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Newsletter 23rd May, 2025**Sixth Sunday of Easter****Dear parishioners**

A suggestion to you all. Read what Canon Kieron O'Brien wrote recently about the progress towards achieving the Bishop's Pastoral Plan and Vision for the Diocese. You can read it all on the Diocesan website but what stood out to me were these words: "*This vision of how the Church can be should excite and inspire people, so that they want to be part of it - and others will want to join*". I find these words resonate with what we are trying to do in our Parish. Anyone who attended any of our First Communion Services or visited the Art Exhibition may understand what I am saying. They were enjoyable community experiences. Dare I say that even the PPC meetings are fun and I can tell you that over my career I have attended many not so much fun meeting. And we have an exciting and inspiring new Pope who seems able to reach out to people, to communicate in words we understand whilst appealing for peace in the world. Canon Kieron reports an upturn in the numbers of people joining the Church or simply attending Easter service. Good news indeed! Thank you, Canon Kieron. On a separate note I would like to personally wish Fr Sebastian a Happy 20th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Chris Bourne

Mass Times this Week: Sat 24th May to Sun 1st June

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 24 th	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 25 th <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	James Geraghty, RIP Magdalena Klaus, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 26 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday 27 th	9.30am 10am-12pm	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Lorraine, Private Intentions
Wednesday 28 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary	
Thursday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Brian Cotter, RIP
Friday 30 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Janet Lateef, RIP
Saturday 31 st	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st June <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name – Youth Mass	C.J. Kim, RIP Alwyn Desouza, RIP Alison Talbot, RIP

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

OLOL: We will be praying the rosary every Monday for the rest of May at 7.30pm at OLOL. All welcome to attend. It takes approximately 15/20mins. If you would like the group to pray for any specific intentions please write them down and leave in Our Lady's chapel in the basket provided.

Holy Name: We will be praying the Rosary before 09.00 Masses during May at Holy Name.

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – MISSIONARY ENDEAVOUR OF THE DIOCESE

The 2nd collection next weekend is for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese – donations can be gift aided. The Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru (previous Diocese where Pope Leo served)

SAD NEWS

We are sad to inform you that Mark Sugden, parishioner at Holy Name, passed away this week.

A THANK YOU

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £6823 raised for the School of Joy, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters throughout the Holy Land the strength to continue.

SOCIAL

STRAWBERRY TEAS – Sunday 8th June at OLOL

We are holding the much loved strawberry Teas at OLOL on Sunday 8th June 2025 3pm to 5pm. Please contact Julie O'Brien (erinsmum08@yahoo.co.uk) if you are able to bake, donate or provide sandwiches. If you usually come along for the teas and have not yet received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Julie Obrien

RACE NIGHT – Saturday 21st June at Holy Name

Back by popular demand! Yes the Race Night is back. Save the date - Saturday 21st June. In aid of Parkinson's UK. Tickets on sale at £20 from 12th May from the Parish Office, which will include supper. Book a table or come on your own and we will make up a table. BYOB.

OPEN AIR MASS WEEKEND – 28th & 29th June

There will be just one Mass in each church during this weekend

Saturday 28th June 6pm at Holy Name

Sunday 29th June 10.30am at Open Air on St Pauls School Playing Field followed by International Food and Teddy Bear's picnic

WINTERSHALL – The Life of Christ 17-21 June 2025

A powerful biblical outdoor powerful drama takes you back to a time when Jesus lived on earth. See the remarkable events of Jesus' life re-enacted as you follow the actors around Wintershall's beautiful lakes and ancient woodlands. To book www.wintershall.org.uk

YOUTH

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 23rd May 7-9pm Holy Name.

For all those in school years 8-13 (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 - 27th of June 3.30-4.30pm at OLOL Join us for Fun Friday in the Parish hall of OLOL for family BINGO! We will also be wishing our year 6 students farewell with a proper send off. All primary school children and their families are welcome! Please note this is the last Fun Friday of the academic year.

PARISH YOUTH ART PROJECT

COMING SOON! Parish wide youth art project will kick off at both OLOL and HN. We are looking for a few volunteers to help support the project. We will be circulating art supplies and more information soon. Please contact youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk to help or for more information.

TRIP TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL - Upcoming trip for Parish teens to visit the beautiful cathedral in Chichester on 28th of June, including lunch in the city centre, tour of the Cathedral and ending with Choral Evensong. Please contact youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk to join or for more information

The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times – Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

As Catholics, we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society for peace and true freedom.

On Sat 7 June, *UK PRAYS* will be reciting a public Rosary at 12 noon at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace. For more details, email info@ukprays.org

CAFOD are looking for school volunteers who enjoy working with children and young people in our Catholic schools to inspire and empower them bringing alive their sense of global justice. CAFOD will provide all the training and resources. Anyone interested may contact CAFOD at the A & B Diocese office tel. 01483 573273 or via email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

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>

APRIL OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £11,388; Offertory Cash £1,640.02; Offertory Contactless £733.50; Cafod Fast Day £80; Holy Places £639.98; Oasis Childcare £339; FHC Cakes Sale Shooting Star Children's Hospice £718.88; Red Shirts Sponsored walk £835; Soups £50

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
Youth St Vincent de Paul - A youth club for those in year's 7 & 8, working with our local St Vincent de Paul group to engage in our communities and take part in social action.	See newsletter for updates	LOL
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 Wednesday 9.30am Monthly - 1st Saturday 9.30am 1st Monday 7.30pm (weekly during May & October)	Holy Name LOL Holy Name 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