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EASTERTIDE

Mass Time : Saturday, 16 May to Sunday, 24 May, 2026			
DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 16 May	10am & 12pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	OLOL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION x 2 <i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 17 May <i>Seventh 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	Private Intention Anna and Josef Koren RIP Bep and Nel Rokebrand RIP
Monday, 18 May	9.30am (No Mass)	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Morning prayer</i>	
Tuesday, 19 May	9.45am 10am – 11am (No Mass)	<i>Holy Name – Morning Prayer</i> <i>Holy Name – Adoration</i>	
Wednesday, 20 May	9.30am (No Mass)	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday, 21 May	9.30am	Holy Name	Douglas Austin RIP and David Sutterby RIP
Friday, 22 May	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday, 23 May	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Daniel Souto Novaes, RIP
Sunday, 24 May <i>Pentecost</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Cara Hudnott, RIP Jean Halliday, RIP People of the Parish

SUNDAY, 17 MAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

2nd Collection this weekend supports the Church's Apostolate in Mass media.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT OLOL THIS WEEKEND

We keep in our prayers all the First Holy Communion children at Our Lady of Lourdes this weekend. Thank you to Fr John Inglis for celebrating such a special Mass last weekend at Holy Name and it will be once again a joyful one at Thames Ditton tomorrow. A HUGE thank you to all catechists from both churches who have prepared the children and their families. Your time and care is very much appreciated by the Parish.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS

Gift Aid Tax Statements for 2025/2026 have been sent out this week by email. Please check your junk/spam folders it will come from giftaidnotifications@abdiocese.org.uk This statement only covers donations made directly to the church, those made by contactless payments are dealt with separately. If there are any queries please contact Leonie accounts.etd@abdiocese.org.uk

CAKE SALE AT HOLY NAME (after the 9am) FOR LOURDES RED AND PURPLE SHIRTS – this Sunday (17th)

Three of the Holy Name altar servers – William, Anya and Austin – will this Sunday be holding a cake sale after the 9am Mass at Holy Name. They are all joining the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage as Red and Purple Shirts in July and proceeds of the sale will go towards the costs of their trips. Thank you for your support.

MAY, MONTH OF MARY

A decade of the Rosary will be recited before the start of Sunday Mass at 9am during the month of May in honour of our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to join in.

An afternoon in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday 23rd May 2-5pm Holy Name

You are warmly invited to an afternoon dedicated to the Rosary Prayer as we celebrate the beautiful month of May, traditionally devoted to Our Lady and the prayer of the Rosary. This gathering holds a special significance, as it coincides with the Vigil of Pentecost. Just as Our Lady was present with the Apostles at Pentecost—praying, waiting, and united in faith—we too come together in prayer, seeking the grace of the Holy Spirit through her loving intercession for all intentions especially for Fr Sebastian, for the Parish and for peace in the world. Join us for a peaceful and prayerful time as we meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary, deepen our devotion, and share in this moment of spiritual unity. You are welcome to *join at any point* during the afternoon.

2pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2.15 - Introductory Prayers of the Rosary & Joyful Mysteries with reflections

2.40 - Marian hymn

2.45 - Luminous mysteries with reflections

3.10 - Silent Prayer

3.15 - Sorrowful mysteries with reflections

3.40 - Marian music / adoration

3.45 - Glorious Mysteries with reflections

4.10 - Litany of Loreto / Memorare

4.15 - Silent Prayer

4.30 - Prayers for Vigil of Pentecost

4.40 - Veni Sancte Spiritus

4.45 - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Meanwhile, please bring your prayer petitions and drop them in the Petition Box located in the Chapel. This will be placed at the foot of the main Altar throughout the afternoon's prayers.

YOUTH

Secondary School Youth Club

Join us Friday, 15th of May for our 9th 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!

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!

Faith In Action

Please save the date for our awards ceremony on the 28th of June, at the 11:00 mass at OLOL. Pins will be awarded during mass with a big celebration to follow.

SOCIAL

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

Catenian Family Garden Party – After Mass Sunday 5th July at Holy Name Rooms and garden. More details to follow.

Race Night – Saturday 10th October at Holy Name

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

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>

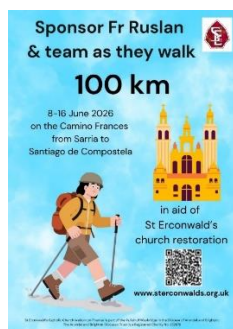


Weybridge Parish – One Year On: Reflecting, Listening and Looking Ahead

Representatives from across the new Weybridge Parish gathered on 30th April for their fourth meeting since April 2025. Reflecting on the first year, Canon Chris Spain described the journey as “a marathon, not a sprint,” recognising that while much progress has been made, change takes time to be felt across parish life. Important foundations have been established, including closer collaboration between clergy, regular meetings of parish secretaries, and the development of parish-wide groups for finance, communications, IT, and formation. A strong theme throughout the evening was the importance of shared leadership and the contribution of lay people in helping parish communities flourish. The experience of Esher and Thames Ditton, where parish life has continued while their priest has been unwell, was discussed with admiration and gratitude. It was recognised that while this has brought challenges, it has also revealed the remarkable generosity, resilience, and capability of the parish community when they are encouraged to step forward. The meeting also looked ahead to future priorities, including improving communication, strengthening outreach to young people and schools, developing opportunities for formation and mission, and building a stronger sense of belonging across the parish. One of the highlights of the evening was hearing about the new Friendly Café initiative at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, which is already helping to combat loneliness and create community. The overall tone of the meeting was hopeful, collaborative, and realistic, with a shared commitment to continue growing together as a welcoming and missionary parish community.

JOB VACANCY – Weybridge Church

Christ the Prince of Peace in Weybridge are looking to appoint a friendly, efficient and organised Parish Secretary. The role holder will be the first point of contact for people approaching the parish office by email, telephone and in person, and will respond to all queries, including hall bookings, parish courses and events, baptisms, funerals, handling payments, receiving Mass intentions and meeting contractors. The church community in Weybridge is part of a much larger parish, overseen by a team of priests. A willingness to collaborate with others to develop and improve administration and relationships locally and across the parish is essential. *To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to Fr David Murphy, E: david.murphy@abdiocese.org.uk* The workload is full-time, but we are open to job sharing. Please clarify if you are applying for a full-time or part-time role.



APRIL OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £11,809; Offertory Cash £1,395.36; Offertory Contactless £1,215; OL Soups £124.50; Cafod Fast Day £125; Cafod Appeal Knitters £166; EFP £437.50; Holy Places £950.75

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 See newsletter for next event	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 need transport please contact Sarah Ford 07704 957612	Weekly – Tuesdays 2-4pm	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