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Newsletter 8th November, 2024

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

On Saturday 16th November there is going to be a meeting to discuss the different areas of our parish life and activity. We will be looking at the ways of realisation of our Christian calling to bring people closer to Jesus, to let them encounter Him and appreciate his love and care. One of the crucial elements of that mission is the outreach. We are already committed to various social, charitable and formational events that support that work. We reach out to those who have little or no experience of relationship with God. I am delighted to confirm that we are going to have two more groups exploring faith and taking steps to commit to Jesus' teaching. The **Evangelisation Group** is welcoming people who would like to find out more about Christianity and get involved in the life of the parish and St Paul's school. The **Come and See Group** (RCIA) would like to invite anyone interested in asking some serious questions about the meaning of life and becoming a Catholic. Both groups will meet once a week on Thursdays starting on 21st November at 8pm. If you would like to find out more, please talk to either parish office, myself or Ann Fahey. Do spread the word and help the people you know to find the way to Jesus

Fr Sebastian

Mass Times this Week: Sat 9th – Sun 17th November, 2024

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 9 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Frank & Maeve Hughes' Intentions
Sunday 10 th <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Alf & Natalia Ferrara, RIP Annie Topping, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 11 th <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Those who died in war and conflict
Tuesday 12 th <i>St. Josaphat</i>	9.30am 10-12am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	The Mallett family Intentions
Wednesday 13 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Brian Cotter, RIP
Friday 15 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Shamira Shamoon, RIP
Saturday 16 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Souls in Purgatory Holy Souls Mary Jacinta RIP

COMMUNITY & CHARITIES MEETING – Saturday 9th November, 10am at OLOL

Our next meeting of this team will be tomorrow morning at OLOL. If you would like to come along and learn more and potentially join this group, please do

OLOL LEADERSHIP MEETING – Thursday 14 November 2024 at 7.30pm OLOL

All welcome to come and contribute with your energy and ideas and hear about latest plans for hall and Parish rooms. See you then. For further information please ask Karen@haizelden.com 07921089755

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

There is 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 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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW that Iwona our choir mistress at Holy Name has composed a song & video Re. the deportation of her mother, 2 brothers together with over a million Poles to the depths of Siberia in 1940. You can find it on YouTube, type in "Where are we going Iwona Januszajtis Siberia". Iwona was recently awarded the Pro Patria medal by the Polish government.

VINTAGE & COLLECTIBLES ROADSHOW – Friday 15th November 11am-3pm Holy Name

This organisation are renting the Holy Name parish rooms for members of the public to come along and bring any valuables (gold, silver, jewelry etc) for valuation and possible sale as they roadshow round the country. If you have items of possible value you are looking to clear do come along. For more information see www.vintageandcollectibles.co.uk

SOCIAL

MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH – Wednesday 13th November 12pm at OLOL

A delicious selection of homemade soups with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!

QUIZ NIGHT SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL OF JOY, BETHLEHEM – Saturday 30th 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 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.

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.

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 /07921089755

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*'...for more information please see our website

<https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/become-a-catholic/>

YOUTH

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP – Friday 8th 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 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.

FHC 2025

All communication has gone out by email this week to applicants for our FHC preparation for next year. If you are expecting an email and not received, please check your junk mail.

CONFIRMATION 2025

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

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 13th November. <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.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 and leave your contact details.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

This annual collection goes towards funding retired priests in our Diocese. This is a non- optional collection insofar as the parish gets levied by the Diocese (£6,000) – so your donations offset the not inconsiderable cost to the parish of this necessary expense.

REGULAR EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)		
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	OLOL
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	OLOL
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 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
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	OLOL
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	OLOL
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).	OLOL
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	OLOL
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