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Newsletter 21st March, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

No one goes to an AGM – It's boring

You have all heard this mantra and I have attended so many boring AGMs! But our AGM - and I am tempted to say your AGM - will not be boring! Because we have a lot to report about what is happening and we have lots of ideas about what we want to happen. The venue is OLOL at 19:00 on the 1st April. And we promise you a glass of wine as well. An agenda for the evening will follow but we would like to offer a lift service for anyone wishing to come but unable to get there. Please email info@hollyfamilyelbridge.church if you would like a lift there and back with your address.

Chris Bourne

Mass Times this Week: Sat 22nd to Sun 30th March

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 22 nd	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Kissane-Wood Intentions
Sunday 23 rd	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Nora & Nicholas Smith Intentions Terry Pettitt RIP People of the Parish
Monday 24 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls
Tuesday 25 th <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Thomas Kelly Intentions
Wednesday 26 th	9.30am- 10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes - <i>Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Fr John Quinn RIP
Friday 28 th	9.30am 12.00pm 8.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name – Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Stations of the Cross</i>	Pidu Monteiro RIP
Saturday 29 th	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Elizabeth Keoghans Ints Mida Kennedy RIP Malcum McKenzie RIP

COMMUNITY & CHARITIES TEAM MEETING – tomorrow morning (Saturday 21st) 10am at HOLY NAME

We will meet to discuss what we plan for the future, hear points of view on how we can outreach to our community and beyond. New members are always welcome

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is **TUESDAY 1st April 10am at Holy Name** 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 *How are friends and family responding to your loss? What are you finding helpful and where can you find the support that you need?* All are very welcome to attend for tea and a chat. The following meeting will be **Thursday 1st May 7pm at OLOL.**

LENT

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)

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Thursday 10th April, 7.30pm at Holy Name

EASTER SERVICES 2025

		Church	Time
HOLY THURSDAY 17 th April	Mass of the Lord's Supper	OLOL	8pm
GOOD FRIDAY 18 th April	<i>Family Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Family Stations of the Cross</i> The Passion	OLOL Holy Name Both churches	9.45am 10.30am 3pm
HOLY SATURDAY 19 th April	<i>Blessing of the Easter Baskets</i> Easter Vigil	Holy Name Holy Name	11am 8pm
EASTER SUNDAY 20 th April		Holy Name OLOL	9am 11am

YOUTH

YOUTH MASS – Sunday 23rd March 6pm at Holy Name

The Youth Mass will be dedicated to the Confirmandi and their families. During the service, the Confirmandi will renew their Baptismal Promises, light their Baptismal Candles, and sign their names in the historical Parish book.

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

For all those in school years 7-13 (ages 13 +) Our Youth group is 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.

FUN FRIDAY YOUTH CLUB - 25th April 3.30-4.30pm at OLOL *Please note time change*

Join us for Fun Friday in the Parish hall of OLOL for games, crafts, and snacks. All primary school children and their families welcome!

CALLING ALL YOUTH! - Stations of the Cross 11th April at OLOL

We are looking for volunteers to read during our Youth Stations of the Cross at OLOL on Friday, 11th of April from 7 – 7:30pm (note new time for this). We will have biscuits after in the café. Please email youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk

CHILDREN'S EASTER BASKETS FOR OASIS

We are collecting donations for children's Easter baskets at OLOL to deliver to OASIS for their fresh food bank. Oasis provides vital support to vulnerable families and children in Elmbridge and the surrounding areas. Donations of sweets, crafts, or small new toys are greatly appreciated. Additionally, if any children would like to volunteer to deliver baskets on April 17th in the morning, please email: youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk

YOUNG VINCENTIANS YOUTH CLUB - Year 7

Our Year 7 parishioners had a wonderful first session with leaders from St Vincent de Paul and Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness. They are working on their plan to support KCAH's *Spring into Action* campaign whereby they will each be one of the 50+ local people who will be doing something to support poverty in our community. More to come from our Young Vincentians!

CONFIRMATION AND FHC PREPARATION – classes continue as per the schedule. Save the date for the Family Retreat, April 27th at Holy Name.

CHARITIES

FOOD COLLECTION FOR OASIS CHILDCARE

As per our message above, we will be collecting donations for these Easter baskets (food, cleaning materials and toiletries) in both church porches for the next four weeks

<https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/app/uploads/2025/03/OASIS-foodbank-blurb-March-25-003.pdf>

ST PATRICK'S DAY AT HOLY NAME – thank you

Thanks to all those who cooked soup and puddings, helped set up/serve/clear away and of course came to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Holy Name on Monday. In addition, all proceeds of £255 will go to Kingston Young Carers, a worthy local cause.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Please see below the link to Universalis which has current weekend readings. This can always be found on the front page of our website too <https://www.universalis.com/Europe.England.Arundel/mass.htm>

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £11,989, Offertory cash £2,157.12, Offertory contactless £1,130, Soups £145, Lourdes Pilgrimage £302.51

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 Call: 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 E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T