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

### First Sunday of Lent

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

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Christina Trott RIP
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Paul Williams, RIP Philip Manser, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	John Merrigan Intentions
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Name – <i>Funeral</i>	<i>Kathleen Sharman – Requiem Mass</i>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am- 10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes - <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i>	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Name	Deceased Members of the McManamon Family
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	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>	Wilkins Family – Private Intentions
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Joyce Halliday, RIP Cheryl Herrera, RIP Mirella Bianconi, RIP

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

The next stage of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan “The Word is Life” launched by Bishop Richard in 2023, is taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> April when the first meeting of representatives from across the Weybridge deanery will take place in Christ the Prince of Peace Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about each parish, and above all to listen and to learn from each other. Each parish will be providing two representatives, with other members of the clergy and laity who are involved in the process. Fr Chris Spain, who is leading the overall process, for our current deanery, will also be present (for part of the meeting) to introduce himself and his role. Please pray for the meeting, specifically for the positive relationships and knowledge about each other, which we hope will build from this encounter.

## **NEW PARISH STAFF MEMBERS – Andrea and Pamela**

We are delighted to announce that Andrea Kang Gruszka has been appointed as the New Our Lady of Lourdes Coordinator working as part of the Parish team of Esher and Thames Ditton. Andrea will work in the OLOL office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, term time. Also many of you may know that Pamela Thompson joined us as Parish Youth Worker in January. We are delighted to have them both on board, bringing their energy and expertise with them!

## **SOCIAL**

### **MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH AT OLOL - Wednesday, 12th March 2025, 12pm at OLOL.**

A delicious selection of homemade soups with bread and cheese

### **THANK YOU'S**

**PANCAKES** – Thank you to all who came to eat and toss pancakes after Mass on Shrove Tuesday at Holy Name! Around £160 was collected towards the School of Joy in Bethlehem

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT** – Thank you also for all who came to this lovely charity evening led by Chris Cross last night to begin the celebration for International Women's Day today. Thank you to those who bought raffle tickets – donations raised £195 was raised for Women's Refuge charity Your Sanctuary.

### **CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

We are taking this opportunity to invite you all to join CAFOD's mission in this holy Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has called us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' for a world suffering the impacts of war, global debt, and climate change. By praying, eating simply and giving, you'll be supporting local experts to provide simple, effective solutions to the toughest problems facing people around the world. Please look out for the CAFOD envelopes as you leave church to make a Lent offering, and please consider pledging a monthly gift this Jubilee year. You can scan the QR code or search 'CAFOD envelope' to give online. If you can Gift Aid your donation, you'll add a free 25 per cent to anything you give. Further information will be shared at Mass this weekend. Please do join with us in this Jubilee Year by supporting communities worldwide to fight poverty and injustice and so restore their hope.

## **YOUTH**

### **NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 - 25<sup>th</sup> April 3.30pm at OLOL**

Join us for this month's Fun Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk) Our planning meeting is Friday, March the 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8pm at OLOL.

**DIARY DATES**

PARISH AGM - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at OLOL

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

**LENT & EASTER****STATIONS OF THE CROSS LED BY VOLUNTEERS**

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

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

**EASTER**

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	OLOL	8pm
Good Friday	The Passion	Both churches	3pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	Holy Name	8pm
Easter Sunday		Holy Name	9am
		OLOL	11am

**DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP RICHARD – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at St Anne's Chertsey**

Our Deanery area will be led by Bishop Richard in a Lenten reconciliation service with confessions on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in St Anne's, Chertsey. We welcome you to come and pray together with the other parishes. Parking may be available on surrounding roads - Victory Road / Queen Street, Charles Street and Station Road

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at Holy Name****BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS – Holy Saturday, 11am at Holy Name**

## 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
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<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