (Saturday) morning. After the first meeting last year the PPC took account of what you wanted: the next is what we do about it. Please come.

**Chris Bourne, Chair of PPC**

#### Mass Times this Week: Sat 8<sup>th</sup> to Sun 16<sup>th</sup> February

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Christopher Harrington, RIP Sr. Faith Ede Intentions People of the Parish
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Scholastica</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10am-12pm	Holy Name Adoration & Rosary at Holy Name	Vera McMenamin, RIP
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Agatha</i>	9.30-10.00	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes - Funeral	Armando de Palmer, RIP Funeral of Catherine Logan
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Cyril &amp; St. Methodius</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Intentions of the HCPT Lourdes Group
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	David & Paul Bysouth, RIP Ron & Carmel Pintus RIP Private Intention

### **PILLARS MEETING - 8<sup>th</sup> February, 10am at Holy Name**

To continue building ideas for our mission going forward as a shared parish of Esher & Thames Ditton. The pillars are areas we would like to build ideas and teams in: Liturgy, Pastoral, Growing the Parish and Families. We are holding a second Pillar's Meeting at Holy Name which will build on the ideas discussed at the first meeting before Christmas, when 50 people met and generated many great ideas. At this meeting we want to finalise what we are going to do. If you could not attend last time, you will be most welcome this time around

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES - THANK YOU MASS FOR SISTER FAITH - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 11am at OLOL**

We welcome Sister Faith back at the OLOL morning mass to celebrate her 20+ years of devoted service to our Parish and the anniversary of her entry into religious life. There will be a celebration in the Gillespie Hall, all are welcome. There is a collection for Sr Faith and we are compiling a book with your messages. In both churches there are white cards (5 x 7 inch) for you to use. Please return to the office or the collection baskets in the Narthex. Alternatively email your message in to [accounts.etd@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:accounts.etd@abdiocese.org.uk), no later than Thursday, 6 February. If you would like to donate towards a present for Sr Faith, you can do so by bank transfer (RCD Arundel & Brighton Our Lady of Lourdes A/C 41077309 Sort 40-05-20, **REF: SR FAITH**) or on the contactless machines or by cash into either offices. Please do this by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## **SOCIAL**

### **MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH AT OLOL – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon**

A delicious selection of homemade soups with bread and cheese

### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES – 4<sup>th</sup> March after the 9.30am Mass at Holy Name**

All are welcome to join for pancakes on this day.

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Holy Name**

Save the Date. More details to follow

### **ST PATRICK'S LUNCH – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Name**

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

### **THE HCTP LOURDES GROUP ANNUAL REUNION DINNER - Saturday 15th February 2025 at 7.15pm, OLOL**

The group also plans this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage between 5th and 12th September. This will be an opportunity to meet with others and learn more about our life changing pilgrimages. Tickets are available at £30 per head. All our welcome. For further details contact Emil (0208 398 9222) or Ian (020 8398 2842), Diana (0208 398 7367), Stella (020 8398 7648) and Cathie (020 8398 6517) *or email: [group537@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk)*

## **RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FUND**

### **JANUARY 100 CLUB WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Laurie Sheridan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Nina McCaffrey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Stephen Raven

### **HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to Yvonne Wallis from OLOL who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday later this month!

### **TALK BY BRYONY GORDON**

The well-known newspaper columnist and author, will be speaking at St Mary's Church, Long Ditton, on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. This celebrates the paperback launch of her new book "Mad Woman" and reflects her drive for the acceptance of the importance of good mental health. Tickets £10 (includes £2 off copy of book) from [stmaryslongditton.org.uk](http://stmaryslongditton.org.uk), or Regency Bookshop, Surbiton, or at the door if available.

## **YOUTH**

### **NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 - February 7<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm at OLOL**

Back by popular demand, Fun Friday will celebrate Chinese New Year Friday, February 7 with tea tasting, games and Chinese calligraphy. Please join us as we celebrate the Year of the Snake. All ages welcome!

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 11am at OLOL**

### **NEW STUDY HUB AT OLOL ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

Are you in Year 11+ and working towards exams? The renovated cafe at OLOL will be open with volunteers on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm. It offers a quiet, warm distraction-free space for focused study to support that well-being feeling for the week ahead.

## **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

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home> Also there is a short video available about the pilgrimage here <https://vimeo.com/1053828399>

## **VOLUNTEERS FOR OLOL COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

We're looking for extra people to join our team of friendly volunteers to help run the Community Cafe at OLOL and serve tea and coffee on **Sunday mornings after 11am mass and on Mondays and Fridays from 8.30-10.30am**. No experience necessary, training will be provided. All are welcome regardless of which church you attend. You might like to join on your own, as a couple or as a parent and child combo. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Marie Miller ([hoskins\\_marie@hotmail.com](mailto:hoskins_marie@hotmail.com))

## **OLOL RENOVATION PROJECT SHORT VIDEO**

Please see here the vision of how OLOL Gillespie and Stephenson Rooms will look following the renovation work <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIVXOC034Ro>

## **EMBER CHORAL CONCERT at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Wednesday 26th February at 7.30pm.**

SONGS OF THE FLEET (Charles Stanford) and IN WINDSOR FOREST (Vaughan Williams). Tickets £13 (including programme and drink), £6 for under 16s and students, on the door or [TICKETS@EMBERCHORAL.ORG.UK](mailto:TICKETS@EMBERCHORAL.ORG.UK)

## **FILM NIGHT IN AID OF "Life" - St Raphael's church Hall, Kingston on Sat 8th February at 7pm**

Ageless entertainment for all ages includes interval with refreshments and raffle. Classic clips and rare reels including Laurel and Hardy's "Laughing Gravy" (1930), Elvis Presley's musical "Roustabout" (1964), Journey of a lifetime (1961), Mickey's Grand Opera (1936), Biblical sites in the Middle East, "The Elephant will never Forget" (1953) and surprises. Doors open 6.30pm for refreshments, interval with raffle. Donations and raffle for the charity "Life". All welcome.

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

<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet:</b> All welcome to pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord encouraged St. Faustina to say.	Weekly - <b>Sundays</b> after 9am Mass in the Lady Chapel	Holy Name
<b>TakeTime Meditations:</b> A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to explore your faith with others.	Weekly - <b>Mondays</b> at 8pm on Zoom	Email parish office for Zoom link
<b>Playgroup and Café:</b> A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 9-10.30am	OLOL
<b>Sew 'N So's:</b> Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and suggestions about anything you are "stuck" on.	Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 11am-1pm Ring Jo W on 020 8224 3705	OLOL
<b>Fun Fridays:</b> 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
<b>Parish Youth Group:</b> 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
<b>Drinks and games after Saturday and Sunday evening Masses:</b> come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first weekend of the month	OLOL
<b>Rosary:</b> All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Weekly - <b>Friday</b> 7pm Monthly - <b>1st Saturdays</b> at 9.30am First <b>Monday</b> of the month 7.30pm (weekly during May & October) Weekly <b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am	Holy Name Holy Name OLOL OLOL
<b>Bereavement Coffee Morning:</b> Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.	Monthly - 1st Tuesdays at 10am	Holy Name
<b>Grandparents and Elderly Group:</b> Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.	Monthly - 3rd Tuesdays at 10.15am	OLOL
<b>Bible reading group:</b> 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
<b>Parish Soups:</b> A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	OLOL
<b>Taizé Evening:</b> 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
<b>Esher Catenians:</b> open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network	Monthly – generally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm Email: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel, TD