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Newsletter 29th September 2023

Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

I find it interesting to see how the Church organises our hearing of the gospels from one week to the next. Just remind yourself what we have heard over the past three weeks: *24th Sunday*: Jesus speaks to Peter ("seventy times seven"). *25th Sunday*: Jesus speaks to his disciples ("the landowner pays his workers"). And now, *26th Sunday*, Jesus speaks to the chief priests and elders. Wow! How did that come about? They were the top! The cream! Very important people! Did they invite Jesus in? Or did they come out to him? Either way, they obviously couldn't hide their curiosity about this perplexing preacher. And Jesus chose to tell them the story of the two sons and their different attitudes of honesty towards their father's command. He is speaking about honesty and integrity to those at the top! What courage! Those who have ears to hear, let them hear!

John Merrigan

Mass Times this Week: 30th September – 6th October 2023			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 30 th <i>St Jerome</i>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Adelaide Anne Ints
Sunday 1 st	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Ann & Tony Oliva RIP People of the Parish
Monday 2 nd <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sean Doyle RIP
Tuesday 3 rd	Morning prayer 9.10am 9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	CJ Kim RIP
Wednesday 4 th <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 5 th	Morning prayer 9.10am 9.30am	Holy Name	Brian Cotter RIP
Friday 6 th	10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Masses and intentions are on here are for next week and the week after as there will be no newsletter on 6th October due to staff absence. Please note Esher parish office will have less cover (Tues and Thurs mornings only) until 13th.

Mass Times this Week: 7th – 15th October 2023			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 7 th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Lourdes Pilgrimage Group Int
Sunday 8 th	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Edward Sexton RIP People of the Parish
Monday 9 th <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Joseph Monteiro RIP
Tuesday 10 th	<i>Morning prayer 9.10am</i> 9.30am 10-12	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	George Stathacopolous Ints
Wednesday 11 th	9.30-10am	<i>Adoration & Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 12 th <i>St Wilfrid</i>	<i>Morning prayer 9.10am</i> 9.30am	Holy Name	Paul Doyle RIP
Friday 13 th	10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls
Saturday 14 th	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 th Prisons Sunday	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Pat Bellamy and Hugo Pini RIP Anne Marie Godwin The Bysouth Family Ints

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The registration form for the current school year 3 is now available at the back of the churches, or downloadable from our website here <https://holyfamilyembridge.church/first-holy-communion-online-form/>. Please return your child's form along with a copy of your baptism certificate to either parish office. Deadline is 21st October and preparation begins in January

CONFIRMATION 2024

The registration forms for Y8 and Y10 Confirmation preparation are now available at the back of the churches or downloadable from our website here <https://holyfamilyembridge.church/confirmation-online-form/>. We will again be running two separate programmes for the two year groups but please note this is the last year where the parish will be providing preparation for Year 10 as we move towards inspiring and engaging young people at an earlier age. Deadline is 21st October and preparation begins in January.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL - Harvest Collection at Masses this week

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

100 CLUB WINNERS SEPTEMBER

1st Don Stevens, 2nd Danny Verschoyle King, 3rd Letitia Davies

AWARENESS WALK FOR PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE

My name is Anne Shamsi. I work in the Enhancement Support Team in Princess Alice Hospice - going out to visit patients to provide End of Life Care. I am organising an Awareness Walk to shine a Light on our Hospice but also supporting Mental Health, Loneliness, Bereavement. Where there is Darkness there is also Light. The Awareness Walk will be starting from Princess Alice Hospice at 7.30pm on Sat the 30th of September. The route to be taken is from Princess Alice Hospice, to Esher High Street, past Sandown then the Scilly Isles to Hampton Court Bridge. I will be carrying a lantern with a burning candle. Due to safety reasons please can you only carry torches / head torches /solar lights. For those that can't join me, I will carry the light for you all. We walk in Solidarity to bring the Light.

OCTOBER – CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

As the month of the Rosary approaches, will you commit to praying the Rosary more often this October? Opportunities at our Parish to join with others: Before every Mass during October, we will be praying a decade of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary seeking our Blessed Mother's intercession for peace in the world. Please arrive 10 minutes earlier for Mass and don't forget your Rosary Beads! (Rosary Prayer cards and spare beads will be available in the Porch)

Holy Name Esher - Every FRIDAY evening at 19.00 during October, we invite you to pray a special Family Rosary for the intentions of the children of the world, including those in our families and those of our Parish community. Please join us and invite all children, grandparents, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbours. If you are able, kindly please bring a rose with you to lay at the altar. There will be light refreshments in the Parish Rooms afterwards. (*St. Pope John Paul II in his apostolic letter Rosarium Mariae urges parents to pray the Rosary and notes that the 'family that prays together stays together'*)

Holy Name Esher - Saturday 7th October (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary) First Saturday Rosary Devotion at 09.30 please join us to pray the Holy Rosary at the Lady Chapel in Esher.

