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EASTERTIDE

Mass Time : Saturday, 25th April to Sunday, 3rd May, 2026			
DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 25 th April <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Pavel & Pavol Paszulykas, RIP
Sunday, 26 th April <i>Fourth ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Mornington Seager, RIP Samor Abbo, RIP People of the Parish
Monday, 27 th April	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday, 28 th April	9.30am 10am – 11am	Holy Name <i>Holy Name - Adoration</i>	Conor McBrearty, RIP
Wednesday, 29 th April <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday, 30 th April	9.30am	Holy Name	Tony Harryman, RIP
Friday, 1 st May	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Joseph Peake RIP
Saturday, 2 nd May <i>St. Athanasius</i>	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 3 rd May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Fr. Benny O’Shea Tony Scott’s work colleagues Mary Callaghan, RIP

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING_

This Wednesday we held our Annual Parish Meeting. About 40 people attended. We were delighted the Mgr Tony Barry who is Episcopal Vicar for Surrey attended the meeting along with Adam Simon the Chair of the New Parish of Weybridge. Fr Tony said that the Diocese was acutely aware of the stresses placed on our Churches with the long term sickness of Father Sebastian. He said that his illness came at a difficult time as we were now transiting to the new “super” Parish of Weybridge. Adam talked about the plans for the new Parish of Weybridge and excited everyone at the prospect of a Parish Gathering at Sandown Park. Michael Burke reported on our Finances (accounts now on our website) Pam Thompson on our Youth Work and Karen and Alan on their respective churches. Despite our known problems, weekend mass attendances as reported to diocese had increased. I gave a report on our Churches in 2025 and the outlook for 2026. Notes can be found [here](#) and a video [here](#) or on the front page of our website under Notices

Chris Bourne, PPC Chair

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

We have been advised that we can only use this form of service “in extremis “ . On Thursday a priest who was planning to say mass with us had a bereavement. Therefore we decided that was sufficient to justify us using Liturgy of the Word. Nina McCaffery led the service with a great sense of calm supported by others who had been trained to conduct this form of service. It was clearly explained by Nina it was not a mass but the Parishioners were glad to receive Holy Communion on St Georges Day.

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>

THERE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHY AT BOTH SUNDAY MORNING MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Pictures are intended for use solely in parish and diocesan print and digital publications, including a new parish website, diocesan Flickr feed, and social media channels. **Any individual not wishing to be photographed is asked to make themselves known to a member of the Parish Team and to sit in the 'no capture' area of the church.** If you have questions about the project, please contact: E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk

COMPLAINTS POLICY

The PPC have devised a complaints policy for parishioners, should there be any concerns. Please find this on our website here <https://holyfamilyembridge.church/complaints-policy/>

ELIZABETH HARLOW

We wanted to highlight an unfortunate coincidence. At Holy Name there have been prayers for an Elizabeth Harlow who passed away recently in a local care home. Please note this is a different person to Liz Harlow, old time parishioner of OLOL, who is fine and living in Kingston.

YOUTH

Secondary School Youth Club

Join us Friday, 1st of May for our 8th Youth Alpha session. 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 - 3rd of May @ 10:30

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!

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.

Fun Friday - Primary School

Please save the date, our next and final Fun Friday of the school year is on the 5th of June at OLOL in the church hall. 3:30-5pm. 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

Theatre: Last Saturday on 18th April, parishioners were taken through the thoughts of J. Bruce Ismay, Chairman of White Star Line, the owners of the Titanic. He was onboard when disaster struck, and survived. The actors had us all spellbound in their performance, with everyone agreeing it was a magnificent show. The play, specially written for small intimate venues was a masterpiece. The unanimous view from the audience was that the event was a great success, and as such we will endeavour to host a different play next year from the same Theatre group. Lots of thanks to all those that supported the event, and over £400 (tbc) was raised for Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness.

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

2nd COLLECTION SAT 25 & SUN 26 APRIL - THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS

Please see some leaflets produced by the diocese for this “Good Shepherd Sunday” in each church. It is possible to donate at Mass on the contactless machines, cash and online.

MARCH OFFERINGS

Standing orders £13,104.77; Offertory Cash £2,081.70; Offertory Contactless £2,124;

Lourdes Pilgrimage £30; Easter Flowers at Holy Name £182 For charities: OLOL Soups £80; Cafod Fast Day £1,226.55; Cafod Big Walk £197.60; Cafod Easter Rabbits £271; International Women’s Day £313; St Patrick’s Day lunch £315; Holy Name Lenten Soup lunches £325;

ST CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION – Christ the Prince of Peace Weybridge 25 Aug to 3

Sept Pope Leo declared London-born Carlo Acutis the Catholic Church’s first Millennial saint on Sunday 7 September 2025. St Carlo, who died in 2006 at the age of 15, is a saint for our times. He once said, “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven!” and his commitment to the fundamental truths of Catholicism, particularly his deep devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, is an inspiration to generations of young people. St Carlo was given his first computer aged nine; and was soon begging his mother for books on how to code, to apply his skills to creating a website [MIRACOLI EUCARISTICI - Mostra Internazionale Ideata e Realizzata da Carlo Acutis e Nicola Gori](#) on Eucharistic miracles.

From the Diocese

Diocesan Recruitment: Due to expansion of the Schools Singing Programme (SSP), the Diocese are seeking to recruit a Choral Director who will work within the Diocesan Education Service and alongside two existing Choral Directors. The person appointed will be responsible for the SSP in our diocesan schools in Surrey. Further information can be found at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/choral

Youthscape Youth ministry training: An innovative Youth Ministry training course led by our Diocesan Youth team for anyone who works with Young People and Young Adults, including chaplains, catechists or those running (or planning to run) youth groups. **Three full in person days** (Saturdays 16th May, 13th June & 18th July) at The Franciscan Centre Ladywell, Ashstead Lane, Godalming, Surrey, England GU7 1ST. The overall course cost is **£75**, which covers the cost of cooked lunch, tea and coffee and the official Youthscape course workbook for all three days. For more information bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk or sign up [Youthscape Essentials training \(16-May-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Mental Health Awareness training, Saturday 9 May 2026 10-3pm in Crawley - Tickets £40: One of the challenges we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions and how we can meet this challenge in our parish communities. E: Deacon Simon South simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Grandparents Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, Wednesday 17 June 11am – 3pm: A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents with Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch. To register: [Grandparents' Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(17-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#). If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Eucharistic Congress – London Save the Date: Saturday, 10th October 2026: It is confirmed by the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales that the next Eucharistic Congress will take place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. The day will start with Holy Mass followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be various events throughout the day. More details to follow.

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