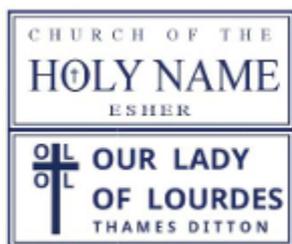


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Newsletter 20th March, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Times : Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th Sunday March, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 21 st March	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 nd March	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Stuart Hunter RIP Fr Sebastian Ints Peake family living and deceased
Monday 23 rd March	NO MASS 9.30am	<i>Morning prayer at OLOL</i>	
Tuesday 24 th March	NO MASS 10.00 – 11.00am	Holy Name – <i>Adoration</i>	
Wednesday 25 th March Annunciation of the Lord	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes – <i>Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 26 th March	9.30am	Holy Name	Purdy family living and deceased
Friday 27 th March	10.30am 12.00pm 8.00pm	School Lenten Mass <i>Holy Name – Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 28 th March	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Rajendra Babu RIP
Sunday 29 th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	James Geraghty RIP Gerry Gallen's health People of the Parish

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday (2 nd April)	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8pm	Holy Name
Good Friday (3 rd April)	Children's Stations of the Cross	9.45am	LOL
		9.45am	Holy Name
	The Passion	3pm	LOL
		3pm	Holy Name
Holy Saturday (4 th April)	Blessing of the Food baskets	10.30am	Holy Name
	Easter Vigil	8:30pm	LOL
Easter Sunday (5 th April)	Easter Sunday	9am	Holy Name
	Easter Sunday	11am	LOL

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>

REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT OLOL

Good news is that the new fire alarm system which was the first stage of the refurbishment is fitted and tested. After Easter contractors will remove most of the remaining asbestos in the building which is essential for the builders to start work on Phase two in the week beginning 12th April. We will be replacing many of the internal doors which are not fire compliant but Parishioner's will notice a big change in the Narthex area with a new bigger door into the Stevenson Room and the move of the office back to its original position near the entrance to the church. The office however will be much bigger. The work will go on for about six weeks which will cause inconvenience but the benefits will be that the church will be compliant with Fire Regulations and the Narthex will look better and we will have a more convenient office.

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT AFTER THE 9am MASS AT HOLY NAME

We will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the garden after the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday. Tea, coffee for adults too – all are welcome

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

12 noon at Holy Name followed by soup lunch

8pm at OLOL



LENTEN RECONCILIATION ACROSS THE PARISH OF WEYBRIDGE

Walton: Saturday 21st March St Erconwald's, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2TA (see notice below)

Weybridge: Monday 23rd March 6pm. Christ the Prince of Peace Lent Reconciliation Service

Hersham: Saturday 4th April 5.00-5.30pm All Saints

Molesey: Saturday 4th April any time between 11am – 4pm St Barnabas

Sunningdale: Thursday 26th March 7pm The Sacred Heart

Englefield Green: Friday 29th March 7-8pm The Assumption of Our Lady

EASTER EGGS – THE REAL CHOCOLATE COMPANY

On sale in both church shops. These are a great way to teach your children/grandchildren the Easter Story. Books included and fairtrade chocolate. £5.50 each.. Also Easter cards available in both shops

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross in each church on Good Friday. Both at 9.45am and both followed by hot cross buns! Young people will have the opportunity to read at each station if they wish. Please email youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk Come and help make this Good Friday a meaningful experience for our parish community!

St Erconwald's Divine Mercy Apostolate Mission Saturday 21st March 12 noon to 3.30pm

Program for day:
12pm-1pm Bring and Share Lunch
1pm -2pm Talk
2pm-2.45pm Mass
2.45pm – 3.30pm
Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Eucharistic Benediction.

During the Mission there will be opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation.



YOUTH

Faith In Action

Our next session is THIS SATURDAY, 21 of March at OLOL 3:30 - 5pm. With this Reflection Session we will be exploring what it means to be a "courageous Catholic." Please bring your journals and any updates to add to our Big Lent Walk. <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/parishes/our-lady-of-lourdes-thames-ditton-kt-7-0-lp>

Youth Alpha – Secondary School

Join us Friday, 27th of March for our **6th Youth Alpha session**. We'll explore: **"Who is the Holy Spirit?"** 7–9 PM at Holy Name. Pizza and games included. Come for the conversation, stay for the fun – all secondary school students welcome!

OLOL Choir - All Welcome

Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) Choir is inviting young parishioners to join them on the **first Sunday of every month at 10:15 AM**. Come for practice, stay and sing with the choir during Mass and grow your musical and liturgical skills while serving the parish. Everyone is welcome—bring your voice or your instrument and be part of the music!

SOCIAL

"THE MAN WHO LEFT THE TITANIC" – 18th April 7.30pm at Holy Name

Live Theatre is coming to Holy Name. On 18th April in the Parish Rooms, "The man who left the Titanic" will be performed by the Isosceles theatre group at 7:30pm, (doors open for refreshments 7pm). Tickets are £25 and are available from the Parish Office (esher@abdiocese.org.uk) Cash or contactless. Or pay online using reference "Theatre/your surname". Profits will go to Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH)

SAVE THE DATES:

Strawberry Teas – 14th June 3-5pm at OLOL

Games, Tennis and Afternoon Tea – Sunday 5th July at Holy Name gardens

Race Night – Saturday 10th October at Holy Name

School of Joy Quiz Night – Saturday 28th November at Holy Name

ST PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH – Thank you!

We had a great turnout for this annual event and thank you to our great team of chefs. The event raised in the region of £350 for KCAH (a Kingston homeless charity). Thank you all who supported



SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MOW THE LAWN AT HOLY NAME

If you are able to join our rota of Holy Mowers to mow the lawns in the church and presbytery gardens over the summer we would love to hear from you esher@abdiocese.org.uk

If anyone happens to be getting rid of a ride-on mower and would like to donate it to us, this would be gratefully received!

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £11,829; Offertory Cash £1,552.77; Offertory Contactless £1,416; OL Soups £169; Lourdes Pilgrimage £1,082.10; Racial justice £70.20; Oasis pancakes £70

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. Click here	Weekly - Mondays at 8pm on Zoom	
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 – 9am-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.	Call: Jo W 020 8224 3705	OLOL
Fun Fridays: A youth club for primary aged children and their families. Activities are geared at KS2 with crafts, games, snacks, and a prize draw. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends after school and enjoy seasonal themed activities.	5 Fridays term time – 3:30pm – 5pm Look out in newsletter for next one	OLOL
Parish Youth Group: For students in school years 7–13 (ages 13 and above) The Parish Youth Group offers a welcoming and supportive environment for young people to grow in their faith, build friendships, and enjoy time together in a relaxed setting. Held every other Friday in the Parish Rooms with pizza, games and fellowship at Holy Name Church, Esher.	Every other Friday (see newsletter)	Holy Name
Faith In Action Awards Programme – Our Parish award programme for those in Secondary School, supporting our candidates through their faith journey this year. Please see updates in the newsletter.	4 Reflection Dates: November 1 st , January 3 rd , others TBD	OLOL
Scrabble Club All are welcome to join our new Scrabble Club which will take place at Holy Name on a Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm. If you are interested or would like more information or would like transport please contact	Weekly – Tuesdays 2-4pm at Holy Name Sarah Ford 07704 957612	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 - 7pm Next Thu 5 Mar	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 D