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Newsletter 6th September 2024

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times this Week: 7th – 15th September 2024

| <i>Day/Feast Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Church</i> | <i>Intention</i> |
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| Saturday 7 th | 5.30pm 6pm | Reconciliation at Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes | Private Intention |
| Sunday 8 th | 9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm | Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name | For the continued wellbeing of Max through the intercession of our Blessed Mother People of the Parish |
| Monday 9 th | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | |
| Tuesday 10 th | 9.30am | Holy Name | Mary Lewis RIP |
| Wednesday 11 th | 9.30-10am | Adoration & Rosary at OLOL | |
| Thursday 12 th | 9.30am | Holy Name | Catherine Hornby RIP |
| Friday 13 th <i>St John Chrysostom</i> | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | Fr David Sturdley RIP |
| Saturday 14 th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> | 5.30pm 6pm | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 15 th | 9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm | Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name | Armando Di Palma RIP Richard Hourigan RIP Josephine O'Hagan RIP |

COMMUNITY AND CHARITIES TEAM MEETING – Saturday 7th September 10am at Holy Name

All are welcome to come along to meet the team to find out more of the work the parish does and potentially join the team.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025 – forms now available – deadline to return 30th September

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

<https://hollyfamilyelbridge.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 30th September and we will review numbers and respond to all registrations in October.

NEW ALPHA COURSE – starting Tuesday evenings from 17th 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://holyfamilylmbridge.church/alpha-course/> . To sign up, email info@holyfamilylmbridge.church

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@holyfamilylmbridge.church Funds provided.

100 CLUB WINNERS AUGUST

1st prize Jenny Kissane; 2nd prize Finnoula Hendry; 3rd prize Kathleen Mackenzie

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CURRY NIGHT-- Friday 13th 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. £15 adults. £5 under 21s. Curry included. BYO drink. Food will be served from 7pm. Quiz starts at 7.45pm.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 10th October at Holy Name

Please come along to support. 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@holyfamilylmbridge.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.**

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!

AUTUMN TAIZE SERVICES - Holy Name

The next few Taize evenings will be on **19th September, 17th October and 21st 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.

A NOTE FROM A PARISHIONER

I'm looking for a learning mentor—a kind-hearted, sensitive, and sensible young man in his late teens or twenties—to support my 15-year-old son. The role involves helping with his GCSEs (English and Maths) and spending 1-3 hours a week doing activities like cycling, playing table tennis, discussing movies and books, and going to the cinema. If you're interested, please contact me at 07841 603 680. Thank you so much!

ADORATION AT HOLY NAME

After the summer break this starts back weekly on Tuesday 10th September 10-12 noon

NEXT BIBLE READING GROUP – Wednesday 18th 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

SAFEGUARDING IN THE PARISH

If you have received an email from the parish office asking you for a response to either complete forms for a new or renewed DBS check or to complete some online training, please do respond ASAP to enable smoother work for the office! It is an important part of running the parish with volunteers but chasing up requests is time consuming. Many thanks.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING FOR RECENT FHC CHILDREN

Training for new altar servers will take place on Saturday 21st September at 5pm at OLOL and Sunday 22nd 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

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| 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 | 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 – 3.30pm Look out in newsletter for next one | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| Parish Youth Group: 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 |
| 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 | 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 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 | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| 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). | 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 | 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 (Please check newsletter for next) | 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 |