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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Message from Fr Sebastian

You may have noted that I did not celebrate every Mass last weekend. I should tell you why. I have an ongoing health issue which the Bishop has agreed must be solved. During this period he has agreed to find me support, but until this is in place Guildford Parish have agreed to celebrate some masses over a weekend. I will keep you informed and please pray for my quick recovery.

Mass Times this Week: Sat 13th - Sun 21st September

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 13 th <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	5.00 -5.20pm 5.30pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 14 th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30 -5.50pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Geoff Linzell RIP Arthur Mitchell RIP People of the Parish
Monday 15 th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 16 th <i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Chima Anyalebechi RIP
Wednesday 17 th	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 18 th	9.30am 11.00am	Holy Name <i>Holy Name – Celebration of Life for Dr Keith Crosbie RIP</i>	Tony Harryman RIP
Friday 19 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Brian Cotter RIP
Saturday 20 th <i>Martyrs of Korea</i>	5.00-5.20pm 5.30pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st	9.00am 11.00am 5.30 -5.50pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Deceased relatives and friends of Bernadette Junor Richard Hourigan RIP Mrs Velia Sousa RIP

FINANCE APPEAL THIS WEEKEND – 13/14 September

Our finance team will provide an update on the Churches finances at all masses.

Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust Registered charity: 252878

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We welcome the McLatchie family whose son Connor will be baptised at OLOL tomorrow.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

To register your child for First Holy Communion next year please download the registration form from our website here <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/app/uploads/2025/09/2026-FHC-Registration-form-FINAL.pdf> or collect a printed copy from the church porch/narthex. Deadline to apply is 31st October and this year a strict criteria will apply, given the stretch on resources.

YOUTH

FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP AT OLOL

Our friendly Friday Playgroup at OLOL starts back on Friday 5th September.

Role play, building, wheelie toys, drawing, snacks and drinks ... for 0-5s.

9-10am every Friday during term time. This is a great way to make new friends. Please come along!

FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS PROGRAMME INFORMATION EVENING (for those in years 6-12) - Saturday, 27th of September

Please join us in this awards programme, an opportunity for young people to explore their faith and take it into their community...*Faith in Action!* This programme will run from October to May, with a total of 4 reflection meetings. Participants are awarded for their active faith and gain credits through both home and church-based services. A journal will be provided along with all materials to record their service and reflection throughout their journey. More details to come. Please join us Saturday, 27th September at 4:30 - 5:30 pm at OLOL in the cafe. Refreshments, information and fun! <https://faithinactionaward.co.uk>

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB - returns on September 12th at Holy Name

ALPHA STARTING on 23rd SEPTEMBER – please spread the word and volunteers for cooking meals needed!

Our next Alpha course starts on Tuesday 23rd September (please note date change) and will run each Tuesday evening until December at Holy Name Church. Exact dates plus registration form can be found on our website here <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/alpha-course/> along with more information on the course. Please spread the word to any friends who may be interested to learn more about the meaning of life. Alpha is a welcoming space to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view, all in a friendly and open environment. Alpha welcomes everyone new to faith. Enjoy thought-provoking discussions, inspiring talks, and a chance to connect with others over a meal. **If you are able to prepare a simple meal for one of the weeks please contact the parish office or email info@holyfamilyelmbridge.church** Thank you

VOLUNTEER AT BOTH CHURCHES

Last week we appealed at Mass for volunteers in various areas of parish life. Forms are available in each church porch and can be downloaded from the front page of our website. If you prefer just to enquire with someone who leads a group please email either parish office for more information.

SERVING THE ALTAR AT OLOL

One of the great things about our community at OLOL is the involvement of so many of our young people as altar servers. They not only help Mass to run smoothly but they help the whole community to focus in prayer and to celebrate our faith. Being a server helps them to join actively in the prayer and to grow in self-confidence. They gradually learn about the mass and take more responsibility (including caring for younger servers). Whether a child who has just made their first communion or a youngster who feels ready to get involved now they are older, all will be made very welcome and they will soon feel an important part of a team. So if you'd like to be involved, or just to find out more, please contact our coordinator of Altar Servers, Bernard

Godwin (bgodwin17@yahoo.com), or drop your details into the office. The first meeting for prospective new servers will be on Saturday 20th September at 4.30 pm.

