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Newsletter 20th June, 2025

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Dear Parishioners

Corpus Christi Sunday is a celebration of the most significant mystery of faith in the Catholic church. Through our practice, singing, and adoration, we give praise to the Lord who wishes to remain with us, his followers, in the mystery of the Eucharist. Coming to the church means more than just performing an act of worship, meeting your fellow parishioners. This is a sacred space where the Lord dwells and where we encounter him in meditation, adoration, and communal prayer. Corpus Christi Sunday is an opportunity to share the joy of having the Lord with us with other people in the community. This one time we bring Jesus out of the church to the streets of our towns and announce his presence to the world. This year, the ceremony will take place before the Sunday morning Mass at Holy Name but we are hoping to extend it to other parish Masses next year. It is a one-off celebration, but we would like to remember that every Sunday, after receiving the Holy Communion, we become Jesus' agents to the world. St Paul in the Letter to the Corinthians says that we are earthly vessels carrying the precious treasure. Let us take Jesus to the places of austerity, grief and despair so that he can bring some comfort and his healing power. **Fr Sebastian**



Mass Times this Week: Sat 21st to Sun 29th June

| <i>Day/Feast Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Church</i> | <i>Intention</i> |
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| Saturday 21 st <i>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i> | 5.15 -5.45pm 6.00pm | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes | |
| Sunday 22 nd <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</i> | 9.00am 11.00am 5.15 -5.45pm 6.00pm | Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name | Urszula Nabywaniec, RIP People of the Parish |
| Monday 23 rd | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | Gerry Gallen Ints |
| Tuesday 24 th <i>The Birth of St. John the Baptist</i> | 11.00am | Holy Name - <i>Funeral of Mark Sugden</i> | |
| Wednesday 25 th | 9.30am | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary</i> | |
| Thursday 26 th | 9.30am | Holy Name | Stuart Hunter Ints |
| Friday 27 th <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | Andrew Rosario, RIP |
| Saturday 28 th <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> | 5.15 -5.45pm 6.00pm | Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES | Lou & Nina Ferrara - Thanksgiving |
| Sunday 29 th Sts. Peter & Paul | 10.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes OPEN AIR MASS NO MASS AT HOLY NAME | People of the Parish |

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome the Trafford-Dear and Sheldon families as their daughters are baptised at Holy Name on Saturday morning

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

At all masses this weekend we will be commissioning and recommissioning all Extraordinary Ministers.

LOL LEADERSHIP MEETING – Monday 23rd June, 7.30pm at LOL

Our Lady of Lourdes Leadership meeting will take place on Monday 23 June at 7.30pm in the cafe. Everyone welcome especially those with ideas and enthusiasm to make our Parish the best it can be. See you Monday.

YOUTH

FINAL FUN FRIDAY - 27th of June 3.30-4.30pm at LOL Join us for Fun Friday in the Parish hall of LOL 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.

YOUNG VINCENTIANS – Please support our Young Vincentian's campaign! In aid of Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness' "Spring into Action" campaign, our SVP group are collecting items throughout June for care packages which will be given to local homeless shelters. Please see information and collection boxes in the narthex at both churches. Final collections after the Open Air Mass on 29th of June.

YOUTH MASS- All are warmly invited to join us for a special Youth Mass, led by our young parishioners. This monthly event will take place this month at LOL, 5th of July at the 6pm mass. Refreshments and games after for everyone!

FOR HOLY NAME VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the many Holy Name parishioners who joined our volunteers meeting on Wednesday evening. The meeting's focus was on how to address the challenges our volunteers are facing - the fact that we have a limited number of them and so they're typically involved in multiple ministries, the increasing need for some of them to

step-back for age and/or health reasons, the lack of new and younger volunteers coming forward from the church, and the advent of the Moderated Parish model in which lay members will be expected to do even more to support their church. The 50 or so of us who attended this meeting had a lively and interactive discussion, about both how we make best use of the volunteers we currently have and how we could attract new volunteers. As a follow-up to the meeting we'll be pulling together the many ideas that were discussed to create a Volunteering Action Plan that we'll share with the Parish Pastoral Committee and with all Holy Name parishioners. That Action Plan will include various activities that will require the support and active involvement of Holy Name parishioners, so please be ready to support it and to help us widen our increasingly stretched volunteer resource pool. Thank you in advance for your support, and let me know if you have specific suggestions about how you'd like to assist us in our volunteering efforts!

Alan Verschoyle-King, Holy Name representative, Parish Pastoral Committee

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

SOCIAL

OPEN AIR MASS NEXT WEEKEND – Sunday 29th June, 10.30am, St Paul's Playing fields

We hope all can join us. There will be just one Mass in each church during this weekend: **Saturday: 6pm at Holy Name and Sunday: 10.30am Open Air Mass on St Pauls School Playing Field** followed by International Food, cakes, Pimms and Teddy Bear's picnic.. **A FEW NOTES:**

International food dishes. Thank you to all those who signed up last week. It's not too late to offer your international food - the menu is shaping up nicely but more offers welcome please contact Liz Smith

Teddy bears invited too..... calling all parents of young children..... don't forget to bring a teddy bear and picnic lunch. Pick up your teddy bear passport and follow the teddy bear trail, join in with a teddy bear craft and sit down with your furry friend for a picnic after the Mass

Gazebos for shade and shelter. Please contact Karen Haizelden

Arms and muscles. If you can help set up on that Sunday morning to get chairs out please arrive at 8.30am at OLOL

VOLUNTEERS SUMMER DRINKS IN THE GARDEN – Friday 15th August at Holy Name

Mass (The Assumption) will be at 6pm at Holy Name that evening followed by drinks and nibbles for all who volunteer in the Parish of Esher & Thames Ditton

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 5th September, 6-9pm, OLOL

A regular annual quiz team from OLOL Confirmation 2019-2020 '6M' are kindly organising our next parish quiz on Friday 5th September. To be held in OLOL Gillespie Hall. Fun for under and over 21s! In support of Diabetes UK, Sarcoma UK and MND. Please book your tickets in advance via the posters in the church and spread the word! Price will include dinner (curry). Pay on the door. If anyone is able to provide curry (nut free) we would love to hear from you. Please text 07534 869522. Thank you in advance.

REQUEST FROM A PARISHIONER FROM KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

Participants with at least two chronic diseases (e.g., high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes) are needed for a research study at Kingston University, Penrhyn Road, to help identify components of a (self)care model that will provide you with a good quality of life and independence. Your attendance at a 3-hour focus group at the end of July will be required. You will be compensated £75.00 for the 3-hour session, plus receive an additional £25.00 towards transportation costs. If you are interested and would like more information, please email: a.chale@kingston.ac.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>

MAY OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £12,574; Offertory Cash £2,143.20; Offertory Contactless £1,304; Soups £80; Knitters £15; Crib £20; Education of Future Priests £453.57; Missionary Endeavour £185.02; FHC Services Offertory for Youth activities £1,303.71; Retreat £323

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 – Mondays & 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 |