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Newsletter 18th October 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

We are coming to the end of October which is a month dedicated to Our Lady. So many times over the last few weeks you shared your stories about visiting Marian shrines around the world and appreciating the hundreds and thousands of pilgrims coming to those places every day. All those people were asking for the intercession of Our Lady in their needs and worries. Something that they all had in common was the Rosary beads in their hands and pockets. We may not be familiar with the various Marian devotions and prayers but saying a few Hail Marys is a great way of asking for the guidance of Our Lady. To her it sounds as if the child was asking her: "Mama, please show me the way", "I really need you", "give me your hand". She is going to introduce us to the mystery of her Son's love and step by step to understand, accept and appreciate what he has done for us. There must have been a reason for Jesus to give his mother to St John and asking her to take care of him and the other disciples after his death. She knows the way how to bring us closer to her Son and prays for us tirelessly even if we are at the verge of losing hope. October is a season of experiencing the Motherly care. Don't waste that opportunity and find out yourself how powerful her intercession is. **Fr Sebastian**

Mass Times this Week: Sat 19th – Sun 27th October 2024

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 19 th <i>St. Philip Howard</i>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Donal Mullen RIP
Sunday 20 th <i>World Mission Day</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Margaret Cox-Rogers, RIP Philip Manser RIP Andrew & Shirley Mulroy, RIP
Monday 21 st	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Tuesday 22 nd	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Elizabeth Keoghan Ints
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30-10am	<i>Adoration & Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Name	The Junor Family's Intentions
Friday 25 th	9.30am 11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name	<i>Funeral of Richard Murphy</i>
Saturday 26 th	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 27 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Ralph & Madeleine Amato, RIP People of the Parish

YOUTH WORKER

We are employing a Youth Worker for the parish. The main duties will be to run the various youth activities within the parish as well as co-ordinating a Youth Mass which we intend to hold monthly on Sunday. In addition, they will be responsible for the parish's social media. The application form and details on how to apply are available on the parish website with this link <https://holyfamilyelbridge.church/youth/> The deadline to apply is 13th November.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At all masses this weekend (19/20 Oct) Chris Bourne, as Chair of the PPC, will communicate the latest on the Moderated Parish, update you on the work of the PPC and then ask your help in the future development of the Parish

HEALING SERVICE – Sunday 20th October

A Healing Service is being held this **Sunday, 20th October** at 4pm at St Nicholas' Church, Summer Road, Thames Ditton. All are welcome. This has been arranged by the local Churches Together.

A DECADE OF THE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

Traditionally, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Of your charity, please would you commit to pray for the remainder of October at least once a day during October one decade of the Rosary (one our father, 10 x Hail Mary and one Glory be prayer) Mary, Our Blessed Mother is so grateful for your prayers and especially at this time with so much unrest in our world. Thank you 🙏

(Please take a look at the schedule to see when and where you can pray the Rosary with others in our Parish)

SOCIAL

ENGLISH WINE TASTING – Saturday 19th October, 7pm at Holy Name

Not too late to sign up for this. Learn about English Wine including a tailored wine tasting, taking in some of the finest wines that England has to offer. 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 preferably in advance either in cash or online to the parish account using reference "wine tasting". Or pay on the night. The event will be raising crucial monies for CAFOD

QUIZ NIGHT SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL OF JOY, BETHLEHEM – Saturday 30th November at Holy Name

£15 per ticket. Homemade meal. Please register your interest for a table or a seat(s) at a table with the Holy Name parish office

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – Saturday 7th December 10.30-12.30 – at both churches

Our Lady of Lourdes and The Holy Name flower teams will be holding wreath making workshops on Saturday 7th December. Each church will hold its own workshop on the same day at the same time. Please contact: Germaine germainegillman017@gmail.com to join at Our Lady of Lourdes or Maria mariakwei17@gmail.com to join The Holy Name workshop. We will provide all the materials you need to create beautiful handmade wreaths with proceeds donated to Elbridge CAN. Please book your space by 17 November to avoid disappointment. £45 per person

FESTIVE TEAS – Sunday 8th December at OLOL

Every year the parish hosts the "Festive Teas" which is an opportunity for older parishioners and non parishioners to join us for afternoon tea and festive celebrations. This year's event will take place on Sunday 8th December from 3pm - 5pm. We are looking for some new volunteers to lead this event starting in 2025. If this is your kind of volunteering and you would like to shadow us at this event, with the hope of leading the event in 2025 please contact Katie Cooper at curlykatie66@gmail.com. It is a really lovely afternoon which is enjoyed by many, but we need some 'new blood' to ensure that the event continues to take place. Many thanks.

DBS ONLINE TRAINING

For those who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults, who have been asked to complete the DBS online training, can we politely ask you to do so ASAP so that your completion can be marked against your name <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/course/safeguarding-for-volunteers-in-the-catholic-church-13>

OLOL COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Launch is this Friday 25th October 8.30-10.30am. Come and enjoy a free coffee to celebrate our opening. Thank you to our volunteers.

HOLY SOULS MONTH OF NOVEMBER

BEREAVEMENT MASS – Saturday 2nd November 10.30am at Holy Name

A mass for all who have lost family members and friends to come and reflect and pray for their souls. Coffee and cake in the parish rooms afterwards – all are welcome

LITURGY OF LIGHT – Tuesday 5th November 7pm at OLOL

A respective service, Liturgy of Light will take place on the evening of Tuesday 5th November

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Thursday 7th November at 4pm

This will take place at Long Ditton Cemetery

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

Praying for the Holy Souls. During the month of **November** there will be 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 will be remembered at every mass throughout the month of November. 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.

YOUTH

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP – Friday 25th October at Holy Name 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 25th October please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you!

DID YOUR CHILD MAKE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?

Please join us for a special mass at 6pm on Saturday 9th November at OLOL and afterwards for games and refreshments in the hall.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Registration forms with details about our Confirmation 2025 preparation for Year 8 are now available on our website <https://holyfamilyembridge.church/app/uploads/2024/10/Y8-booklet-reg-form-SACRAMENT-OF-CONFIRMATION-2025.pdf> Deadline is 30 November, preparation begins in January on a Tuesday evening

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS - 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!

CALLING ALL PASTORAL LEADERS AND CATECHISTS IN ALL MINISTRIES ACROSS THE PARISH OF ESHER AND THAMES DITTON – Saturday 26th October 9.30-11am at Holy Name

We are running a formation event Saturday 26th October at the Holy Name's Parish rooms from 9:30-11:00 AM

for all of those that lead people in faith. We aim to inspire with ideas and suggestions for continuous personal and pastoral development in all ministries, including a speaker from St Vincent de Paul who will come to share may resources and activities that may work in our parish. All very welcome

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS

Standing Orders £12,290.77; Offertory Cash £2,460.12; Offertory Contactless £2,460.12; Home Mission £260.52; Catholic Education Service £116; Quiz Curry Night £904.10

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

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	LOL
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 Ring Jo W on 020 8224 3705	LOL
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	LOL
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	LOL
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 LOL 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	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	LOL
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).	LOL
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	LOL
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