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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times this Week: Sat 12th to Sun 20th July

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 12 th	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Ian Mitchell RIP
Sunday 13 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	People of the Parish Richard Howarth RIP Paddy Keogan RIP
Monday 14 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Dick and Liz Germain RIP
Tuesday 15 th <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Candida Kirkpatrick Thanksgiving
Wednesday 16 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary	
Thursday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Nigel Whinnett RIP
Friday 18 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Kumar RIP
Saturday 19 th	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 20 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	CJ Kim RIP Pavel & Pavol Paszulykas RIP AJN Lee RIP

SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE CHEFS AT THE OPEN AIR MASS!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who "stepped up to the plate" and provided all the delicious food. Your generosity is much appreciated. If you missed it, here is a little montage to music of the event

<https://hollyfamilyelbridge.church/app/uploads/2025/07/Open-Air-Mass-2025.mp4>

KCAH (Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness)

As a big supporter of KCAH charity which supports homelessness in Kingston and around, we would like to share the link to their website. We recently donated over £1300 raised at our Open Air Mass <https://kcah.org.uk>

YOUTH

Wishing everyone a lovely summer! Please save the dates for the following:

Youth Mass at Holy Name, Sunday 7th of September at 6 pm. All ages welcome!

Secondary School: Our Friday evening youth club is back on Friday, 12th of September at 7pm at Holy Name. Faith in Action programme kicks off on Saturday, 27th of September at 4:30 at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Primary School: Fun Friday is back at Friday, 3rd of October 3:30 - 5 at OLOL. Please note this club is aimed at those in KS2 (siblings welcome).

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend - **Sea Sunday**, Next weekend – **Peter's Pence**

HOLY NAME VOLUNTEER ACTION PLAN

Please see below a piece about volunteering at Holy Name from Alan following various discussions and the Volunteers meeting which have taken place over recent months

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

TALK FROM FR DOMINIC ONWE – Saturday 19th July, 2.30pm-4pm (tea/coffee 2pm) 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.

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 MNDA. 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.

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>

JUNE OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £12,558.77; Offertory Cash £2,557.71; Offertory Contactless £1,887; Soups £65; Missionary Endeavour £55; World Communications Day £65; Open Air Mass KCAH £1,316.74; Legacy £500; Charity (Mark Sugden's funeral) £226

HOLY NAME – VOLUNTEERING ACTION PLAN

In recent months a number of discussions have taken place regarding Parishioner volunteering at Holy Name. Those discussions have happened within the Parish Pastoral Committee (PPC), within the Holy Name leadership group, individually between myself and a number of Parishioners, and in a volunteers open-forum meeting held on June 18th in the Parish Rooms. It's clear from all of these discussions that we need to address the challenge we face today, and this Volunteering Action Plan - which is reflective of much of the input received from our current volunteers in those various discussions - is our agreed way forward.

1. Background - our volunteering challenge

- * Holy Name currently has almost 30 individual ministries (see list below), with an average of 5 volunteers per ministry
- * many Parishioners are today volunteering with multiple ministries
- * some ministries are now joint with Our Lady of Lourdes, others are standalone Holy Name
- * the demographic profile of the Holy Name volunteers shows an average age of 60+
- * a number of our current volunteers have indicated that they intend to begin stepping-back from some/all of their activities, mainly for age or health reasons
- * particular challenges exist with one or two key individuals who currently lead multiple ministries and/or are involved in almost every aspect of our church activity and maintenance
- * the intended integration of Holy Name into the new Moderated Parish of Weybridge will necessitate an increased level of volunteering by the laity in the coming years

2. Plan - how we will address the challenge

- * by grouping 5 of the existing ministries into 2 'clusters', as pilots, to pool our volunteer resources and create nominated go-to contact points (see list below)
- * by holding meetings with the volunteers from those 5 ministries to agree how the clusters will work, and to then run with these pilots through to the end of 2025, at which point additional ministry clusters will be considered
- * by having a new volunteer 'Sign-Up September', with appeals being made at Masses, on the Parish website, on the Parish notice-boards, in the Parish newsletters, and at Parish meetings
- * by introducing the approach of having one of the Mass Welcomers speak from the altar immediately before each Mass to share information about the Children's Liturgy, coffee after Mass, etc., and as a means of encouraging newer Parishioners to commit more time to supporting the church

Current ministries

Adoration	Church shop	Prayer & Rosary
Alpha course	Confirmation	Reading
Altar serving	Crafts	Refreshments
Baptism	Eucharistic ministry	Rite of Christian Initiation for
Bereavement & care	First Holy Communion	Adults (RCIA)
Bidding prayer writing	Garden maintenance	Sacristans
Buildings maintenance	Grandparents & elderly	Taize services
Children's liturgy	Health & safety	Welcoming
Church cleaning	Lunches	Youth activities
Church flower arranging	Music	

Pilot ministry clusters

Baptism & First Holy Communion
Welcoming, children's liturgy & refreshments

To enquire further please see our Sign up Form <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/volunteer-join-a-team/>

REGULAR EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)

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 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	OLOL
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	OLOL
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 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 Look out in newsletter for next one	OLOL
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	OLOL
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	OLOL
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 OLOL Holy Name OLOL
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 OLOL
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	OLOL
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).	OLOL
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	OLOL
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