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Newsletter 27th June 2025 - Ss Peter & Paul

Every year, there are a few occasions when our parish comes together to celebrate. We reconnected to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection at Easter Vigil Mass. The families from across the parish celebrated the First Holy Communion Masses and the Sacrament of Confirmation. On August 15th, we will celebrate the Thank You Mass, followed by a garden party for the parish volunteers. This Sunday, we are coming together to participate in a grand parish celebration: the Parish Open Air Mass, followed by a picnic and a food festival. Whenever we bring two communities together, it is special. This time, just as on Corpus Christi Sunday, we will bring the Eucharist out of the church to demonstrate and ask for Jesus' blessing for our local community. However, at the same time, it will be a revelation of the Church. People walking past should see how we gather in harmony and joyfully celebrate the liturgy. The uplifting message of the Scripture and the beautiful hymns should resound in the neighbourhood. This is a time of celebration of our parish family, but also an opportunity to bear witness to our faith. So I suggest that we take down the fence separating us from the main road for this one time of the year. And should it be impossible, let us continue singing, sharing, and giving testimony to the Lord beyond the school grounds. Let us bring the hope of our Christian faith to the people we love and respect.

Fr Sebastian

Mass Times this Week: Sat 28th June to Sun 6th July

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 28 th	6.00pm	Holy Name (<i>note: different this week only</i>) NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES	Lou & Nina Ferrara - Thanksgiving
Sunday 29 th <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes OPEN AIR MASS (<i>note: different this week only</i>) NO MASS AT HOLY NAME	People of the Parish
Monday 30 th <i>St Irenaeus</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 1 st	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Mark Sugden RIP
Wednesday 2 nd <i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 3 rd <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Private Intention
Friday 4 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Private Intention
Saturday 5 th	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes (Youth Mass)</i>	Denise Scott RIP
Sunday 6 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	Ronald Bellamy RIP People of the Parish Margarita Trujillo RIP

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES 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 & trail.. don't forget to bring a teddy bear and picnic Help needed:

8.30am Saturday – help setting up gazebos for shade and shelter.

8.30am Sunday – help setting up chairs

After the Mass – help putting chairs away

YOUTH

FINAL FUN FRIDAY - 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.

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 OLOL, 5th of July at the 6pm mass. Refreshments and games after for everyone!

HELP WITH LIFTS TO CHURCH

If you are able to help transport less abled parishioners come to Mass, please let either parish office know.

100 CLUB WINNERS – July

1st prize Susie Austin, 2nd prize Maria Luisa Mapleton, 3rd prize Stephen Ennis

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is **THURSDAY 3rd July 7pm at OLOL** 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 *Healthy ways to cope and care for oneself and the influence of spirituality on grieving*. All are very welcome to attend for tea and a chat. The next meeting will be in **September**.

TALK FROM FR DOMINIC ONWE – Saturday 19th July, 2.30pm at Holy Name

Fr Luke Dominic Onwe, OCD is a Carmelite priest and serves as the assistant director of CACS. He is a trained spiritual and retreat director with many years of experience as a formator and director. Fr Luke has a licence in Systematic Theology and a Master's degree in Spirituality (Carmelite Tradition). He is currently training as a pastoral supervisor. He will come to Holy Name to talk about The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and introduce Carmelite Spirituality with the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on the 16 July in the parish rooms. Tea and coffee at 2pm, talk 2.30-4.00pm

SOCIAL

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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2025



On 9th June, 30 members and friends of the Holy Family Parish flew to Izmir, Turkey via Istanbul. Our first stop on Tuesday 10th was at the hillside site of the 'House of the Virgin Mary'. St. John was entrusted with the care of Jesus' mother and tradition has it that she travelled with him to Ephesus and lived in this house. We celebrated the first mass of our pilgrimage at a lovely open air chapel adjacent to the house before moving on to the remains of the remarkable city of Ephesus. Like Rome, Ephesus was home to a highly sophisticated society, the wealthy living in luxurious houses with the marble halls, mosaics and frescoes we associate with high Roman society. A city of magnificent buildings including the remarkable two-storied Library of Celsus and amphitheatre, so great was Ephesus that the Romans made it their capital of Asia and it was to this city that St. Paul arrived.

Undeterred by the size, importance and magnificence of the city, the saint set about his work of evangelisation including preaching to crowds at the Roman Odeon. Before departing to continue his journey, St. Paul had established a burgeoning Christian community. Close to Ephesus is the tomb in which, according to tradition, rest the remains of the Apostle, St. John. Following the coast to the north we visited Pergamon before heading to Çanakkale where we visited the site of ancient Troy before crossing the Dardanelles to Gallipoli. In 1915 Gallipoli was the site of ferocious fighting but today it is, thankfully, a peaceful region, the horror of war a distant memory. Celebrating mass where men once fought and died, we received the Eucharist at the cemetery at Anzac Cove before paying our respects to the dead at the Lone Pine War Memorial and the memorial to the Turkish dead. Crossing the Dardanelles we moved from Asia to Europe arriving eventually at Istanbul. Visits included the magnificent Sultanahmet (Blue) Mosque, Topkapi Palace, the Basilica Cistern and Hagia Sophia which was created as a cathedral, converted to a mosque, then a museum and finally, once again, a mosque. Evidence of its Christian heritage remain despite attempts to obliterate all traces reflecting the determination of the Christian Community which continues to thrive in this city. As proof of this, we celebrated mass together at the Cathedral of Saint Esprit (Holy Spirit) and Church of St. Anthony of Padua.



In Turkey we were fortunate to have the services of Tahsin, an excellent coach driver and Nür, a truly first-class guide, patient, personable and knowledgeable. As we travelled home, we had the opportunity to reflect on another successful parish pilgrimage. We travelled together, celebrated mass and prayed together and enjoyed each other's company all the while enjoying the experience of another culture, one which is immersed in the practice of faith.

MUSIC ALERT FROM ST PAUL'S SCHOOL!

St Paul's are thrilled to share two songs their talented children have recorded.

"Pope Francis Walked Among us" and "The Earth is in our Hands" You can hear the songs here [Pope Francis Walked Among Us - song and lyrics by The Pupil's of St. Paul's Catholic Primary School Thames Ditton | Spotify](#)

St PAUL'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR – Sunday 13th July 12-3pm

Bouncy Castles, Circus workshops, BBQ, Pony Rides, Balloon modelling, Candy floss, art & craft, ice cream, school choir performance, slime workshops, tug of war, game stalls £1 per adult entry. All are welcome

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth to host inspiring talks on Indigenous Spirituality and Metaphysical Poetry

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, will host two exceptional events this September. *Discover Indigenous Spirituality* takes place **Saturday 6 September, 10am–12 noon**, led by Sheila Longman and featuring a Māori documentary and reflections on Native American spirituality. Later in the month, *Mysteries of the Metaphysicals* explores the poetry and faith of John Donne and George Herbert on **Thursday 25 September, 7.30pm–9.15pm**. Both events take place in the Assisi Room at the Abbey and cost **£10**, including refreshments. Spaces are limited and advance booking is essential via <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk> (search relevant event titles). All funds support the Abbey Church organ restoration. Don't miss these enriching sessions of spiritual and poetic insight in the peaceful monastery setting.

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)

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 Follow us on FB https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/	Monthly – generally 2 nd Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T