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## Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**

#### **Dear Parishioners**

In such disrupted times, it is difficult to know what to say about world conflicts. Tough to find words when talking to adults let alone children who try to make sense of pictures of violence and suffering on our screens. Perhaps like me you try to make meaning by deciding who are the 'good guys' and 'bad guys' in the conflict, and make sure you are on the virtuous side – not so easy when faced with the complexity of conflict.

As a Christian I often turn to my faith at times when words fail me and wonder, what should our response be, living as followers of Christ in a world in conflict? First of course is to offer support to those who are suffering, mostly financial when we are so removed from the conflict itself. But there is another essential teaching of Christ at these times which is to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. This includes all neighbours whatever their faith, belonging or political beliefs. An essential aspect of Christian ministry in these times would be not to polarise in a world that seems so divided already, so split in its search of simple answers. How can we support ourselves to stay open to differences in others and spread a message of love and acceptance when faced with so much suffering.

**Marie-Anne Chidiac on behalf of The Vision and Leadership Teams**

<b>Mass Times this Week: 25<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023</b>			
<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Anna Treves RIP
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	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 Anni Topping RIP People of the Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Bob McCure RIP
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Isabel Brockie RIP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-10am	<i>Adoration &amp; Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Andrew</i>	<i>Morning prayer 9.10am</i> 9.30am	Holy Name	David Sutterby RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Deceased members of the Parcmig family
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> First Sunday of Advent	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Stefan Junor RIP Bo-Jercow-McCarron RIP John Bowater RIP

## **100 CLUB 2024**

A member of the Parish Community & Charities Team will be speaking to each of the masses this weekend about their planned fund-raising activities in 2024. As part of this, the Team would like your involvement in selecting the four local charities we will support next year. As you leave mass this weekend, please take the time to vote for your favourite local charities from the list provided. The Team will share the final list selected, and look forward to your active involvement in our Parish fund-raising activities in the coming year. A pink form to join the 100 Club for 2024 is available in church porch/narthex and on our website here

<https://holyfamilyelbridge.church/app/uploads/2023/11/100-Club-NEW-Membership-Form-2024-2.pdf>

## **CERAMIC ANGELS FOR SALE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS AT HOLY NAME**

Our very talented Tulia at Holy Name will be selling some ceramic angels this Sunday morning. The proceeds go to the School of Joy.

## **YOUTH**

### **NEXT YOUTH GROUP – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7-9pm at Holy Name**

Open to ages 13 to 17. All are welcome

### **NEXT FUN FRIDAY – 5<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2024**

Thank you all for your registration for these programmes. All programmes begin in January and we will be sending emails out to parents shortly

## **HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES**

During the month of **November** there has been 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 are 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.

## **GROWING IN FAITH COURSE – Next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Holy Name**

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

## **CRAFT FAIR AND ART EXHIBITION – Thank you**

Thank you to all those who organised and came along to support this event last weekend at OLOL. Proceeds of £2,000 were made and will be donated to the charity Elbridge CAN, a local charity supporting refugees in our community.

## **CHILLI AND QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY**

We look forward to seeing all those who have booked a place at the quiz tomorrow (Saturday). It is now sold out. Please arrive at Holy Name Rooms at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Wine and beer available on the night. If you have any raffle prizes you can bring, please do so. The evening is in support of the School of Joy in Bethlehem.

## **CAROL SINGING AROUND NURSING HOMES – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2.30pm**

Anyone who wishes to join this annual event - carol singers please meet at The Home of Compassion in Thames Ditton at 2.30pm on Sunday 3 December contact Marie Miller for further details [hoskins\\_marie@hotmail.com](mailto:hoskins_marie@hotmail.com)

## **SONGBIRDS AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday 9 December 7pm**

Hot tickets on sale after Masses £10 for Adults U18s free - All proceeds to Princess Alice Hospice. Please join us

for a fun informal evening of music and singalongs to get us in the Festive spirit -email [karen@haizelden.com](mailto:karen@haizelden.com) for further details.

### CHRISTMAS TEAS AT OLOL – 3-5pm, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

If you can help with any of the following: sandwich making, provide a cake, donate a bottle of Baileys or sherry or give a lift to an elderly guest, please contact Katie Cooper at [curlykatie66@gmail.com](mailto:curlykatie66@gmail.com) or 07775 711593. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS SOUP LUNCH AT HOLY NAME – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Mass will be at midday at Holy Name that day and a soup lunch with festivities, cheese, cakes, wine, Baileys ..... will follow in the parish rooms. All are welcome. Email [info@holyfamilyelmbridge.church](mailto:info@holyfamilyelmbridge.church) to book a place. Donations will cover costs and any surplus will go to charity.

### 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 [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) to find out more.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCHES

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Our Lady of Lourdes  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Name (Mass with carols)

#### Christmas Eve

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm Our Lady of Lourdes (Family Mass)  
6pm Holy Name (Family Mass)  
11pm Our Lady of Lourdes (carols from 10.30pm)

#### Christmas Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 9am Holy Name  
11am Our Lady of Lourdes

### FUNERAL OF RYLAND DAVIES

Ryland's funeral will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm at Holy Name church

### 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, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 6.45 until 9.15pm. Cost: £50. Places are limited. If interested, please contact Stella Eusebio at [stellaeusebio@hotmail.com](mailto:stellaeusebio@hotmail.com) or 020 8398 7648.

### 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		
<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.	Weekly - <b>Mondays</b> at 8pm on Zoom	Email parish office for Zoom link
<b>Community Café:</b> A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 9-10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Sew 'N So's:</b> Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and suggestions about anything you are "stuck" on.	Weekly - <b>Fridays</b> 11am-1pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Fun Fridays:</b> Pizza, games, crafts and an opportunity to hang out with friends. For Years 3-6, siblings welcome.	Monthly – <b>Next: 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Drinks and games after Saturday evening Mass:</b> come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first Saturday of the month <b>Next: 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<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 Monthly - <b>1st Saturdays</b> at 9.30am Weekly term time - <b>Mondays</b> 7.45 pm	Holy Name Holy Name LOL
<b>Bereavement Coffee Morning:</b> Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.	Monthly - 1st Tuesdays at 10am ( <b>next: 5 December</b> )	Holy Name
<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 ( <b>next: 19 December</b> )	Our Lady of Lourdes
<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 ( <b>next: 13 December</b> )	Our Lady of Lourdes
<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 - Thursdays at 7pm ( <b>not December</b> )	Holy Name
<b>Esher Catenians:</b> open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network	Monthly – generally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm <b>Email:</b> Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel, TD