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**Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024****Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time****Dear Parishioners**

We have prayed for Sister Faith for the last few weeks as she has been unwell and when I went to see her she said how much she appreciated the prayers, cards and flowers you have sent her. She continually mentioned how she missed the parish and felt we were truly her family. That is why we were sad to find out that after the time of prayer, deliberation and consultations with the medical professionals she has decided to retire. I believe it is going to give her more time to recover and enjoy some quiet moments and the company of her fellow sisters. I am confident that we will keep a strong relationship with her and she remains a big part of our parish family. We offer her our prayers and support. Her decision coincides with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ministry in Our Lady of Lourdes church so we would like to celebrate a special Mass for her to show our appreciation and have an opportunity to say goodbye and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all her years of service.

**Fr Sebastian****Mass Times this Week: Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**

<b>Day/Feast Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>All Souls</i>	10.30am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Bereavement Mass <i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls  Dick & Liz Germaine, RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>d</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	C J Kim, RIP People of the Parish  Richard Murphy, RIP
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Bremi Corera, Thanksgiving
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10-12am 7.00pm	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Hilda Margaret Parsons, RIP  <i>Liturgy of Light</i>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-10am	<i>Adoration &amp; Rosary at OLOL</i>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 4.00pm	Holy Name <i>Blessings of Graves</i>	Lystra Hitchings, RIP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name	Sr Faith Ede
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	5.30pm 6pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Frank & Maeve Hughes, Intentions
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Natalie & Alf Ferrara, RIP Annie Topping, RIP People of the Parish

## **FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER ALL SOULS**

Masses at OLOL at 9.30am and Holy Name at 7pm

## **BEREAVEMENT COFFEE – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 10am at Holy Name**

Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering

## **PARISH MEETING – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-12 at Holy Name**

There is a parish meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 following Chris Bourne's update last weekend and if you would like to sign up please email the parish office. We hope many of you will join us to talk together to further strengthen our churches. Notes on Chris' update can be found <https://holyfamilyelbridge.church/app/uploads/2024/10/Parish-update-on-moderated-parish-October-2024.pdf>

## **HOLY SOULS MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

### **BEREAVEMENT MASS – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at OLOL**

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

### **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **QUIZ NIGHT SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL OF JOY, BETHLEHEM – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Name**

Tickets for our Quiz Night in aid of The School of Joy, Bethlehem are completely **sold out** but you can still donate to the School via the Parish Office or directly to *Friends of the Holy Land* who will ensure that your donation is directed to the School. The DEC is campaigning for donations to the Gaza appeal but this money does not reach the School. The School of Joy's, Fr. Mamdouh Abu Sada will be making his long overdue return to our parish on the weekend of February 16th/17th when he will be speaking at masses at both churches. Many parishioners will remember him from our visit to the school seven years ago in happier times. In the meantime, Fr. Mamdouh continues to lead his school at a time of enormous difficulty attempting to ensure supplies get through to the school so that he can feed the children - a hot meal at school is frequently the only meal many of the children will receive - and dealing with the day to day issues of living and working in the occupied territories. Please keep the School of Joy and Holy Family Parish, Gaza in your prayers.

### **WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December. Each church will hold its own workshop on the same day at the same time. Please contact: Germaine [germainegillman017@gmail.com](mailto:germainegillman017@gmail.com) to join at Our Lady of Lourdes or Maria [mariakwei72@gmail.com](mailto: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 Elbridge CAN. Please book your space by 17 November to avoid disappointment. £45 per person. Spaces are limited and selling fast!

### **FESTIVE TEAS – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **SAVE THE DATE:- Songbirds and Friends Charity Christmas concert Friday 20 December 7pm at OLOL**

All proceeds to Elmbridge CAN- tickets on sale very soon. Songbirds are looking for a few volunteers to help with the catering on the night, planning simple nibbles and mulled wine don't need to be Gordon Ramsey or MasterChef standards - we will be very grateful if you can help [karen@haizelden.com](mailto:karen@haizelden.com) /07921089755

### **100 CLUB WINNERS OCTOBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Harvey Tanner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Sugden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Lawrence

### **COME AND SEE - RCIA**

The Parish of Esher and Thames Ditton enthusiastically extends to you the invitation Jesus gave to the Apostle Philip when He said '*come and see*'... ..from the 21st of November a 20 week programme will start for those wishing to Enquire about the Catholic Faith and for those seeking to be Received into the Catholic Church. The programme also welcomes Catholics seeking to a spiritual homecoming. **Where:** Church of the Holy Name *hall*  
**When:** weekly from Thursday 21st Nov **Time:** Faith Formation Group 7:30 pm *followed by* Evangelisation Group 8pm to 9pm. Please E-mail [info@holymfamilyelmbridge.church](mailto:info@holymfamilyelmbridge.church) to register your interest - alternatively, just turn up even if you miss the start date as you are most welcome to join anytime, indeed why not "*come and see*" what it's all about as a taster session. For more information please contact Fr Sebastian on 07459 650 354 or Ann Fahey on 07775 693 751

### **YOUTH**

#### **NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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 info please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **FHC 2024 Mass – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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://holymfamilyelmbridge.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 join the fun!

### **YOUTH WORKER**

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

### **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](mailto:thamesditton@abdiocese.org.uk) and leave your contact details.

### 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!

**REMINDER NEXT WEEKEND – SECOND COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS** (All donations can be gift-aided)

<b>REGULAR EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL)</b>		
<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	LOL
<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 Ring Jo W on 020 8224 3705	LOL
<b>Fun Fridays:</b> 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
<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	LOL
<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 LOL LOL
<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	LOL
<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).	LOL
<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	LOL
<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 19 Sept, 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	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