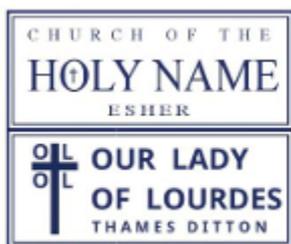


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PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY

Mass Times : Saturday 28th to Sunday 5th April, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
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>Passion Sunday</i> <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
Monday 30 th March	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Godwin Family
Tuesday 31 st March	9.30am	Holy Name	Sebastien Manzalaoui RIP
Wednesday 1 st April	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes – <i>Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 2 nd April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	8.00pm	Holy Name – <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	Denise Scott RIP
Friday 3 rd April <i>Good Friday</i>	9.45am 3.00pm	Holy Name & Our Lady of Lourdes – <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Name & Our Lady of Lourdes - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday 4 th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	10.30am 8.30pm	Holy Name – <i>Blessing of Food Baskets</i> Our Lady of Lourdes – Solemn Vigil of Easter	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes No 6pm Mass at Holy Name	Lystra & Derek Hitchings, RIP Fr. Stephen's 17 th Anniversary

CATECHISM TRAINING

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation are all such important milestones in our own and our young people's spiritual journey. We have a fantastic team of existing catechists that help run our current programmes but we need some more volunteers to spread the load. Can you help and get involved?? As a first step for anyone interested in becoming a catechist and for all current catechists there will be an online program running for three Saturdays starting 16th May 9-12am. Please do your best to attend and please let the OLOL or HN office know of your interest and intention to attend as the parish will make a contribution on your behalf. If we have a group who are interested maybe we can watch the 3 online training sessions together and finish with lunch!! Link here: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/essential-training-for-catechists-2026-05-16-09-00>

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>

100 CLUB WINNERS – March

1st Prize Jan Woolhead; 2nd prize Cor Verdult; 3rd prize Orla Bradley

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday (2 nd April)	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8.00pm	Holy Name
Good Friday (3 rd April)	Children's Stations of the Cross	9.45am	LOL
		9.45am	Holy Name
	The Passion	3.00pm	LOL
		3.00pm	Holy Name
Holy Saturday (4 th April)	Blessing of Food baskets	10.30am	Holy Name
	Easter Vigil	8:30pm	LOL
Easter Sunday (5 th April)	Easter Sunday	9.00am	Holy Name
	Easter Sunday	11.00am	LOL

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

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD BASKETS – 10.30am Holy Saturday (4th) at Holy Name

Please spread the word amongst your Polish friends they are welcome to join us for this traditional service

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

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

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

EASTER FLOWERS AT HOLY NAME

If Holy Name parishioners would like to make a contribution to the Easter flowers, please pop into the office or make a payment online using "Easter Flowers" as a reference

ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING – Wednesday 22nd April at Holy Name

Please mark this evening in your calendar to come a listen to an update on where our churches of Esher and Thames Ditton are now. Have your say, ask questions and join in as key parishioners in our continued journey of faith.

YOUTH

Secondary School Youth Club

Join us THIS 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! Upcoming dates 17th of April and 1st of May.

LOLO Choir - All Welcome

Our Lady of Lourdes (LOLO) 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!

Faith In Action

Our final Reflection Session is SATURDAY, 9th of May at OLOL 3 - 5pm. This session we will be creating our final group project for submittal on the 1st of June. Please continue logging your walking miles and take some time over the break to reflect in your journals. Thank you all for your dedication and support!<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/parishes/our-lady-of-lourdes-thames-ditton-kt-7-0-lp>

Fun Friday - Primary School

Our next and last Fun Friday is on the 5th of June at OLOL in the church hall. Join us for a fun-filled evening of **family bingo**, great prizes, snacks—and a special farewell send-off for our Year 6 students at St Paul's. Plus, a little something for the adults too!

SOCIAL

"THE MAN WHO LEFT THE TITANIC" – 18th April 7.30pm at Holy Name- PLEASE BOOK ASAP TO ENSURE NUMBERS

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

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s and 30s) -Discerning God's Call in your life, 15th - 17th May, Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.** If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org**

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 1 st Thu - 7pm Next session Thu 4 June	OLOL
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