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Newsletter 17th January 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

The PPC met last Tuesday evening. The Council, Father Sebastian, Karen Hazelden, Alan Verschoyle King and I invited Stephen Owens to talk about the work of the Charities and Communities Committee. Stephen gave a wonderfully upbeat report and this left us in a positive frame of mind for our discussions. Thank you, Stephen. These included our architect's plans for the refurbishment of OLOL Parish Rooms and the format for the next Pillars Meeting. So please note that there is a meeting on the 21st of January at 19:30 at OLOL when all parishioners are invited to hear directly from the architect what is planned and for you to have your say. And the Pillars meeting on the 8th of February is again your opportunity to contribute to the future planning of our Parish. We meet at Holy Name. And one very very important date. On the 9th February the wonderful Sister Faith is coming back for the 11:00am mass at OLOL and there will be a party afterwards. Please come as 20yrs of service is something to celebrate. Also .. the Bishop is saying mass on Sunday morning again this weekend.

Chris Bourne

Mass Times this Week: Sat 18th - Sun 26th January

<i>Day/Feast Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 18 th	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Denise Scott RIP
Sunday 19 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Colette Mallett Ints Kate Merrigan RIP Sharon Patefield RIP
Monday 20 th <i>St. Fabian</i> <i>St. Sebastian</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Tuesday 21 st	9.30am 10-12 noon 11am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes – funeral	Tom Long RIP Funeral of Hilary Riddle
Wednesday 22 nd	9.30-10.00am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Name	Jackie McGrath RIP
Friday 24 th <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	10.30am 1pm	Our Lady of Lourdes (Y2 school Mass) Our Lady of Lourdes – funeral	St. Paul's School Mass Funeral of David Cunningham
Saturday 25 th <i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Mirella Bianconi Ints
Sunday 26 th	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Ron Whitman 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!

MASS INTENTIONS IN BOTH CHURCHES

You can book a mass intention, when the priest offers the mass for the intention requested, eg for somebody who has died, or is sick, or in thanksgiving, or private intention. To book a date, please contact the parish office of the Church you would like the Mass offered in, and they will check the date is available and take the details. A stipend is generally given for the priest saying the Mass which can be paid in cash to the office or online with a reference. Please pop into either parish office one morning or email esher@abdiocese.org.uk or thamesditton@abdiocese.org.uk to check available dates.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS OF ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

The governing body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School, which serves the catholic families of Esher and Thames Ditton Parish, is looking for an additional Foundation Governor to join our board. You need to be a practicing Catholic but no other formal qualifications are needed - just a commitment to serve. We welcome applications from all those who are interested and are particularly keen to hear from those aged 18-30. For more information, please contact Deb Meacham at vcog@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk.

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 - February 7th 3.30pm at OLOL

Back by popular demand, Fun Friday will celebrate Chinese New Year Friday, February 7 with tea tasting, games and Chinese calligraphy. Please join us as we celebrate the Year of the Snake. All ages welcome!

CONFIRMATION

The 2nd session for this preparation is Tuesday 21st January, 7.30pm at Holy Name for parent and child

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The 2nd 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

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

SISTER FAITH FAREWELL MASS – Sunday 9th February 11am at OLOL

Sister Faith will be coming back on Sunday 9th February for the morning mass at OLOL and there will be a celebration in the hall afterwards. All are welcome. More details to follow.

DENISE SCOTT RIP

We are sad to report that Denise Scott, wife of Tony – faithful altar server at OLOL, passed away this week. Details of the funeral will follow.

COMMUNITY AND CHARITIES MEETING – Saturday 25th January 10am at Holy Name

All are welcome to attend this meeting, the team meet every three months and new members are always welcome!

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