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## Newsletter Easter 2025

### Dear Parishioners

This year's theme, "We are the pilgrims of hope," does not seem to reflect the international situation. The world is in turmoil. The precarious economic environment, war in Ukraine and the Middle East, and political tensions make us anxious about the future. How it is going to affect us and our families, the cost of living, and pension funds are just some of the questions we are asking ourselves this spring. The Church invites us to become the pilgrims of hope in this confused world. To do so, we need to accompany Jesus on his way to Golgotha, where he is going to sacrifice his life to reveal his great love for us. There was a moment of suspense and for many of Jesus' followers a moment of despair, when everything seemed to be lost. But the empty tomb on Easter morning sends the message of the Resurrection: Jesus rises from the dead to bring us new hope. I would like to wish you all that the hope of the Resurrection sheds new light into our lives, dispelling the darkness of anxiety and concerns. May the Resurrected Lord fill our hearts with joy and reassure us of his constant presence. May he transform us into the pilgrims of hope so that we can bear witness to his love. The celebration of Triduum is the climax of the liturgical year. I would like to thank the parish leaders, catechists, musicians, children liturgy coordinators, flower ladies, cleaners, readers, parish staff and all the volunteers for facilitating the celebration of Easter. Thanks to your work and contributions, we were able to experience this special time connecting with the Lord and letting him renew our faith. God bless you and Happy Easter!

Fr Sebastian

### Mass Times this Week: Sat 19<sup>th</sup> to Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	9.45am 10.30am 3.00pm 8.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes – Family Stations of the Cross Holy Name – Family Stations of the Cross Our Lady of Lourdes – <b>Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b> Holy Name – <b>Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b> Holy Name – Evening prayer	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	11.00am 8.00pm	Holy Name - Blessing of Easter Baskets Holy Name – <b>Easter Vigil</b>	Alf & Natalie Ferrara, RIP
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes (note: NO evening Mass at Holy Name)	C.J. Kim, RIP Denis Earle, RIP
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>		(note: NO Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes)	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Name	Carol Marsella, RIP
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am 12.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary Our Lady of Lourdes - Funeral of Denis Earle	
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Name	Bridie Lally, RIP

Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	The Barwick Family Intentions
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Atty De Souza, RIP
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Divine Mercy</i>	9am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name – <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour &amp; Exposition</i> Holy Name	Abe Seagar, Private Intentions Juan Carlos Lema RIP People of the Parish



## EASTER CELEBRATIONS FOR CHILDREN



**Good Friday – FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (followed by Hot Cross Buns!)

9.45am at OLOL or 10.30am at Holy Name. Please come along

**Holy Saturday - BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS – 11am at Holy Name**

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

**Easter Sunday morning – EASTER BINGO & EGG HUNTS**

Pick up a copy of Easter Bingo for your child to “play” during both Easter Sunday morning Masses (Holy Name 9am, OLOL 11am). Easter treat bags at OLOL and Egg Hunt at Holy Name after Mass!

**EASTER OFFERINGS ARE YOUR PERSONAL GIFT TO FR SEBASTIAN.** Priests have no salary, therefore their personal income is derived from your contributions at Christmas and Easter and for mass intentions, funerals etc. GiftAid envelopes are available in the church porches for your Easter gift. Please note that if you have a regular standing order this does not go into Easter offering. Thank you.

**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Holy Name**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES AT HOLY NAME- thank you**

Thank you to all who made soup and came to support each Friday during Lent. A total of £381 was raised towards Oasis Childcare.

### **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>

## **YOUTH**

### **NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **YOUNG VINCENTIANS YOUTH CLUB - Year 7 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 5.30-6.30pm at OLOL**

Please join us for our next meeting on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (LOL)

<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	LOL
<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 Call: Jo W on 020 8224 3705	LOL
<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 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
<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	LOL
<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 LOL LOL
<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	LOL
<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).	LOL
<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	LOL
<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 E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T