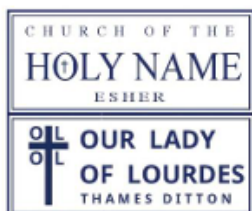


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HOLY WEEK / EASTERTIDE

Mass Times : Maundy Thursday 2nd April to Friday 17th April, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
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 9.45am 3.00pm 3.00pm	Holy Name – <i>Family Stations of the Cross</i> OLOL – <i>Family Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Name - <i>Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion</i> OLOL - <i>Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion</i>	
Saturday 4 th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	10.30am 8.30pm	Holy Name – <i>Blessing of Food Baskets</i> Our Lady of Lourdes – <i>Solemn Vigil of Easter</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.00am 11.00am NO eve MASS	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes	Lystra & Derek Hitchings, RIP Fr. Stephen’s 17 th Anniversary
Monday 6 th April	NO MASS		
Tuesday 7 th April	NO MASS		
Wednesday 8 th April	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 9 th April	9.30am	Holy Name	Pat Diviney, RIP
Friday 10 th April	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Fr. Sebastian Paul Intentions
Saturday 11 th April	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th April <i>Divine Mercy</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Rosa Graciela-Miro, RIP Abdelmasih, RIP Eileen & John Totham, RIP
Monday 13 th April	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sebastien Manzalaoui, RIP
Tuesday 14 th April	9.30am 10am – 11am	Holy Name <i>Holy Name - Adoration</i>	People of the Parish
Wednesday 15 th April	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 16 th April	9.30am	Holy Name	Carol Marsella, RIP
Friday 17 th April	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	

EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR SEBASTIAN

Easter is the highlight of our liturgical year. We're going to celebrate the main mystery of our salvation - Jesus gave his life for us so that we can live a new life, a life of holiness, charity and love. Unfortunately, for the first time in centuries there was no hosanna in the streets of Jerusalem. Christians were not allowed to enter the Holy Sepulchre basilica even for a private celebration. This is very much the reflection of our turbulent times. Evil of divisions, politics and wars seems to prevail and does not let the light of hope come alive in the hearts of people affected by the darkness of poverty and misery of wars. Yet the ban on the celebration of the Holy Week in the Holy Land offers us a profound lesson on our faith. Jesus is rising from the dead, hope will be restored, life is going to be reborn. How many things seems to be lost in your life. How many times have we given up? And yet God has a plan, there is life beyond death. Not in the way we expect but in the way that will God's his plan. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us the way, guide us on the path of a new life.

I'd like to wish you a happy Easter. This is the time when we can together in the churches to share the joy of the Resurrection, meet our family and friends. But this is also an opportunity to experience the new life given to us in Christ. He raises us from the falls, helps us to overcome any difficulties and start anew. Let us accept this gift and share the hope of a new life with others, especially those who are in need.

ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING – Wednesday 22nd April at Holy Name

Please mark this evening in your calendar to come hear 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.

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS OVER EASTER WEEKEND

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY – 9.45am at both churches

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

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE ON THE GREEN - 11am

There will be an annual Ecumenical Service in Thames Ditton, Giggs Hill Green by the War Memorial

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

EASTER OFFERINGS ARE YOUR PERSONAL GIFT TO FR SEBASTIAN. Priests have no salary, therefore their personal income is derived from your contributions at Christmas and Easter and for mass intentions and sacraments. GiftAid envelopes are available in the church porches for your Easter gift. Thank you.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

This week's newsletter covers masses for two weeks. Next newsletter is on 17th April. The OLOL parish office will be closed next week also.

BAPTISMS NEXT WEEKEND (12th)

Congratulations to the Rees and Maloney families whose sons will both be baptised at Holy Name next Sunday

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>

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Our next meeting is **THURSDAY 9th April 7pm at OLOL** with an opportunity to light a candle and say a prayer for your deceased loved one. This is followed by the chance to join our meeting afterwards, considering *How are friends and family responding to your loss? What are you finding helpful and where can you find the support that you need?*. All are very welcome to attend for tea and a chat. The next meeting will be at Holy Name on Tuesday 5th May at 10am.

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.

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!

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

MONTHLY SOUP AT OLOL - Wednesday, 8th April 2026, 12pm at OLOL.

A delicious selection of homemade soups with bread, cheese and Scottish Fayre. Come along and bring a friend!

"THE MAN WHO LEFT THE TITANIC" – 18th April 7.30pm at Holy Name- **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK**

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

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 Sarah Ford 07704 957612	Holy Name
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