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Newsletter 1st December 2023**First Sunday of Advent**

Mass Times this Week: 2nd – 10th December 2023			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 2 nd <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Stefan Junor RIP Bo-Jersow-McCarron RIP John Bowater RIP
Monday 4 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Deceased members of the Banks & Kling Family & friends.
Tuesday 5 th	9.30am 10-12 2pm	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name Holy Name	Mary Jessica Leahy RIP Funeral of Ryland Davies
Wednesday 6 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 7 th <i>St Ambrose</i>	Morning prayer 9.10am 9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes	Dominic Hever RIP Advent Reconciliation Service
Friday 8 th <i>The immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Deceased members of the Cleeve & Bloom family
Saturday 9 th	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Johnny & Nicky Parker RIP
Sunday 10 th 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Deceased Relatives and friends of the Jones & Junor families Deceased members of the Hourigan & McLoughlin family People of the Parish

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to the Greeny family, whose daughter will be baptised into the Church this Sunday at OLOL

CAROL SINGING TO LOCAL CARE HOMES - Sunday 3rd December

Please come along and help bring some festive cheer to those in our local care homes. Meet at 2.30pm at the Home of Compassion, 58 High Street, Thames Ditton KT7 0TT. Song sheets will be provided. Please note Thames Ditton High Street will be closed for Christmas light switch on so please use alternative roads to park.

COME AND SEE – Tuesday 5th December 7.30pm at Holy Name

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Or just curious and willing to find more about the Christian faith? Come along to our session on Catholicism on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm at Holy Name. Meet with other people who would like to embark on a spiritual journey and are not afraid of asking challenging questions. Listen to the stories of people who encountered Jesus and would like to share their experience. We hope to see you on Tuesday!

SAD NEWS

We are sad to announce that two long standing parishioners at OLOL have both passed away today – John Donovan and Chris Mapleton. May they rest in peace.

NOVEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS

1st Prize Jenny Kissane, 2nd Prize Susan Johnson, 3rd Prize Colette Mallett

100 CLUB 2024

It is the time of year to renew your membership of the 100 Club and for any newcomers to please join up. Pink forms are available in the church narthex/porch or can be downloaded from our website here

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

There is still an opportunity this weekend to cast your votes in the church narthex/porch as to which charities the Community & Charities Team will support next year. 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. Please do support this worthy fundraiser – 50% goes to the charities and 50% comes back to three members a month in the form of prize money!

DRINKS AFTER 6pm MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Drinks, nibbles and games after 6pm mass at OLOL on Saturday and Holy Name on Sunday

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

The Christmas Hamper Raffle will take place on Sunday 17th December at OLOL. Tickets will be sold after each mass at both churches from this weekend and will cost £1 per ticket, cash would be preferred.

All proceeds to Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness.

FOOD BANK APPEAL

We are starting our advent appeal for the foodbank and the night shelter at East Elmbridge. They need monetary support to fund their night shelter. There will be an 2nd collection this coming weekend (cash or contactless). For any more information please email to CharlotteMcCabe@ntlworld.com

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP THIS EVENING – Friday 1st December 7-9pm at Holy Name

Open to ages 13 to 17. All are welcome

NEXT FUN FRIDAY – 5th 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 in the next week

PREPARING FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS – Saturday 16th December 10-11.30am at OLOL

Fr Tony Lees, Priest Director at Radio Maria, will come to The Holy Family parish on Saturday 16th December to give a talk on the Mystery of Incarnation and Spirituality of the Holy Family. Please do come along if you can.

SOLD OUT! SONGBIRDS AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday 9 December 7pm

CHRISTMAS TEAS AT OLOL – Sunday 10th December

Volunteers required to help make the Christmas Teas at OLOL (Sunday 10th December) a success. 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 or 07775 711593. Thank you!

CAROLS & READINGS BY CANDLELIGHT – Sunday 10th December 5pm at OLOL

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS SOUP LUNCH AT HOLY NAME – Thursday 14th 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@holymfamilyelmbridge.church to book a place. Donations will cover costs and any surplus will go to charity.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS AT HOLY NAME

As per tradition at Holy Name church, we will be remembering loved ones at this special time of year by decorating the Church with poinsettias at Christmas. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia plant to be displayed in the Church, please collect a form in the church porch for your personal dedication. Each plant costs just £8. **Deadline is Sunday 17th December.**

DOVES OF PEACE, HOPE AND LOVE

Please write a message of peace, love or hope on the paper doves in the narthex of OLOL. This could be a prayer, a poem or a drawing. The doves will be integrated in the festive decorations in OLOL church.

LUXURY HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CAKES TO ORDER

The popular Christmas cakes are back again this year. These can be ordered in 6 inch (£20), 7 inch (£25) or 8 inch (£30) & finished with either white icing or a nut topping. All proceeds to Elmbridge CAN. Cakes will be available for collection after masses at OLOL 1-2 weeks before Christmas. Please contact hoskins_marie@hotmail.com

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.

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

Thank you to all who organised and came along to support this evening. An amazing £1,400 was raised to support School of Joy in Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCHES

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

Monday 25th 9am Holy Name
 11am Our Lady of Lourdes

Advent Reconciliation Services:

Thursday 7th 7.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes
 Thursday 14th 7.30pm Holy Name

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
Drinks and games after Saturday evening Mass: come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first Saturday of the month Next: 2nd December	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 LOL
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