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**Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**

**EASTERTIDE**

Much has been going on so let me update you. Firstly, I met Fr Sebastian twice this week. He wanted you to know what is going on in the Parish. He is more confident now about his treatment but stresses his recovery will take many months more. Secondly Fr Stephen has had to return to Kenya for personal reasons. I have been in touch, and he sends his best wishes. I told him he will be missed. Fr Stephen' departure made a big dent in our Mass planning, and we realised our dependence on him. We contacted the Diocese and the priests of the Parish of Weybridge and at long last we have had recognition that they have to help us. I have had this assurance from the highest level in the Diocese.

We have to be patient: these things take time, but they are moving.

**Chris, Chair of the PPC**

Please note a few changes to Mass times/church this week

<b>Mass Time : Saturday, 9 May to Sunday, 17 May, 2026</b>			
<b>DAY/FEAST DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>10.30am</b> 5.00pm 5.30pm	<b>Holy Name FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Sixth 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	Bridget Glynn RIP Pidu & Leo Monteiro RIP  People of the Parish
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am <i>Private prayer</i> <b>(No Mass)</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Private prayer</i>	
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 10am – 11am	Holy Name <i>Holy Name - Adoration</i>	Brian Cotter RIP
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Adoration &amp; Rosary</i>	
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes (school Mass)</b> <b>Holy Name</b>	
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Joseph RIP
Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>10am &amp; 12</b> 5.00pm 5.30pm	<b>OLOL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION x 2</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> 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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT**

We keep in our prayers all the First Holy Communion children – the first celebration is this weekend at Holy Name on Saturday morning. Next Saturday will be the celebrations at OLOL.

### **CONFIRMATION LAST WEEKEND**

Congratulations to all our Confirmandi for last weekend's celebration. Below is a picture of our young people with Canon Chris Spain. They represented us so well and made their catechists proud! Thank you to all those who put so much time and love into preparing them along the way.



### **VISITING PRIEST OVER THE SUMMER – SPARE CAR?**

We have hopefully secured a priest who is visiting the UK from Rome for the summer. He will be staying over in Weybridge but to enable him to get to Esher and Thames Ditton each day we would like to provide him with a car. We are wondering if anyone has a spare runaround car they may be willing to lend to the Church for all or part of the three months mid June to end September. Please let either parish office know if you can help.

### **DITTONS FAIR – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

The annual **Dittons Fair** takes place on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, from 1 - 4pm on Giggs Hill Green. Churches Together will again be hosting a Prayer Tent and running the Plant Crèche. If you can give an hour or two to help with the plant crèche please contact Stella Eusebio - [stellaeusebio@hotmail.com](mailto:stellaeusebio@hotmail.com)

### **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

4.45pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome. We look forward to praying together. Please bring your prayer petitions to be placed on the Altar for the afternoon.

### 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>

### YOUTH

#### Secondary School Youth Club

Join us Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of May for our 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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 THIS 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!

### 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>

## SOCIAL

**Monthly Soup Lunch** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon at OLOL

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

**Strawberry Teas** – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> October at Holy Name

**School of Joy Quiz Night** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Name

## 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](mailto: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.



**Sponsor Fr Ruslan  
& team as they walk**

**100 km**

8-16 June 2026  
on the Camino Frances  
from Sarria to  
Santiago de Compostela

in aid of  
St Erconwald's  
church restoration

[www.sterconwalds.org.uk](http://www.sterconwalds.org.uk)

St Erconwald's Catholic Church Walton-on-Thames is part of the Parish of Weybridge in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.  
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## 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

<b>REGULAR EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)</b>		
<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet:</b> All welcome to pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord encouraged St. Faustina to say.	Weekly - <b>Sundays</b> after 9am Mass in the Lady Chapel	Holy Name
<b>TakeTime Meditations:</b> A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to explore your faith with others. <a href="#">Click here</a>	Weekly - <b>Mondays</b> at 8pm on Zoom	
<b>Playgroup and Café:</b> A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly – <b>Mondays &amp; Fridays</b> – 9am-10.30am	OLOL
<b>Sew 'N So's:</b> 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
<b>Fun Fridays:</b> 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
<b>Parish Youth Group:</b> 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
<b>Faith In Action Awards Programme</b> – 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 <sup>st</sup> , January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , others TBD	OLOL
<b>Scrabble Club</b> 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
<b>Rosary:</b> All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Weekly <b>Friday</b> 7pm, <b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am Monthly: <b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b> 9.30am <b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> 7.30pm (weekly during May & October)	Holy Name OLOL Holy Name OLOL
<b>Bereavement Coffee Morning:</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 10am 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7pm	Holy Name OLOL
<b>Grandparents and Elderly Group:</b> Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.	Monthly - 3rd Tuesdays at 10.15am	OLOL
<b>Bible reading group:</b> 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
<b>Parish Soups:</b> A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	OLOL
<b>Taizé Evening:</b> A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.	Monthly 1 <sup>st</sup> Thu - 7pm Next session Thu 4 June	OLOL
<b>Esher Catenians:</b> open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network Follow us on FB <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/</a>	Monthly – generally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T D