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Newsletter 25th October 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

The November liturgy reminds us about charity which is the hallmark of Christianity. In the coming days and weeks we will have an opportunity to practice one of the spiritual acts of mercy: to pray for the living and the dead. We can do that individually at home, with our families or publicly coming to the memorial services and putting down the names of the deceased to be read out and prayed for by the parish community. The belief of our Christian destiny is part of the great hope instilled in our hearts by Jesus' teaching. May our departed loved ones rest in peace!

Fr Sebastian**Mass Times this Week: 26th October – 3rd November, 2024**

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 26 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 27 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Ralph & Madeleine Amato, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 28 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 29 th <i>Ss. Simon & Jude</i>	9.30am 10-12	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Margo Gomez, RIP
Wednesday 30 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 31 st	9.30am	Holy Name	Monsignor Barry Wymes, RIP
Friday 1 st Nov <i>All Saints</i>	9.30am 7pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name	
Saturday 2 nd <i>All Souls</i>	10.30am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Bereavement Mass Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls Dick and Liz Germain RIP
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	C. J. Kim, RIP People of the Parish Richard Murphy RIP

OLOL HISTORY PROJECT

Our Lady of Lourdes Church is embarking on a special project to preserve the rich history of our church.....and we need your help! Would you like to join a small team to help capture the heart of our community with archive photos from our files? If you're interested in history and telling the story of our wonderful community for future generations, please get in touch with the parish office thamesditton@abdiocese.org.uk and leave your contact details.

PARISH MEETING – Saturday 16th November, 10am-12 at Holy Name

Last week our PPC Chairman, Chris Bourne, gave an update at all Masses on the future of our moderated parish of Weybridge. Notes can be found on our website here

<https://holyfamilymbridge.church/app/uploads/2024/10/Parish-update-on-moderated-parish-October-2024.pdf> He announced a parish meeting on Saturday 16th November meeting for you to come and discuss the future of our parish under the pillars of Growing the Parish, Young Families and Pastoral Work, together with Finance, and Charities and Communities. Thank you to all who volunteered to help on designated pillars and if you would like to sign up please email the parish office. We hope many of you will join us on 16th November to talk together to further strengthen our churches.

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.

SOCIAL

ENGLISH WINE TASTING – Thank you

Thank you to Hugh Rawlinson for putting on such a great evening last weekend and to all those who came to support it. The event raised £619 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. Tables of up to 8 people

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 mariakwei72@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 Elmbridge CAN. Please book your space by 17 November to avoid disappointment. £45 per person. Spaces are limited and selling fast!

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>

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!

FHC 2024 Mass – Saturday 9th November at OLOL

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://holyfamilylmbridge.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

NEXT FUN FRIDAY – November 8th 3:30 – 5 at OLOL

The next Fun Friday's theme is all about Thanksgiving. We are kicking off our Advent charity appeal called **"The Giving Tree."** *KidsOuts* is a charity dedicated to supporting some of the UK's most disadvantaged and vulnerable children with positive and happy experiences. **"The Giving Tree"** provides an opportunity for people to buy a toy for a disadvantaged child who might otherwise receive very little this Christmas. For those children who would like to get involved, tags for our *Giving Tree* will be available at Fun Friday. Please come join the fun!

YOUTH WORKER

The deadline to apply for this is 13th November. <https://holyfamilylmbridge.church/youth/>

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING - 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 – Tomorrow - 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

Research Study: Thank you

I have now completed interviewing and would like to thank Fr. Sebastian, the parish office and all the parishioners who gave their time to participate in my research. Everyone has been so kind and supportive, and I very much appreciate your help. I will keep Fr. Sebastian informed regarding the development of my thesis. My very best wishes to you all.

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: A youth club for all primary school aged children and their families. It takes place the first Friday of every month (term time) from 3:30 to 5pm in the church hall at LOL. Games, crafts, snacks, and prizes. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends after school and enjoy seasonal themed activities.	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