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**Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024****First Sunday of Advent****Dear Parishioners**

On Sunday we begin our spiritual journey towards Christmas. I would like to share with you a reflection that may inspire you and become a food for thought for the coming weeks. I hope it is going to be the first of many clues that God is going to give you on your way to the festive destination of Christmas. So keep your eyes, ears and hearts open! An old friend of mine, a priest, told me that there must have been a reason for God not to “deploy” Jesus for his mission straight away, sending him directly from heaven. Instead Jesus was given a time to be born and raised by his parents before being commissioned to teach and save the humanity. For the same very reason, we are given Our Lady to accompany us for the next 4 weeks so that we can grow spiritually and prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. Let us take her hand and follow her lead!

**Fr Sebastian****Mass Times this Week: Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

<b>Day/Feast Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> St Andrew, Apostle	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Deceased members of the Donnelly, Sarti and Rossi families
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Fedora Bolivar RIP Chris Mapleton RIP Pat and Liam Whelan RIP
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Michael Wilkins RIP
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am 10-12am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Mary J Leahey RIP
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Name – Thanksgiving Mass for the life of Ann Greville Giddings	Ann Greville Giddings RIP
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Mrs Eve Hands Ints
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Martin Green RIP People of the Parish

## ADVENT 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS

During Advent we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at the weekends for the following causes and charities:

1<sup>st</sup> December – REFUGEES – Elmbridge CAN

8<sup>th</sup> December – LOCAL HOMELESSNESS – Rentstart, KCAH, Molesey Night Shelter

15<sup>th</sup> December – UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN – KidsOut

22<sup>nd</sup> December – LOCAL FOOD BANKS – East Elmbridge Foodbank

## CERAMIC ANGELS ON SALE AFTER 9am MASS THIS SUNDAY

Tulia will again sell her popular ceramic angels after the Holy Name 9am Mass. Proceeds will go to the School of Joy

## SOCIAL

### SCHOOL OF JOY QUIZ TOMORROW NIGHT AT HOLY NAME

Event is sold out but for those coming please arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Wine and beer available

### WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.30-12.30 – at both churches

Thank you to everyone who has booked to come along to one of these workshops. We look forward to seeing you on 7<sup>th</sup>. Bookings have now closed and materials ordered. All proceeds donated to Elmbridge CAN.

### FESTIVE TEAS – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at OLOL

The Festive Teas are taking place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Gillespie Hall. Can you provide any of the following: a cake, mince pies, a platter of sandwiches, a bottle of Baileys, a lift for someone to and from the event. All offers gratefully received. Please contact Katie Cooper [curlykatie66@gmail.com](mailto:curlykatie66@gmail.com) or 07775 711593.

### CHRISTMAS SOUP LUNCH AT OLOL – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

12 noon. A delicious selection of homemade soups with bread and cheese, mince pie (of course!) and more ..... Come along and bring a friend!

### CHRISTMAS SOUP LUNCH AT HOLY NAME – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Mass will be at midday at Holy Name that day and a soup lunch with festivities, cheese, cakes, wine, Baileys ..... will follow in the parish rooms. All are welcome. Email [info@hollyfamilyelmbridge.church](mailto:info@hollyfamilyelmbridge.church) to book a place. Donations will cover costs and any surplus will go to charity.

### SONGBIRDS & FRIENDS CHARITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Friday 20 December 7pm at OLOL

Songbirds and friends Christmas concert Friday 20 Dec 7pm Tickets now on Sale . Please contact adults £10 u21s£5. Contact [Karen@haizelden.com](mailto:Karen@haizelden.com) or 07921089755 for tickets.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS AT HOLY NAME

As per tradition at Holy Name church, we will be remembering loved ones at this special time of year by decorating the Church with poinsettias at Christmas. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia plant to be displayed in the Church, please collect a form in the church porch for your personal dedication. Each plant costs just £8. **Deadline is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Nov **Time:** Faith Formation Group 7:30 pm *followed by* Evangelisation Group 8pm to 9pm. Please E-mail [info@hollyfamilyelmbridge.church](mailto:info@hollyfamilyelmbridge.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.. For more information <https://hollyfamilyelmbridge.church/become-a-catholic/>

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP AT OLOL BREAKING UNTIL THE NEW YEAR

Dates will be sent out to the group in due course.

## 100 CLUB WINNERS NOVEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> prize Mark Ford, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Brigid Whitman, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Frank Hughes

## BEREAVEMENT COFFEE – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10am Holy Name

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

## INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION - Jane Bishop - Saturday 30th November 2024 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 Bishop 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.

## CHURCH SHOP – CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES

We have Christmas cards, advent candles, rosary beads, Children's Christmas books, chocolate advent calendars, diaries (Holy Name only) ..... In the church shops. Please support charity by purchasing these. Access via Alice at OLOL, Diana at Holy Name or ask in the church office

## YOUTH

### NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 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!

### CONFIRMATION 2025 – deadline tomorrow!

Registration forms with details about our Confirmation 2025 preparation for Year 8 are now available on our website <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.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

### GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS AFTER 6PM MASS TOMORROW AT OLOL

All are welcome to join us in the hall after the Saturday evening Mass this weekend

### Corinthian Christmas Lunch – 25<sup>th</sup> December 1-4pm, Tolworth

This is organised by the Corinthian Casuals for elderly people spending Christmas Day alone this year. To book a place call Laila on 07392 331800 (poster on noticeboard)

### Christmas Special Activities at Molesey Centre for the Community

Thursday 5 December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 12 December – Mulled wine and mince pies

Thursday 19 December – Christmas lunch

Book by phone: 0208 979 5773 or email [moleseycentre@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:moleseycentre@elmbridge.gov.uk)

### CHRISTMAS 2024 SERVICES

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	OLOL
CHRISTMAS EVE	4pm	Mass	OLOL
	6pm	Mass	Holy Name
	11pm	Midnight Mass (carols 10.45pm)	Holy Name
CHRISTMAS DAY	9am	Mass	Holy Name
	11am	Mass	OLOL

Friday morning 9.30am Masses at OLOL 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December – Rorate masses

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

<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	OLOL
<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	OLOL
<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 OLOL. 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	OLOL
<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	OLOL
<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 OLOL OLOL
<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	OLOL
<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).	OLOL
<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 (note: 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday in December)	OLOL
<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