If you would like a refresher, or are housebound and can't get to Church, a link to a good Rosary resource available on YouTube from Bishop Barron [The Rosary with Bishop Robert Barron - YouTube](#)

OPEN DAYS ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 1st November 6:00pm Thursday 2nd November 9:30am Monday 6th November 9:30am Tuesday 7th November 9:30am and how to register your interest. See posters in the church porch/narthax

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Thursday 9th November

The blessing of the graves at Long Ditton cemetery this year will take place on Thursday 9th November at 2pm

CRAFT FAIR AND ART EXHIBITION - Saturday 18 November 2023 1-4pm OLOL Church Hall

Donation boxes will be left at the back of both Churches for all your contributions and donations for the Craft Fair we need, new and nearly toys, bottles alcohol & non alcohol , bric a brac, new toiletries , candles, other gifts and raffle prizes. If you have larger donations or need a hand getting them to Church give me a call karen@haizelden.com 07921089755. Volunteers needed to help out on the day, the more volunteers the better even one hour of your time will be very helpful. Teenagers particularly welcome to help out please, email above if you can volunteer. Thank you. Proceeds from the day will be donated to the charity Elmbridge CAN.

NEXT FUN FRIDAY – 3.30-5pm, Friday 6th October at OLOL

Pizza, games, crafts and an opportunity to hang out with friends. For Years 3-6, siblings welcome

BEREAVEMENT COFFEE – Tuesday 3rd October, 10am at Holy Name

Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.

TAIZE SERVICE: Thursday 5th October, 7pm at Holy Name

A short monthly service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.

PARISH SOUPS - Wednesday 11th October, 12 noon at OLOL

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 12th October at Holy Name

Please come along to support. Delicious homemade cakes!

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS

We are approaching the time where parishioners applying for schools for their children require a signature from Fr Sebastian. He will be available after any Mass but will also make himself available in his office at Holy Name parish rooms on the following Saturday mornings: 7th and 21st October between 10 and 11am.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEWCOMERS– 7/8 October

Here at Holy Family Parish we have a fantastic tradition of altar serving. Although serving is not for all, many children find the experience enjoyable and rewarding. There are also some social events, notably the annual pantomime outing. Altar Serving is a positive way for young people to develop a sense of responsibility and gain a deeper understanding of their faith. There will be an initial familiarisation / training session. Either at Our Lady of Lourdes - on **Saturday 7th October** at 5pm followed by mass at 6pm at which the new servers will be able to take part. Or at Holy Name on **Sunday 8th October** after the 9am Mass. If your child would like to try serving please give your details into either parish office (thamesditton@abdiocese.org.uk or speak to Bernard Godwin esher@abdiocese.org.uk or speak to Rachel de Vizio or just come along to either session.

SAVE THE DATE: QUIZ & CHILLI NIGHT – Saturday 25th November 7pm at Holy Name

In aid of School of Joy in Bethlehem

AUGUST OFFERINGS Standing Orders £12,432.00, Offertory Cash £1,800.94, Offertory Contactless £713.50

REGULAR EVENTS		
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.	Weekly - Mondays at 8pm on Zoom	Email parish office for Zoom link
Community Café: A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly - Fridays 9-10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sew 'N So's: Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and suggestions about anything you are "stuck" on.	Weekly - Fridays 11am-1pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Fun Fridays: Pizza, games, crafts and an opportunity to hang out with friends. For Years 3-6, siblings welcome.	Monthly – the next one 6th October	Our Lady of Lourdes
Rosary: All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Monthly - 1st Saturdays at 9.30am (next: 7 October) Weekly term time - Mondays 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm	Holy Name OLOL
Bereavement Coffee Morning: Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.	Monthly - 1st Tuesdays at 10am (next: 3 October)	Holy Name
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 (next: 17 October)	Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm (next: 11 October)	Our Lady of Lourdes
Taizé Evening: A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.	Monthly - Thursdays at 7pm (next: 5th October)	Holy Name
Esher Catenians: open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network	Monthly – generally 2 nd Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm Email: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel, TD