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Newsletter 4th July 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we are young, we are taught to say thank you. As we grow older, we come to realise that expressing gratitude is not always without its challenges. There is a certain risk in singling out individuals, for in the attempt to recognise every effort, someone is inevitably overlooked. I might hold vivid images in my mind of those who gave their time and energy last Saturday and Sunday on St Paul's field, yet to name names would be to risk forgetting an important contribution. So, in the spirit of true community, this is a heartfelt and collective thank you from Father Sebastian and the Parish Pastoral Council to everyone who played a part in making the Open-Air Mass such a wonderful and successful occasion. In this same spirit of compassion, our Young Vincentians have brought to our attention the important and ongoing work of KCAH—Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness. While Elmbridge and Kingston are communities of abundance in many ways, we are reminded that not everyone shares in this good fortune. The number of individuals sleeping rough in Kingston continues to rise, making the work of KCAH ever more vital. We are grateful to the parish for responding so generously last weekend, raising over £1000 to support the work of KCAH. Fr Sebastian will be on holiday back in Poland until the 18th of July. He deserves his rest. We are lucky that Father Stephen will be saying most of the masses during his absence and this weekend we have Fr Edward from the White Fathers

Chris Bourne, Chair PPC

Mass Times this Week: Sat 5th to Sun 13th July

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 5 th	5.15 -5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes (Youth Mass)	Denise Scott RIP
Sunday 6 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.15 -5.45pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Ronald Bellamy RIP People of the Parish Margarita Trujillo RIP
Monday 7 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	John Merrigan's health
Tuesday 8 th	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Muriel Rogers RIP
Wednesday 9 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary	
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Michael Crowley RIP
Friday 11 th <i>St Benedict</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Stephen Lodge RIP and Eileen Child RIP
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	Holy Name	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Richard Howarth RIP
	5.15 -5.45pm	<i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i>	
	6.00pm	Holy Name	Paddy Keogan RIP

OPEN AIR MASS MONTAGE OF PHOTOS

There is a little montage to music you might like to see here

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

YOUTH

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!

A BIG THANK YOU to all our young parishioners and their families for all their hard work and involvement in our youth programme this year. We have had an incredible year in our Parish, filled with many youth clubs, outings, charity events and more. Our young people helped over 60 families in need and provided care packages and funding to over 40 adults in need. We visited Radio Maria and the town of Chichester and participated in countless youth clubs...which means we ate a lot of pizza! I look forward to seeing everyone next September. We have a full programme of exciting events planned so stay tuned! Have a wonderful Summer and see you all in September!

Pamela Thompson, Parish Youth Worker

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will be visited by the White Fathers who will run an appeal for the Missionaries of Africa

HELP WITH LIFTS TO CHURCH

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

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.

THANK YOU - Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £738 raised for Christians in the Holy Land at this most difficult of times. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters the strength to continue

FROM THE DIOCESE

Building the Domestic Church – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. During baptism, parents are also called to promise the Lord, that they will teach and pass on the faith to their children. But what do they pass on? It can be a daunting promise, and after all "you can't give what you don't have" (2Cor 8:12). So how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord. Join us as we explore the concept of the Domestic Church and all it means for our families in faith. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk Poster and social tile attached.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 11 October 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace

Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Parish Hall. Family and friends are very welcome. The church and hall are wheelchair friendly, with a number of disabled parking spaces available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Applications Now Open for the 2025/26 OHP Academy

The OHP Academy is a six-month online worship school for aspiring worship leaders, musicians, and songwriters who are seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus while developing their practical gifting to serve within their local context. One Hope Project has over a decade of experience in worship, songwriting, and equipping others for ministry, rooted in a lifelong journey of following Christ. We're excited to be launching our fifth cohort this year, having already graduated over 70 participants from 13 countries worldwide. Further details can be found on the website W: onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy.

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. Come and CELEBRATE this Jubilee year individually or as a parish family! To book – <https://www.celebratetrust.org/festival> (Please note* Children's groups fill up fast)

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

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