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**Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2025****PENTECOST**

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. We have seen the Holy Spirit at work in the Church over the last couple of months. We watched how the cardinals gathered in Rome to discern God's will and elect the new pope. During the conclave, they were "locked up" in the Sistine Chapel and thus separated from the noise of the world. This is the first clue for the people seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. You can hear his gentle voice more clearly when you pray and avoid the distractions of all sorts. I can not think of a better way of doing so than participating in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The upcoming feast of Corpus Christi is yet another opportunity to honour the Blessed Sacrament and benefit from Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. There is another less spectacular way of spotting the gentle breeze of the Holy Spirit moving the hearts of the faithful. The Holy Spirit is given to us for our sanctification. That is why we welcome the good news about the canonization of Pier Giorgio Frassati, which is going to take place in Rome on 5th August. This young Catholic activist, mountaineer, and member of St Vincent the Paul Society worked for the poor in Turin, Italy and exhibited the gifts of the Holy Spirit: great love for the needy and desire to be close to Jesus. We pray for all the faithful and the young people in particular that we get inspired by the lives of the saints and let the Holy Spirit work within us, for the sanctification of our souls and the benefit of others.

**Fr Sebastian**

**Mass Times this Week: Sat 7<sup>th</sup> to Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June**

| <b>Day/Feast Day</b>  | <b>Time</b>                                  | <b>Church</b>  | <b>Intention</b>  |
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| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>                                    | 5.15 - 5.45pm<br>6.00pm                      | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Our Lady of Lourdes                 |   |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Pentecost</i>                  | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>5.15 - 5.45pm<br>6.00pm | Holy Name<br>Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Reconciliation at Holy Name<br>Holy Name | C. J. Kim - RIP<br>Robert Sutkowski - RIP<br>People of the Parish |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> | 9.30am                                       | Our Lady of Lourdes  | Brian Tatam - RIP   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>                                    | 9.30am                                       | Holy Name<br>(please note NO Adoration this week)                            | Peter Strickland - RIP  |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St. Barnabas</i>           | 9.30am                                       | Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary                                     |   |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>   | 9.30am                                       | Holy Name  |   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St. Anthony of Padua</i>      | 9.30am                                       | Our Lady of Lourdes  | People of the Parish  |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>                                   | 5.15 - 5.45pm<br>6.00pm                      | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Our Lady of Lourdes                 | Valerie Maguire - RIP   |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup><br><i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>     | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>5.15 - 5.45pm<br>6.00pm | Holy Name<br>Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Reconciliation at Holy Name<br>Holy Name | Patrick Diviney – Ill<br>Pavel Paszulykas RIP                     |

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS RECOMMISSIONING TRAINING – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 11am at Holy Name**

Fr Sebastian will be conducting a Preparatory Meeting in the Parish Rooms at Church of the Holy Name, Esher on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025 during masses at both Churches

### **OLOL READERS TRAINING – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 10am at Holy Name**

As many Eucharistic ministers are also readers, there will be an opportunity for you (plus other readers or those wishing to become a reader) to come along for discussion on changes being made for readers. Nicky Barranger will also give us her “top tips “ on how to read giving her years of experience at the BBC

### **A MEETING OF ALL HOLY NAME VOLUNTEERS - Wednesday June 18th 8.00pm at Holy Name**

All Holy Name volunteers (musicians, sacristans, catechists, welcomers, Eucharist ministers, welcomers, readers, cleaners, flower arrangers, counters, social event organisers, etc.) are asked to attend a meeting in the Holy Name parish rooms on Wednesday June 18th at 8.00pm. In this meeting we'll discuss whether there are ways in which we can use our current groups of volunteers more effectively and we'll also share our plans to increase the number of volunteers at Holy Name. Please plan to attend this meeting - we'd love to hear your ideas about how we can optimise our approach to volunteering at Holy Name! See you on the 18<sup>th</sup> **Alan Verschoyle-King**

### ***A message from one of our young parishioners:***

This July, I will be travelling to Lourdes as part of the Purpleshirts - a group of young people aged 17 and 18 who dedicate their time to supporting and caring for the Assisted Pilgrims on their journey. This will be my third year going to Lourdes, and I am excited to take on a more active role this year. Serving the people of our diocese in such an active and personal way is incredibly meaningful. Not only does it bring joy and comfort to the pilgrims we help, but it also brings a deep sense of purpose and happiness to my own experience. To help fund this special journey, I will be selling sweets after Mass on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. Your support would mean the world to me—please come along and treat yourself while supporting a great cause! **Thank you so much, Kayleigh Galvin**

## **SOCIAL**

### **STRAWBERRY TEAS – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 3-5pm at OLOL**

Please contact Julie O'Brien ([erinsmum08@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH - Wednesday, 11th June 2025, 12pm at OLOL.**

A delicious selection of homemade soups with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!

