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Newsletter 11th April, 2025**Palm Sunday****Dear Parishioners**

The passion is the centrepiece of Lent and Holy Week, the most sacred time in the liturgical calendar." [*The Death of the Messiah*, Vol. I, (New York: Doubleday1994).]

We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story — like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus. God humbled himself for us! All we can do in response is to bow our heads in awe, and present our loving, contrite hearts to God, begging for mercy. God wants a humbled, contrite heart as the sign of our true repentance.

At the beginning of Holy Week pope Francis invites everyone to live this time accompanying the Lord Jesus with faith and love. He encouraged the faithful to learn from our Mother, the Virgin Mary, who followed her Son Jesus with the closeness of her heart, one soul with Him. This Easter we celebrate Jesus' resurrection yet again benefiting from his life-giving power. It is another milestone in our journey of faith when God invites us to strengthen our bonds with him and thus renew our relationships with others. May this Easter be for us the time of grace, joy and hope. Let us continue our earthly pilgrimage with Virgin Mary's attitude of being "one soul with her Son". Happy Easter!

Fr Sebastian

Mass Times this Week: Sat 12th to Sun 20th April

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Friday 11 th	7pm	Our Lady of Lourdes – Family Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 12 th	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Mary Davis RIP
Sunday 13 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Mornington Seager RIP Abdelmassiah RIP People of the Parish
Monday 14 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Denis Earle RIP
Tuesday 15 th	9.30am 10-11	Holy Name Holy Name - <i>Adoration</i>	Dympa Banim RIP
Wednesday 16 th	9.30am 1.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes - <i>Adoration & Rosary</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes - funeral</i>	<i>Funeral of Terry Pettitt</i>

Thursday 17 th Maundy Thursday	9.30am 8.00pm	Holy Name – Morning Prayer (no Mass) Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday 18 th Good Friday	9.45am 10.30am 3pm 3pm	Our Lady of Lourdes – Family Stations of the Cross Holy Name – Family Stations of the Cross Our Lady of Lourdes – The Passion Holy Name – The Passion	
Saturday 19 th Holy Saturday	11am 8pm	Holy Name – <i>Blessing of the Easter Baskets</i> Holy Name – Easter Vigil	Alf and Natalie Ferrara RIP
Sunday 20 th Easter Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes (Note: no Sunday 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)	CJ Kim RIP Denis Earle RIP

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS – Holy Saturday (19th) 11am at Holy Name

Please invite any Polish friends and neighbours who may wish to come and celebrate this tradition

DEANERY MEETING FEEDBACK

Alan Verschoyle- King and Chris Bourne represented the Parish at a meeting of the Weybridge Deanery last Saturday. The meeting was well organised and enabled them, the laity, to get to know other Church members and to discuss the advantages of having the new moderated parish. This could give support in areas where we struggle such as premises, health & safety and IT. Many churches and particularly those that were attached to schools like us set youth as a major priority and all churches stressed that congregations strongly identified with the church where they worshipped. If the proposal for a moderated parish was to go forward then all urged that there should be a committee that had representation from all churches to facilitative decision making and communication .

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.divinemercy.org Please also take a free Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer card which will be available in both Churches.

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!**

SAVE THE DATE: 16-19 May 2025 at OLOL - "The Saviour" exhibition of art by the Iraqi artist ALA BASHIR, in the Gillespie Hall over the weekend. More details to follow.

STUDY HUB AT OLOL DURING SCHOOL EASTER HOLIDAYS

Calling all Mums/Dads of Teens! We have a quiet hub where your teenage child can study for the exams. Can you volunteer for two hours once a month to open up and welcome our teens? Please contact Liz on 07534 869522 if your teen would like to use the hub and we will make sure it's open!

WEDDING THIS WEEKEND – Congratulations to Dorota Bortel and David Michael who will be married at Holy Name tomorrow afternoon (Saturday 12th)

CAFOD MYANMAR APPEAL

If you would like to donate any money to a Cafod Appeal set up to help the victims of the Myanmar earthquake, you can do so through this link <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/myanmar-earthquake-appeal>

UPCOMING FUNERALS AT OLOL

Terry Pettitt - 16 April 1.30pm

Denis Earle - 23 April 12.30pm

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June
www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: **0788 7296983**

CHURCH SHOPS -new Missals and Easter Stock

There are a few new missals available in the church shop and also Easter products such as Meaningful Chocolate Easter eggs (telling the Easter story), cards ...

VISITING OF THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Sebastian is available to visit any housebound parishioners leading up to Easter. If you would like to be visited please contact either parish office

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>)

YOUTH

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 25th April 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!

CHILDREN'S EASTER BASKETS FOR OASIS

Final call for any donations for our Easter baskets. We are delivering this in the morning of April 17th if anyone would like to join. Please email youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk Huge thank you to all those who have donated!

YOUNG VINCENTIANS YOUTH CLUB - Year 7 - Friday 2nd May 5.30-6.30pm at OLOL

Please join us for our next meeting on Friday, 2nd of May from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the café at OLOL. We will be organizing for our charity drive for Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness, including our action plan to support the Spring into Action campaign.

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>

MARCH OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £11,762.77 Offertory Cash £2,853.37, Offertory Contactless £1,640, Cafod Fast Day £1,020.71, Kingston Young Carers £255.20, School of Joy Appeal £5,424.96, International Women's Day £194, Soups £70

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

