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Newsletter 28th March, 2025**Fourth Sunday of Lent****Mass Times this Week: Sat 29th March to Sun 6th April**

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
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 Keoghan Ints Mida Kennedy RIP Malcum McKenzie RIP
Monday 31 st	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Brian Cotter RIP
Tuesday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Name	Kumar Intentions
Wednesday 2 nd	9.30am- 10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes - <i>Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Name	Family & friends of Bernadette Junor
Friday 4 th	10.30am 12.00pm 8.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes (Y5 school Mass) <i>Holy Name – Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Stations of the Cross</i>	Leo Monteiro RIP
Saturday 5 th	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 6 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Francis Cutter RIP Holy Souls

DON'T FORGET THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**PARISH AGM – Tuesday 1st April 7pm at OLOL**

Please see at the bottom of this newsletter an agenda for the meeting. Wine and soft drinks will be served.

Please do come along. If you need help with transport please contact either parish office or email

info@hollyfamilyelbridge.church

ESHER & THAMES DITTON PARISH RETREAT – Saturday 3rd May at Holy Name

On Saturday 3rd May, we invite you to our parish retreat from **4pm- 7pm** where we will welcome Fr Matthew Szerszen from the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel for the weekend. He is a gifted preacher, an outstanding author and a pre-eminent expert on St Michael the Archangel, the nine choirs of Angels, the spirituality of St Faustina's Diary and the message of Divine Mercy. There will be special talks on these subjects, the opportunity for Reconciliation, prayer and a Eucharistic healing service before we finish with Holy Mass at 18.00. The retreat is free to attend and available to everyone in the Parish, please share this special invitation to your friends and families. For further details please see the posters in the Church or online on our Facebook page. Any help with refreshments on the day would be great. **This really is an opportunity not to be missed!**

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.**

100 CLUB MARCH WINNERS

1st prize Alastair Begbie; 2nd prize Peter Conley; 3rd prize Rita Tanner

HOLY MOWERS NEEDED – to join rota of lawn mowing at Holy Name.

Please contact the parish office if you can spare a few hours every few weeks.

SUNDAY 27th APRIL IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. ALL ARE INVITED! We will have a special Holy Hour from 15.00 at Holy Name, Esher including Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus told St Faustina Kowalska, 'On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday) the very depths of my tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy... (Diary entry 699) If you have never heard of this special day or you would like more details about St Faustina and the Divine Mercy, please visit www.divinemercury.org Please also take a free Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer card which will be available in both Churches.

RECENT COMMUNITY & CHARITIES MEETING

At last Saturday's meeting of Community & Charities, it was agreed that we should continue to prioritise support for the three charities selected by parishioners last year and one 'ad hoc' charity, The School of Joy, Bethlehem. Parish support for these charities is overseen by a 'Relationship Manager' whose role is to inform the parish of the work of our three named charities, to promote activities in support of 'their' charity and thus to contribute to an annual report to the parish. The Relationship Managers are

- i) Kingston Churches Action on Homeless - Brendan Hemming
 - ii) Rentstart & Kingston Young Carers – Alice Squire
 - iii) OASIS - Veronica Bamford
- 'Ad hoc' School of Joy - Steve Owens

IMPORTANT PETITION

Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. There is a QR code in the church porch/narthex to take you to the relevant page.

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

CHURCH SHOPS HAVE NEW EASTER STOCK

Meaningful Chocolate Easter eggs (telling the Easter story), cards ... Please do support

EASTER SERVICES 2025

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

YOUTH

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.etd@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 RETREAT Save the date for the Family Retreat, Saturday April 26th 9am – 12 noon at Holy Name.

SPANISH HOST FAMILIES

A group of Catholic Spanish parents with professional backgrounds are looking for caring host families with school age children (aged 5 +) to accommodate their children (12-16 yrs old) as paying guests from 27th June to 18th July 2025. They will be away at school Monday to Friday 8.30 h.-16.45h. You don't need to be able to speak any Spanish, but if your family are learning Spanish, you could improve free. If you are interested please contact us at felicity.leicester@gmail.com

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>

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS DURING LENT

Please, if you can, donate to the boxes in the narthex/porch for both Elmbridge Food Bank but also for Lent only Oasis Childcare (please see more details here <https://holymfamilyelmbridge.church/app/uploads/2025/03/OASIS-foodbank-blurb-March-25-003.pdf>)

FROM THE DIOCESE

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth - Support Monastic Life with a Limited Edition Abbey Print

The Roman Catholic Benedictine monks of St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth near Guildford are offering limited edition prints of their historic Grade II listed Abbey Church, as part of a fundraising initiative to support the future of monastic life. Each 12" x 10" print, meticulously drawn by local Guildford artist Ian Copp, captures the north side of the Abbey, and once Friary, a special place of worship since 1892. Priced at £50 plus postage and packaging, proceeds will aid in recruiting new monks and preserving the Abbey for future generations. Orders <http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com> or in person collection by contacting the Abbey directly.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Saturday 26 April 10-1.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley Come and join us for a morning exploring ways of delivering Children's Liturgy with Lucy Hall. How can we engage and connect with our youngsters as we prepare them to be fully immersed in the gift that is the Eucharist? Come along and share ideas with your fellow catechists and build your network of support and friendships across the Diocese. For more information, please contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk or phone M: 07415 306222.

Mass for Migrants, 11 May at 5.30pm, St Joseph's Church, Brighton, BN2 3AA The Diocese is hosting a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth, for migrants in recognition of the valuable contribution they make to the life and mission of the Catholic Church. The Mass will celebrate how our diocesan community has been enriched by migration, and the difference that migrants make to wider society. abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/hdadblbi

Externally run events

Chichester Catholic Young Adults group have asked for 24 hours of Adoration on 4/5 April. All young adults are welcome. The more the merrier! Poster attached.

Lent Talks at Worth Abbey - 77 Years an Altar Server by Michael Weston-Burt Date: Sunday, 23 March 11:00am
Location: Unity Room, Worth Abbey Church. Michael will share his experiences from post-war Britain to modern times, reflecting on his remarkable journey as an altar server. His talk promises to be a fascinating insight into the changes and continuities in church life over the decades.

Finding God in the Everyday by Fr Martin McGee Date: Saturday, 5 April 10:30am, Spencer Building, Worth School
Fr Martin McGee will discuss how to meet Christ in daily life, drawing on the Rule of St Benedict and the lives of the Algerian martyrs. This talk will provide practical insights into integrating spirituality into everyday activities and finding God in the ordinary moments of life. If you would like to reserve a place/s, please let Kelly O'Hara know by emailing E: kohara@worth.org.uk or calling T: 01342 710370. We look forward to seeing you at these special events.

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS

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

AGENDA OF AGM – 1st April 2025 at Our lady of Lourdes at 7pm

Opening Prayer with Fr Sebastian

Introduction of PPC

Each Member to say three things about them selves

Review of the Year

Statistics of Mass Attendances , First Holy Communicants Etc

Statistics on other

Parish Activities etc

Pillars Report**Financial Report 2024****Budget 2025**

The need raise Direct Debits

Plans for 2025

Youth Activities

Why we need to Redevelop the OLOL Parish Rooms

How we raise the Money for the Parish and the Redevelopment

AOB

Closing Prayer

Meeting Planned to end at 21;00

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

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	LOL
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	LOL
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 LOL. 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	LOL
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	LOL
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 LOL LOL
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	LOL
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).	LOL
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	LOL
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