### **OPEN AIR MASS WEEKEND – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 6pm at Holy Name** and **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Open Air Mass on St Pauls School** Playing Field followed by International Food (please sign up on sheets after Mass if you can bring any international dish), cakes, Pimms and Teddy Bear's picnic. 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.

### **VOLUNTEERS SUMMER DRINKS IN THE GARDEN – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

### **TAIZE EVENING – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**TRIP TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL** – Final call for all teens interested in joining us on our trip to Chichester on 28th of June. We will enjoy lunch in the city centre, followed by a tour of the beautiful medieval cathedral and ending with Choral Evensong. Please contact [youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk) by Friday the 13th if you are keen to join us.

### **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. Please note this is the last session of the academic year.

### **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.

### **St PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS OPENING EVENING – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 3.30-7.30pm**

Evening for prospective year 7 entrants and parents. Shorts Road, Carshalton SM5 3PS

## FROM THE DIOCESE

### **DIOCESAN RUN EVENTS**

**'Aquinas and Friendship' - Saturday 14 June 11am-1pm at St Pancras church in Lewes - FREE EVENT** To mark this year's 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St Thomas Aquinas, hear from Father Andrew Pinsent (Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, and a priest of our own Diocese) .

**Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration - Saturday 5 July 12 noon – 4.15pm at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT** The pilgrimage will begin with Mass, followed by a personal consecration to Our Lady, the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, Silent Prayer and Benediction. To find out more please contact: Linda C-Dominguez; T: 01273 463463 M: 07944 377252 or Jozef Bubez T: 01444 232974.

### **EXTERNALLY RUN EVENTS**

**FINAL in-person SCITT Open Morning - Tuesday 10th June 9.30-11am Salesian school, Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 9LU** Come and meet current trainees and our recruitment team. Please register [j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk](mailto:j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk)

**FINAL online information event - Tuesday 17th June 11-11.30am** Meet a member of our recruitment team and hear about the different training options. [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 337 761 814 070 Passcode: FQ9k2NP2.

For further information on both events visit [www.teachsoutheast.co.uk](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)

**CELEBRATE FESTIVAL - Worth School, West Sussex - 16-20 August 2025** Fancy a relaxed, fun, faith time away as a family or a Parish community? We would love to recommend the CELEBRATE festival to you this summer, in the beautiful West Sussex countryside. It's going to be a fun, family and faith-filled event with a Festival Big Top! There will be 8 children's and youth groups for all ages from babies in the creche to the Joel's Bar youth (16-22 years). There's on-site full board accommodation OR camping on the festival field. A jubilee event for all, come and join us!

## 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>

## 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](mailto:accounts.etd@abdiocese.org.uk)

## MAY OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £12,574; Offertory Cash £2,143.20; Offertory Contactless £1,304; Soups £80; Knitters £15; Crisb £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 (OLOL)

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| <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet:</b> All welcome to pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord encouraged St. Faustina to say.   | Weekly - <b>Sundays</b> after 9am<br>Mass in the Lady Chapel   | Holy Name   |
| <b>TakeTime Meditations:</b> A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to explore your faith with others.   | Weekly - <b>Mondays</b> at 8pm on Zoom   | Email parish office for Zoom link                 |
| <b>Playgroup and Café:</b> A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.   | Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 9-10.30am  | OLOL  |
| <b>Sew 'N So's:</b> Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and suggestions about anything you are "stuck" on.   | Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 11am-1pm<br>Call: Jo W on 020 8224 3705  | OLOL  |
| <b>Fun Fridays:</b> 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 OLOL. 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<br>Look out in newsletter for next one  | OLOL  |
| <b>Parish Youth Group:</b> 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   |
| <b>Youth St Vincent de Paul</b> - 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   | OLOL  |
| <b>Drinks and games after Saturday and Sunday evening Masses:</b> come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners  | Monthly – first weekend of the month   | OLOL  |
| <b>Rosary:</b> All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.  | Weekly - <b>Friday</b> 7pm<br><b>Wednesday 9.30am</b><br>Monthly - <b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b> 9.30am<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> 7.30pm<br>(weekly during May & October) | Holy Name<br>OLOL<br>Holy Name<br>OLOL            |
| <b>Bereavement Coffee Morning:</b> 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)<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 10am<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7pm   | Holy Name<br>OLOL                                 |
| <b>Grandparents and Elderly Group:</b> Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.  | Monthly - 3rd Tuesdays at 10.15am  | OLOL  |
| <b>Bible reading group:</b> 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<br><br>Call: John Merrigan (07949 913487).  | OLOL  |
| <b>Parish Soups:</b> A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!  | Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm   | OLOL  |
| <b>Taizé Evening:</b> 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<br>See newsletter for dates   | Holy Name   |
| <b>Esher Catenians:</b> open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network   | Monthly – generally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm<br>E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com  | Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T |