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## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass Times this Week: Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July - Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ss Joachim and Anne</i>	5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Ann Boardman RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Joe & Mafalda Di Lieto RIP  People of the Parish
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 1.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes Funeral of Stella Pearson	Alistair Mackenzie & family RIP
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ss Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	CJ Kim RIP
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Brian Cotter RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Alphonsus Ligouri</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Michael Wilkins RIP
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.15 - 5.45pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 - 5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Mark & Aneta Seager Ints

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND**

We welcome into the Church Beatrice Iona who will be baptised at the 11am Mass at OLOL this weekend

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME DURING AUGUST WILL BE AT 5.30pm**

We are going into summer mode and for August the 6pm Mass at OLOL will start half an hour earlier – at **5.30pm**

### **OLOL OFFICE CLOSED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (apart from Friday mornings)**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July will be Andrea's last day in the OLOL office until September, apart from Fridays where Leonie will be there. But emails and voicemails are manned all summer. Please continue to call or email with any mass intentions requests or speak to Leonie on Friday mornings.

### **HELP IN OLOL REPOSITORY/CHURCH SHOP NEEDED**

Are you able to help sort, source and oversee running of the Shop at OLOL – perhaps as a team? If so please email the OLOL office to chat to someone a bit more about it.

## **YOUTH**

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

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

**Secondary School:** Our Friday evening youth club is back on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm at Holy Name.

Faith in Action programme kicks off on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> of September at 4:30 at Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

### **OLOL BIG CLEAN – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

There will be a deep cleaning at OLOL church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 101m – 12 noon. More hands make light work, please come along or contact Isabel McCormick for more information.

### **ALPHA STARTING IN SEPTEMBER**

Our next Alpha course starts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September and will run each Tuesday evening until December at Holy Name Church. Exact dates plus registration form can be found on our website here

<https://hollyfamilyelmbridge.church/alpha-course/> along with more information on the course. Please spread the word to any friends who may be interested to learn more about the meaning of life. Alpha is a welcoming space to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view, all in a friendly and open environment. Alpha welcomes everyone new to faith. Enjoy thought-provoking discussions, inspiring talks, and a chance to connect with others over a meal.

### **HCPT HOSANNA HOUSE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 6th to 12th September 2025**

Come and join us for a life changing experience. We are looking forward to yet another week of prayer, rest and fun. We will also visit places of interest such as Bartres and Gavarnie in the Pyrenees. Our group includes persons of all ages and those requiring special assistance. Young helpers will be provided training. For further details please contact Emil (020 8398 9222 or 07760 220 933) or Dr Ian (020 8398 7367) or by e-mail: [group537@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk)

## **SOCIAL**

### **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

### **QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 6-9pm, OLOL**

A regular annual quiz team from OLOL Confirmation 2019-2020 '6M' are kindly organising our next parish quiz on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UK PRAYS** will be saying a public rosary to place the UK under the protection of Our Lady, on Saturday August 2nd at 12.00 hrs at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, KT8 9DD. This is a quiet side gate opposite Bushy Park. Do not go to the main palace entrance. (Transport: Car Park at the Diana Fountain, Bushy Park / Hampton Court Station/multiple buses). Website [UKPrays.org](http://UKPrays.org).

### 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>

### FROM THE DIOCESE

#### Two paid positions:

##### **Head of Finance, full-time, permanent**

**Salary:** £60,000 to £65,000, **Location:** The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site), **Application deadline:** 18 August 2025 at 5pm, **Interviews:** 26 August 2025

The successful applicant will oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central operations based at our Crawley site. You will have a key role in providing high-quality financial reporting to our Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee (DFC). You'll also lead the team in producing statutory audited accounts, acting as the principal contact for external auditors. With additional responsibility for cashflow forecasting, treasury and investment management, tax compliance, VAT (for one subsidiary), and gift aid, this role ensures that the Diocese maintains robust financial governance. While Charity sector experience is a significant advantage in this position, it is your flexible and positive leadership of a diverse staff and volunteer finance community across some 80 sites that will set you apart.

See: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/head-of-finance](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/head-of-finance)

##### **Communications Officer, part-time, permanent**

**Salary:** £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000), **Location:** Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required, **Application deadline:** 13 August 2025 at 5pm, **Interviews:** 19 August 2025

The successful applicant will attend events, and produce and edit accurate, well-written online and offline content across diocesan platforms, telling the Church's story and its contribution to society. They will be expected to support the Head of Communications in managing the digital and print presence of the diocese, including content management for the Diocesan website and social platforms. See [abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications](http://abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications)

### 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

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

<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 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 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>Mondays &amp; 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 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 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 <b>Wednesday 9.30am</b> Monthly - <b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b> 9.30am <b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> 7.30pm (weekly during May & October)	Holy Name OLOL Holy Name 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) 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 10am 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7pm	Holy Name 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  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 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 Follow us on FB <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/</a>	Monthly – generally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T