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Newsletter 2nd May, 2025**Third Sunday of Easter****Dear Parishioners**

May is a special time for our community and the universal Church. Many sacramental programmes have come to completion. First, we welcomed new members to our parish at the Easter Vigil. Secondly, many families are preparing for the celebration of the 1st Holy Communion Masses. A number of young people will receive the special gift of assistance of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. These celebrations will mark the end of the time of discernment and study and the beginning of a new stage in their lives: the time of practice and following the guidance of the Church and the Holy Spirit. We wish them all the best for their journey. In the month of May, we would like to remember that Mary is our holy Mother and there will be quite a few opportunities for us to venerate and strengthen our relationship with her. Before every Mass, we are going to say a decade of the Rosary, entrusting ourselves and our families to her motherly care. Later in the month, we will crown the statues of Our Lady at both churches: on 18th May at Holy Name and on a Monday after the morning Mass with the children and staff from St Paul's school. On Saturday 3rd May we will begin our parish retreats, a time of prayer, reflection and study. Over the weekend of 3rd/4th May, Fr Matthew will give us an insight into God's infinite love for us and the devotion to Divine Mercy.

This is a special time for the universal Church as we pray for the election of the new pope. We also continue celebrating the Jubilee Year—the Year of Hope. For the second time in history, one pope opened the Jubilee Year, and another is going to close it. Let us make the most of this special time of grace!

Fr Sebastian**Mass Times this Week: Sat 3rd to Sun 11th May**

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 3 rd <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm 4.00pm 4.30 - 5.30pm 6.00pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name - Retreat with Fr Matthew <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name - Mass following the Retreat	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Mary Callaghan, RIP Joseph Peake, RIP
Monday 5 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday 6 th	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Dorothy Parsons, RIP
Wednesday 7 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary	

Thursday 8 th	9.30am 12.30	Holy Name <i>Holy Name - Funeral of Freda Grundy</i>	Tony Harryman, RIP
Friday 9 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday 10 th <i>St. John of Avila</i>	9.30am 11.30am 6.00pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes First Holy Communion service</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes First Holy Communion service</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Louie Maguire RIP
Sunday 11 th Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter	9.00am 11.00am 5.15-5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Nel & Bep Rokebrand, RIP People of the Parish

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!**

100 CLUB APRIL WINNERS

1st prize Mark Sugden, 2nd prize Leonie Elliott, 3rd prize Ian Coxon

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

OLOL: We will be praying the rosary every Monday during the month of May starting on the 5th 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.

There will be a special crowning of Mary with the children from the congregation and children's liturgy on Sunday 18th May during 09.00 Mass.

ROSARY - First Saturday of the month – 9.30am 3rd May at Holy Name

All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment. Also every Friday 7-9pm Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FHC CHARITY CAKE SALE – Thank you

Thank you to the FHC children for providing cakes for the sale last weekend, to the parents who helped organise it and to the parishioners who bought and hopefully enjoyed the cakes! A total of £718.88 was raised between the two churches and will be donated to the Shooting Star Children's Hospice – a charity chosen by the FHC children.

CONFIRMATION NEXT WEEKEND

Please keep in your prayers the 24 young people and their families as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Arundel Cathedral next Saturday (10th May)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS COMING UP on 10th (OLOL) and 17th (Holy Name) May

Next Saturday (10th May) will see the first of our large FHC group celebrate this sacrament. OLOL will have

two services next Saturday morning. The third group at Holy Name will be on Saturday 17th May. Please pray for all the children and their families as they take this next step following preparation since January.

"THE SAVIOUR" - Over the weekend of 16th-18th May - Gillespie Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes

We shall mount an important exhibition of the art of the eminent Iraqi artist **Ala Bashir**. This will be in aid of the charity ICIN (Iraqi Christians in Need), and all are invited. Further details will be published in due course, but for the moment please consider whether you could offer a voluntary hour or so to act as a steward, to help keep the exhibition running smoothly. If you feel able to help, please speak to John Merrigan (07949913487) or Suha Rassam 07404644357).

OPEN GARDEN – Sunday 18th May 11am-3pm at Princess Alice Hospice

Come and enjoy the beautiful gardens in full bloom at Princess Alice Hospice's 40th anniversary. Refreshments, raffle, music and plant stalls. £5 entry, under 12s free

YOUTH

YOUNG VINCENTIANS YOUTH CLUB - Year 7 - THIS 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.

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 9th of 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.etc@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.etc@abdiocese.org.uk to join or for more information

DITTONS FAIR – Sunday 11th May

The annual **Dittons Fair** takes place on Sunday, 11th May from 1pm on Giggs Hill Green. Churches Together will again be hosting a Prayer Tent and managing the Plant Crêche. Volunteers are needed for both. If you are able to help for an hour or more, please contact Stella Eusebio: stellaeusebio@hotmail.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>

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
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