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## **Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Times this Week: 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

<b>Day/Feast Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Armando Di Palma RIP Richard Hourigan RIP  Josephine O'Hagan RIP
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Tony Harryman RIP
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-10am	<i>Adoration &amp; Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Name	John Hassard RIP
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Martyrs of Korea</i>	10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>School Mass</i>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Matthew</i>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Sean and Bernadette Walsh RIP
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Elaine Michael RIP Jean Casey RIP  People of the Parish

**NEW ALPHA COURSE – starting Tuesday evenings from 17<sup>th</sup> September at Holy Name**

Curious about the meaning of life? Seeking answers to life's big questions? Join us this September for the Alpha course! Alpha is a welcoming space to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view, all in a friendly and open environment. Whether you're new to faith or looking to deepen your understanding, Alpha is for everyone. Enjoy thought-provoking discussions, inspiring talks, and a chance to connect with others over a meal. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Discover more on our website

<https://holyfamilyembridge.church/alpha-course/> . To sign up, email [info@holyfamilyembridge.church](mailto:info@holyfamilyembridge.church)

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – Home Mission Sunday**

## **ALPHA COURSE CATERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Part of the Alpha course is sharing a basic meal each week which enables groups to come together in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know each other as the weeks go on. In the past we have just done basic vegetarian meals – such as baked potatoes, veggie chilli, lasagne etc. If you are able to offer a week to come and cook and serve please let the parish offices know or email [info@holymfamilyelbridge.church](mailto:info@holymfamilyelbridge.church) Funds provided.

## **SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

### **CURRY NIGHT-- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at OLOL**

Annual Parish Quiz and Curry Evening at OLOL in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association and Diabetes UK. Please buy tickets in advance. For details contact Jo at [pittjoanne@outlook.com](mailto:pittjoanne@outlook.com). £15 adults. £5 under 21s. Curry included. BYO drink. Food will be served from 7pm. Quiz starts at 7.45pm.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Holy Name**

Please come along to support. Always delicious homebaked cakes

### **ENGLISH WINE TASTING – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at Holy Name**

Did you know that wine has been produced in the UK for over 2,000 years and that we now have a thriving industry including around 900 vineyards across the country? Join us in the Parish Rooms at Holy Name on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm to learn about English Wine including a tailored wine tasting, taking in some of the finest wines that England has to offer. Hugh Rawlinson will be using his passion for English wine and his experience from working at Waitrose to guide us through a flight of some of the best examples that our island has to offer - many from within the geography of our Diocese! Tickets are £25 to include snacks. Please email [info@holymfamilyelbridge.church](mailto:info@holymfamilyelbridge.church) to register your interest or pop in to the Holy Name Parish office. Payment for places in advance either in cash or online to the parish account using reference "wine tasting". The event will be raising crucial monies for our charity partners, including CAFOD

## **PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2025**

Our proposed pilgrimage 2025 takes us 'In the Footsteps of the St Paul'. Our journey will take us to Ephesus, the Eastern Mediterranean's greatest Roman city, the remains of Homer's Troy, the mountainside site reputed to be the house of the Virgin Mary and the site of the Basilica of St. John built over the last resting place of the Evangelist. On the way to Istanbul, we will visit the remarkable Acropolis of Pergamon and the Topkapi Palace. Crossing the Straits of the Dardanelles, we'll pay our respects at the Commonwealth Cemeteries at Gallipoli and Anza Cove. In Istanbul, we'll visit Hagia Sophia for a thousand years the greatest church in Christendom, the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque. As with our previous pilgrimages, we will enjoy the celebration of mass in a variety of locations. To find out more, please come to our information meeting in Holy Name Parish Rooms at **7.30p.m., Thursday 19th September.**

## **AUTUMN TAIZE SERVICES - Holy Name**

The next few Taize evenings will be on **19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7pm** at Holy Name. A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.

