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www.holyfamilyelbridge.church**Parish Priest - Fr Sebastian Paul**Presbytery: 01372 462451 (option 4); E: sebastian.paul@abdiocese.org.uk; Emergencies: 07879 174 017Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087238362451>**Newsletter 27th September 2024****Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Dear Parishioners**

The beginning of the academic year is busy for everyone: for students, parents, parish alike. This is when we are getting into the routine of work and rest trying to nurture and balance our professional, cultural, social and spiritual lives. We are gradually launching the formation programmes in the parish and there are quite a few exciting projects waiting in the pipeline. Chris Bourne the chair of the PPC is going to give you some details on the changes and ambitious plans for the near and more distant future in the parish at masses on the weekend of 19th/20th October. They are supposed to enhance our spiritual and social experience and are the invitation to engage with the parish even more. I would like to ask for your prayers for the members of the PPC, office staff, catechists and volunteers so that we can provide you with the opportunities to grow spiritually, work and use your talents for the building of our Christian community in Elmbridge.

The parish mission statement: Welcoming all into the joy of Jesus corresponds with the Sunday Gospel. Jesus encourages his followers not to turn away the people of good will. Whoever is not against us is for us. This is why we are welcoming people coming from different backgrounds to the parish groups and courses, especially to the Alpha Course. This is where they may feel welcome, find assistance or a company of people who would not judge but listen to their story and support them demonstrating Christian love for the neighbour coming from the heart dedicated to God. **Fr Sebastian**

Mass Times this Week: 28th September – 6th October 2024

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 28 th <i>St Matthew</i>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Patrick Brady Ints Lucienne Cromie RIP
Monday 30 th <i>St Jerome</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Jana Gaalova Ints
Tuesday 1 st <i>St Therese</i>	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Anthony James Leahy RIP
Wednesday 2 nd <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.30-10am	<i>Adoration & Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Name	Sugden family intentions
Friday 4 th <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	

Saturday 5 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Harry Roberts Ints
Sunday 6 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Edward "Eddie" Cunningham RIP People of the Parish

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING – 11th and 12th October

If you need a school form signed for your child, Fr Sebastian will be available to sign the forms on 5th October from 10am to 11am in the parish office in Esher and 12th October from 10am to 11am in the parish office in Thames Ditton. Or after all the morning weekday Masses

REMINDER FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 REGISTRATION FORMS DEADLINE 30th SEPTEMBER

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

<https://holyfamilyelbridge.church/first-holy-communion-online-form/>

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

1st prize Jan Woolhead, 2nd prize Carrie Richardson, 3rd prize Frank Hughes

PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2025

Closing date for receipt of forms is this- **Sunday 29th September** to the Holy Name parish office or post box.

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING EVENTS

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS – Thursday 10th October at Holy Name

Please come along to support this great cause after the 9.30am Mass. Always delicious homebaked cakes

ENGLISH WINE TASTING – Saturday 19th 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 19th 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@holyfamilyelbridge.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

TRAINING TO HELP THE BEREAVED IN THE PARISH

You will be aware that we have a team of people in parish who support those who have lost loved ones. If you are interested in joining this team, the Diocese's Ministry of Consolation are opening the application process for next year's course for parishioners wishing to be trained to help the bereaved. The course will be running from Wednesdays 8th January to 12th February via Zoom (time tbc but potentially 9.30a.m -1.30). The core skills required are an ability to listen, to empathise and have patience. People will have some gentle (and not academic) homework to complete after each session by way of a personal reflection on what they heard and felt. They will need to have the endorsement of their Parish Priest to join the course. To complete the course and be commissioned they must complete all the course work and attend all sessions. This is a very interesting and worthwhile course with the potential to offer support to those experiencing bereavement in our Parish. Anyone who is interested in learning more, could they drop Simon South an email and he will follow up with them. There will be a Zoom call in November with those who are joining the course to answer any questions they may have and to explain things in more detail. simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

YOUTH

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP – Friday 4th 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 4th 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 4th October please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you!

FUN FRIDAY – 4th October 3.30pm at OLOL

Come join the fun at OLOL's Fun Friday, a youth club for all primary school aged children. The next one is on Friday, October 4th from 3:30 to 5pm in the church hall at OLOL. Games, crafts, snacks, and prizes. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends after school and enjoy seasonal themed activities. For more information or to volunteer, please contact pamela-thompson@hotmail.com.

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.

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 **8th October, 23rd October and 5th 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/>

AUGUST OFFERINGS

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

REGULAR EVENTS (at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL))

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
Playgroup and 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	OLOL
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	OLOL
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Drinks and games after Saturday and Sunday evening Masses: come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first weekend of the month	OLOL
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 First Monday of the month 7.30pm (weekly during May & October) Weekly Wednesday 9.30am	Holy Name Holy Name OLOL 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	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	OLOL
Bible reading group: 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).	OLOL
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	OLOL
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 19 Sept, 17 th Oct, 21 st Nov	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