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Newsletter 9th May, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear parishioners

Habemus papam resounded on Thursday evening in Rome. Pope Leon XIV will hear and take personally the words from the Sunday liturgy about the care of the Good Shepherd. He is supposed to represent Jesus, the Good Shepherd here on earth and ensure all the sheep are safe and provided with spiritual nourishment.

The election of the new pope coincides with the celebration of the First Holy Communion and the Confirmation Mass in our parish. There can't be any clearer sign of the Holy Spirit being at work. One of the pilgrims who was in St Peter's Square during the introduction of Pope Leo said that the same Holy Spirit who moved the cardinals was also filling the hearts of the people gathered in front of the basilica. The remaining weeks before Pentecost Sunday remind us that the Holy Spirit is constantly at work, quite often in a less spectacular way. I would like to wish the children, young people and their families that they are attentive to the signs of Providence in their lives. May the Holy Spirit guide you and prompt your every action. Congratulations! And I hope that the Holy Spirit that has moved the young people will also fill our hearts.

Fr Sebastian

Mass Times this Week: Sat 10th to Sun 18th May

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 10 th <i>St. John of Avila</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes First Holy Communion service Our Lady of Lourdes First Holy Communion service <i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Louie Maguire RIP
Sunday 11 th <i>Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter</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	Nel & Bep Rokebrand, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 12 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 13 th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.30am 10-12pm	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Kenneth & John-Paul Mills and Grace Hardwick, RIP
Wednesday 14 th <i>St. Matthias</i>	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 15 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Family & Friends of RIP Monica Christian
Friday 16 th	9.30am 11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name – Funeral of James Geraghty</i>	

Saturday 17 th	10.00am 5.15 -5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name - First Holy Communion <i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 18 th <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</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	David Sutterby, RIP Marguerite Fennell, RIP

CONFIRMATION THIS WEEKEND

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS - 10th (OLOL) and 17th (Holy Name) May

Tomorrow (10th May) will see the first of our large FHC group celebrate this sacrament at Our Lady of Lourdes over two services at 9.30am and 11.30am. The third group at Holy Name will be on Saturday 17th May at 10am. Please pray for all the children and their families as they take this special step following preparation since January.

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.

OLOL PARISHIONERS

Ahead of the next meeting of the PPC - parishioners are warmly invited to come along next Monday 12 May evening 7.50/8pm onwards in the OLOL cafe for an informal chat to raise any Parish issues they would like to discuss, or message me on karen@haizelden.com or 07921089755. Thank you. Your OLOL - PPC representative

"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

SOCIAL

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.

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

RETRouvaille – A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

YOUTH

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.

FAITH IN A CHANGING WORLD - Tuesday, 13th May at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Cobham

A talk and discussion about some of the challenges facing young people today is being held on Tuesday, 13th May at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm) in the Hall at the Sacred Heart Church, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham KT11 2HL. This has been arranged by the Elmbridge Multi Faith Forum. For free parking, email your car reg to jackie@fosterja.co.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