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Newsletter 30th May, 2025**Seventh Sunday of Easter****Dear Parishioners**

This is the Jubilee Year of Hope. By definition we look forward to a change for good, some blessings or a profound experience of God. Recently, there have been many opportunities to encounter God in the liturgy and other people. We are about to reach another climax of the liturgical year next week, which is Pentecost Sunday. With Easter, the Ascension, Pentecost, most of the parish programmes like 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Alpha, RCIA etc. completed there seems nothing to look forward to anymore. And yet we as Christians are the people of hope. God will always provide in many ways. He also provides with the blessing of our busy parish. There is always something to celebrate and experience. This Sunday at 6pm there is a special Youth Mass with the group of young people presented with their Confirmation certificates. Then a group of parishioners including myself are going on pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Paul to Turkey. We are going to have a training day for the extraordinary ministers and initial interviews with the families who would like their members to become Catholic next year. The Parish Youth Club is going on a trip to Chichester later in the month. Please pray that the projects we are going to undertake in the coming weeks reveal God's love for us and His calling to follow Him ever more closely in our daily lives.

Fr Sebastian

Mass Times this Week: Sat 31st May to Sun 8th June

| Day/Feast Day | Time | Church | Intention |
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| Saturday 31 st <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 1 st | 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 |
| Monday 2 nd | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | |
| Tuesday 3 rd <i>St Charles Lwanga</i> | 9.30am 10am-12pm | Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name | Larry, Maeve & Dermot Allen RIP |
| Wednesday 4 th | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary | |
| Thursday 5 th <i>St Boniface</i> | 9.30am | Holy Name | |
| Friday 6 th | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | |
| Saturday 7 th | 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes | |

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| Sunday 8 th June <i>Pentecost</i> | 9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm | Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name – <i>Youth Mass</i> | CJ Kim RIP Robert Sutkowski RIP People of the Parish |
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS RECOMMISSIONING TRAINING

Fr Sebastian will be conducting a Preparatory Meeting in the Parish Rooms at Church of the Holy Name, Esher on Saturday, 7th June, 2025 at 11am for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). During this Meeting, Fr. Sebastian will be reiterating the guidelines for this special and important Ministry. This will enable all EMHC to receive sufficient spiritual, theological and practical preparation in fulfilling your role with knowledge and reverence. Re-Commissioning will be held on Sunday, 22nd June, 2025 during masses at both Churches

FUNERAL OF MARK SUGDEN

Mark's funeral will be on Tuesday 24th June at 11am at Holy Name.

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

OPEN AIR MASS WEEKEND – 28th & 29th June

We hope all can join in this annual parish wide celebration. 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, cakes, Pimms and Teddy Bear's picnic



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is **TUESDAY 3rd June 10am at Holy Name** with an opportunity to light a candle and say a prayer for your deceased loved one. This is followed by the chance to join our meeting afterwards, considering *What is the most difficult time of day and how do you manage it? What are your most difficult reminders and how do you deal with these?* All are very welcome to attend for tea and a chat. The following meeting will be **Thursday 1st July 7pm at OLOL**.

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

TAIZE EVENING – Thursday 26th June at 7pm at Holy Name

A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm

YOUTH

YOUTH MASS – first weekend of every month (alternate Holy Name Sun 6pm/OLOL Sat 6pm)

Calling young people of the Parish to attend Mass together and join the youth choir on the first weekend of each month. **This Sunday 6pm Mass at Holy Name** all are welcome.

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Friday 13th June 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

100 CLUB WINNERS MAY

1st prize Jay Davies, 2nd prize Anne Furst, 3rd prize Anita Wilkins

GIFT AID 2024-25 END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS

The end of year tax letters/emails have been sent out – please check your junk mail also. If you have not received yours please contact Leonie on accounts.etd@abdiocese.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)

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| 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. Please check newsletter for next dates | Monthly (alternate venues) 1 st Tuesdays at 10am 1 st Thursdays at 7pm | Holy Name LOL |
| 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 |