## **NEXT BIBLE READING GROUP – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10.15 at OLOL**

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. For more info call John Merrigan 07949 913487

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Jane Bishop - Saturday 30 November 2024, Burgess Hill**

10.30-12.30 am St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Burgess Hill RH15 9EN. This will be an open meeting, for anyone who is interested in learning more about spiritual direction. Taster sessions in accompaniment will be available to those who wish to experience a flavour of spiritual direction. Jane spent many years as a teacher and Deputy

Head, and has recently trained with LCSD as a Spiritual Director. She runs the Taketime group (using imaginative contemplation of the Gospels) and is a Prison Chaplain volunteer having trained with the Prison Fellowship.

## **YOUTH**

### **NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Holy Name**

The next Parish Youth group session for all those in school years 7-13 (ages 13 +) will be on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Our Youth group is really fun and relaxed and takes place every other Friday at the Holy Name Church, Esher in the Parish Rooms. It's a great opportunity to learn more about your faith, to enjoy friendship, share pizza, play games and spend some time in prayer. For more information or to confirm attendance for the 4<sup>th</sup> October please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you!

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025 – forms now available – deadline to return 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Forms are now available in the back of both churches or can be downloaded from our website

<https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/first-holy-communion-online-form/> Please note this year we have had to introduce a registration criteria to ensure we can accommodate numbers safely. The deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> September and we will review numbers and respond to all registrations in October.

### **FUN FRIDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm at OLOL**

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

### **ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS**

We welcome parents looking for 2024/25 primary school places to St Paul's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings on **8<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November**. We serve families in Esher, Thames Ditton, Claygate, Cobham, and surrounding areas. You do not need to be Catholic for admission. Online registration is now open, and we invite you to come and visit our wonderful school! <https://www.stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk/Admissions/Register-for-Open-Morning-05072022142335/>

### **SONGBIRDS AT OLOL**

The Songbirds Choir is very inclusive no need to audition -you're in!! rehearsals are Mondays 8.30-9.30pm. This term we will work towards a Charity Christmas concert in December / Carol singing in Home of Compassion and other local care homes and singing at Parish Festive teas. If you want to join -come along Monday 23 September we have a professional musical director Mary McIntyre ( who works on West End shows but is also a parishioner so we benefit from her expertise!! ) everyone is very welcome all ages and abilities. Monday 23 September 8.30-9.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall. Come along to see if it's for you for free. The term costs vary depending on numbers but usually around £70 each for the whole term. Any other questions please ask Nora Cleeve

### **ALTAR SERVING TRAINING FOR RECENT FHC CHILDREN – 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Training for new altar servers will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 5pm at OLOL and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Holy Name at 10am. Please email either parish office for more information and an email has been sent out to last year's FHC families this week.

### **DIOCESAN EVENTS <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>**

#### **Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral**

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome.

#### **Grandparents' Formation Day – Wednesday 6 November 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**

Come along for a day with Becky Sedgewick, author of the inspiring 'Grandparenting for Faith' book. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch.

### **AUGUST OFFERINGS**

Standing Orders £ 12,150.00 ; Offertory Cash £ 2,199.81 ; Offertory contactless £1,000

## 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>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>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 – 3.30pm Look out in newsletter for next one	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Parish Youth Group:</b> For all those in school years 7-13 (ages 13 +) Our Youth group is really fun and relaxed and takes place every other Friday at the Holy Name Church, Esher in the Parish Rooms. It's a great opportunity to learn more about your faith, to enjoy friendship, share pizza, play games and spend some time in prayer. For more information contact the parish office	Every other Friday (see newsletter	Holy Name
<b>Drinks and games after Saturday and Sunday evening Masses:</b> come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first weekend of the month	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 First <b>Monday</b> of the month 7.30pm (weekly during May & October) Weekly <b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am	Holy Name Holy Name OLOL OLOL
<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	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	Our Lady of Lourdes
<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).	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	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 (Please check newsletter for next)	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 Email: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel, TD