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Newsletter 10th January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Parishioners

A Happy New Year to all Parishioners from the Parish Pastoral Council. I was away over Christmas and came back to a big surprise: that Father Sebastian had deputised the bishop to say our Sunday Masses. I hear he is coming back next week. The Parish is getting back into gear: I attended a meeting this week when our new Youth Worker Pamela talked of her plans: they are ambitious and need to be. The numbers being prepared for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are impressive. The PCC and both Church Committees are meeting in the next fortnight. Two dates for your diary. On the 21st of January at 19:30 our architect Daniel Wright will outline ideas for the refurbishment of the OLOL Parish Rooms. And on the 8th of February we are holding a second Pillar's Meeting at Holy Name. At our last meeting before Christmas 50 people met and generated many ideas. At this meeting we want to finalise what we are going to do. If you could not attend last time, you will be most welcome this time around.

Chris Bourne

Mass Times this Week: Sat 11th - Sun 19th January

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 11 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 12 th <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Lorenzo Fiorentini RIP People of the Parish
Monday 13 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 14 th	9.30am 10-12 noon	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Fr Jimmy Walsh RIP
Wednesday 15 th	9.30-10.00am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Roger & Kevin Edwards, RIP
Friday 17 th <i>St. Antony</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday 18 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 19 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Kate Merrigan, RIP People of the Parish

100 CLUB 2025

As we begin a new year, we hope all existing members of the 100 Club will renew and welcome any new members. Forms (for new members only) will be available in the church narthex/porch or can be downloaded from our website here <https://holyfamilylmbridge.church/app/uploads/2024/12/100-Club-NEW-Membership-Form-2025.pdf> If you had a number last year, no need to complete a form but please organise payment and let us know by email. This is a great way to give to charity but also to have the chance to win a prize yourself!

MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH AT OLOL - Wednesday, 15th January 2025, 12pm at OLOL.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

As the deadline is next week for this, please see Fr Sebastian after Mass over the weekend if you need your form signed.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Service at OLOL on Sunday, 19th January at 4pm

There will be a service in the church followed by tea in the Hall/café. Christians from the local Dittons churches will be invited. We hope as many of our parishioners will come along also.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY GROUP – Wednesday 15th January, 10am at OLOL

POINSETTIAS AT HOLY NAME

The Flower Team would like thank you for the support our Church community received, through the purchase of Poinsettia dedications. Please collect the poinsettias from the church porch if you would like to take them home.

HELP NEEDED IN THE OLOL OFFICE

We are looking for an OLOL Coordinator with good IT skills to join the Parish of Esher and Thames Ditton team. Ideally this will be Mon, Wed, Fri mornings. The full job description will be advertised in a few weeks but will entail being on hand for volunteers and parishioners on these mornings, manning phones and emails, sacramental admin, managing the online calendar, general oversight of premises etc. If you are interested or can volunteer on these mornings on a temporary basis please email info@holyfamilylmbridge.church

FUNERALS IN JANUARY

Sadly we have a number of funerals taking place in January :

Hilary Riddle - Tuesday 21st January 11am at OLOL

David Cunningham – Friday 24th January 1pm at OLOL

Brian Tatum – Monday 27th January 2.20pm at Kingston Crematorium

Douglas Andersen – Tuesday 28th January 11am at Holy Name

Jean Condon – Wednesday 29th January 11am at OLOL

YOUTH

NEXT PARISH YOUTH GROUP- Saturday 18th January – trip to Radio Maria in London

If you would like to join please contact Fr Sebastian on 07879 174017

NEXT FUN FRIDAY - January 10th 3.30pm at OLOL

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.

CONFIRMATION

The first session for this preparation is Tuesday 14th January, 7.30pm at Holy Name for parent and child

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first sessions also start this weekend:

OLOL - Saturday followed by the 6pm Mass

Holy Name – Sunday following the 9am Mass

NEW STUDY HUB AT OLOL ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

Are you in Year 11+ and working towards exams? The renovated cafe at OLOL will be open with volunteers on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm. It offers a quiet, warm distraction -free space for focused study to support that well-being feeling for the week ahead.

ARCHITECT MEETING FOR OLOL PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENTS - 21st of January at 19:30 at OLOL

Our architect Daniel Wright will outline ideas for the refurbishment of the OLOL Parish Rooms. All are welcome to attend

PILLARS MEETING - 8th February, 10am at Holy Name

To continue building ideas for our mission going forward as a shared parish of Esher & Thames Ditton. The pillars are areas we would like to build ideas and teams in: Liturgy, Pastoral, Growing the Parish and Families. We are holding a second Pillar's Meeting at Holy Name which will build on the ideas discussed at the first meeting before Christmas, when 50 people met and generated many great ideas. At this meeting we want to finalise what we are going to do. If you could not attend last time, you will be most welcome this time around

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 See newsletter for dates	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