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Newsletter 17th November 2023 **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners

This week's Gospel is a story we are all familiar with, the Parable of the Talents. Familiar but still challenging and thought-provoking. Jesus reminds us that, if we are lucky enough to have gifts and talents, we have them by the grace of God – they are not our successes and achievements but rather successes and achievements through the grace of God. And we are given these gifts and talents to put them to work in God's service. How are you putting your gifts and talents to work? How are you serving?

Therese Stone

Mass Times this Week: 18th – 26th November 2023			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 18 th <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	William Wells RIP
Sunday 19 th	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Mrs Muriel Fearon RIP People of the Parish Liam Whelan RIP
Monday 20 th	9.30am 11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name</i>	Deceased members of the Addison family and friends <i>Funeral of Dorothy Connolly</i>
Tuesday 21 st <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Vicky Grimwood RIP
Wednesday 22 nd <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.30-10am	<i>Adoration & Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 23 rd	<i>Morning prayer 9.10am</i> 9.30am	Holy Name	Ronald Bellamy RIP
Friday 24 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Deceased members of the Balad and Tabayag families
Saturday 25 th	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Anna Treves RIP
Sunday 26 th	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Jim Kelly RIP Samia & Raphael Tappouni RIP People of the Parish

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to the Bradley, Weyler, Spearing and Barrett-Brown families as we welcome their children in to the Church

GRANDPARENTS MEETING – Tuesday 21st November, 10am at OLOL

Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa

CHURCH SHOPS – MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE COMPANY ADVENT CALENDARS IN STOCK

(Also available at the Craft Fair tomorrow!) Both church shops have many great new items for sale including advent calendars produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company. The calendars (£5 each) tell the story of Christmas each day, with an activity for children as well as a small FairTrade chocolate as well as be challenged to do some good in the season. It is a great way for parents and grandparents to experience the Christmas story together. £5 each and both shops have a limited supply. Also available are Catholic pocket diaries, Christmas cards, baptism cards and many other goods.

A PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

... has been offered to members of the local churches. The tour will include sacred music sung by a choir of former choristers and a recital played on the magnificent organ. Date: Saturday, 20th April 2024 from 6.45 until 9.15pm. Cost: £50. Places are limited. If interested, please contact Stella Eusebio at stellaeusebio@hotmail.com or 020 8398 7648.

YOUTH GROUP THIS EVENING – this evening (Friday) 7-9pm at Holy Name

Open to ages 13 to 17. All are welcome

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance

GROWING IN FAITH COURSE – Next Tuesday 28th November, 7.30pm at Holy Name

We continue our Growing in Faith course for this term – all are welcome. We have three sessions left: 28th November, 12th December

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

Please come along and support this great event tomorrow. Proceeds from the day will be donated to the charity Elmbridge CAN.

CHILLI AND QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 25th November, 7pm at Holy Name

In support of the School of Joy in Bethlehem. £15 per ticket. Tables of 8 max or we can seat you on a table. Please book your table via the Esher parish office. **Also any raffle prize contributions are welcome!**

SAVE THE DATE – SONGBIRDS AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday 9 December 7pm

Tickets will go on sale soon and all proceeds will go towards the Princess Alice Hospice. We need Carol singers please all ages and all abilities on Sunday 03 December 2-4pm we want to visit all the local care homes in the Parish Area and spread some festive cheer Carol singing. Song sheets will be provided, just bring yourself and your voice - more details to follow- please keep date free to join in, we need lots of singers to make the event run smoothly.

CHRISTMAS TEAS AT OLOL – Sunday 10th December

Volunteers required to provide lifts to and from the Christmas Teas on Sunday 10th December. All you are asked to do is to pick somebody up at 2.45pm from their home, drop them off at OLOL and collect them at 5pm and take them back home. If you think you can help with this please contact: Katie Cooper - curlykatie66@gmail.com / 07775 711593. Thank you!

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

During the month of **November** there will be a basket placed in front of the altar in which to place the names of all those deceased loved ones we commend to God's mercy. They will be remembered at every mass throughout the month. Special Holy Souls Mass envelopes are in the porch/narthex for this purpose. If you would like a separate mass said for a deceased relative or friend please follow the usual route of booking it through either parish office.

INVITED THIS ADVENT

During Advent the Diocese provides materials and guides for small groups within parishes, including films, to help with the general principles of the group as well as specific ideas on how to unpack the themes. We are encouraging parishioners **to set up small groups** where people can watch the films together, followed by a time of discussion and prayer. Would you like to start a group? Please get in touch with either Parish Office. If not, the Diocese are hosting a series of short films to help you prepare this Advent. Each episode will take you on a journey through the themes of the Advent readings, and there are a great selection of guest speakers. They are also offering the opportunity for you to join an online small group where you can watch and then discuss the films with others, growing in fellowship and praying with like-minded people. Simply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

ALSO HOSTED BY THE DIOCESE:

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 20 January 2024

Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary, and practical aspects of the ministry. Please register using the link W: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(20-Jan-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist – Saturday 10 February 2024

Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington, Worthing 11-4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and mass. Please register using the link W: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(10-Feb-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

OCTOBER COLLECTIONS

Standing orders £12,181, Offertory cash £2, 658.99, Offertory contactless £957.00, Cafod Fast day £1,211.45, Macmillan coffee morning £567.22, Second collections – Missio £441.00, Prisoners Sunday £535.37

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 – Next: 5th January	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.	Weekly - Friday 7pm Monthly - 1st Saturdays at 9.30am Weekly term time - Mondays 7.45 pm	Holy Name 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: 5 December)	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: 21 November)	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: 13 December)	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 (not December)	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