LOLO JUBILEE

As OLOL celebrates its Diamond Jubilee year, I'm helping collate photos from the last 60 years, with the intention to hold a month-long exhibition through November. I'm welcoming any contributions that we may add to this. In addition, I'm planning to produce a history of OLOL book, hopefully to be published sometime in the New Year. This will be far more comprehensive, and I'm looking for people to share their OLOL knowledge, anecdotes and photos (of the church, of events, of parishioners, the immediate area etc). Please feel free to email me at timwake79@gmail.com. For those who'd prefer to share/ reminisce in person, as a first stop, I'll be in the cafe after Mass on Friday 5th Sept. Maybe see some of you then.

BIBLE GROUP – resumes 17th September 10am at OLOL

SOCIAL

PARENTING TEENS TALK by Liz Smith – Thursday 16th October 7.30pm at OLOL

Free entry. Parenting teenagers can be exciting, joyful... and sometimes challenging! Join us for an encouraging evening as we look at: Understanding teens, Communication that works, Building stronger family connections and supporting their faith and values. Meet other parents/carers and get support and tips and from parishioner Elizabeth Smith, Marriage and Family Counsellor, grandmother and mother. A talk for all parents and carers of teens (and pre teens) Refreshments will be provided

SCHOOL OF JOY QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 29th November at Holy Name

Tickets now available for this. £20 per ticket to include home made meal. Please book via the Holy Name parish office

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 30th October, 10am at Holy Name

Home made cakes, a favourite in the annual calendar! Please come along to support

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

DIAMOND JUBILEE PARISH CELEBRATION AT OLOL – 1st/ 2nd November

CRAFT FAIR – 15th November at OLOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND TEAS – 7th December at OLOL

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE LOCAL CARE HOMES – 14th December

SONGBIRDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Thursday 18th December at OLOL

LOLO QUIZ : THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fabulous back to school quiz at OLOL on Friday evening. Well done to our young quiz masters who were superb hosts and to all the generous cooks, servers and kitchen helpers. The grand sum of £780 was raised and will be split between MNDA, Diabetes UK and Sarcoma UK.

SAVE THE DATE – PARISH RETREAT – 7th/8th November

More exciting details to follow

Are you available on Fridays and looking for a meaningful way to serve?

The Chaplaincy Team at HMP Send is seeking **Roman Catholic volunteers** to support the RC community during Friday Mass. HMP Send is a women's prison in Surrey. Volunteers attend from **13:15 to 15:00**, joining the women for the Rosary, Mass, and post-service fellowship. Your presence offers spiritual encouragement and connection to the wider Church. No formal experience is needed — just a warm heart, a listening ear, and a willingness to be present. **Security clearance is required** (Level 1 only for this role), and volunteers can attend up to four times while clearance is being processed. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact: **Aseel Gilbert – Managing Chaplain** ✉ aseel.gilbert@justice.gov.uk ☎ 01483 471133

Elmbridge CAN is looking for a new Chair of Trustees

This local charity which supports refugees is looking for advertising for a new Chair of Trustees who is passionate about our mission and keen to help share our message publicly. Please see notice on both church noticeboards for more information or email contact@elmbridgecan.org.uk for more information. Deadline 30 September 2025.

Public Rosary – Saturday 6th September at Lion Gate Hampton

K PRAYS will be saying a public rosary to place the UK under the protection of Our Lady, on Saturday September 6th at 12.00 hrs at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, KT8 9DD. This is a quiet side gate opposite Bushy Park. Do not go to the main palace entrance. (Transport: Car Park at the Diana Fountain, Bushy Park / Hampton Court Station/multiple buses). www.UKPrays.org

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Please see below the link to Universalis which has current weekend readings. This can always be found on the front page of our website too <https://www.universalis.com/Europe.England.Arundel/mass.htm>

AUGUST OFFERINGS

Standing orders £11,824; Offertory Cash £1,799.95; Offertory contactless £1,339.00; Cafod £20

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 link
Playgroup and Café: A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly – Mondays & 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.	Call: 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
Youth St Vincent de Paul - A youth club for those in year's 7 & 8, working with our local St Vincent de Paul group to engage in our communities and take part in social action.	See newsletter for updates	OLOL
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 Wednesday 9.30am Monthly - 1st Saturday 9.30am 1st Monday 7.30pm (weekly during May & October)	Holy Name OLOL Holy Name OLOL
Bereavement Coffee Morning: Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering. Please check newsletter for next dates	Monthly (alternate venues) 1 st Tuesdays at 10am 1 st Thursdays at 7pm	Holy Name OLOL
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 Follow us on FB https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/	Monthly – generally 2 nd Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T