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Newsletter 17th October 2025

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH ROSARY RELAY FOR FR SEBASTIAN – Friday 17th and Saturday 18th October 9am-9pm

Thank you so much to all the parishioners who have signed up to pray for half an hour each for Fr Sebastian's recovery as he remains in hospital. The office team have done a great job in ensuring we have several people praying in the same slots to ensure maximum impact! If you would still like to join the rota please call or email either parish office this morning (Friday). You can pray from home but the churches will be open at least until 4.30pm both days. Next week we have mid week Masses on Thursday and Friday only but the following week we have full coverage of supply priests who are all helping us at this difficult time.

Mass Times this Week: Saturday 18th October – Sunday 26th October, 2025

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 18 th <i>St. Luke</i>	5.00 -5.20pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th <i>St. Philip Howard</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30 -5.50pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Margaret Sugden RIP Alwyn Desouza RIP Andrew & Shirley Mulroy RIP
Monday 20 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday 21 st	NO MASS 11.00am	Holy Name – Funeral of Margaret Sugden	
Wednesday 22 nd	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary	
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Name	Private Intentions
Friday 24 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday 25 th	5.00-5.20pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Margaret Connaught
Sunday 26 th <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30 -5.50pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Madeleine & Ralph Amato, RIP Rosemarie Healy, RIP People of the Parish

MODERATED PARISH OF WEYBRIDGE

Date for your diary - Parish Inauguration Mass, 7th December 2025, Bishop Richard

On Sunday 7th December at 6pm all parishioners of Addlestone, Chertsey, Englefield Green, Esher & Thames Ditton, Hersham, Molesey, Walton-on-Thames, and Weybridge are invited to join in the Mass of inauguration of the new parish of Weybridge, to be celebrated in Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, by Bishop Richard and the clergy of the deanery. In this Mass, all the afore-mentioned parishes will be united into one new canonical parish, led by the clergy of those parishes, with Canon Chris Spain as Moderator, as part of Bishop Richard's pastoral plan, "The Word who is Life". Sunningdale parishioners are also welcome, although their parish will remain outside of this new entity.

In preparation for this event, and in order to present the key elements of change (and stability), there will be **two to three open meetings in November** to which all parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Dates and venues will be announced next week. Please pray for the fruitfulness of this important change in the life of our local church and parishes.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – Saturday 1st November, 10.30am at Holy Name

Our annual parish Mass for the Bereaved will take place on Saturday 1st November at 10.30am at Holy Name. All are very welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity to light a candle for deceased loved ones. Tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT OLOL – Sunday 2nd November 11am Mass followed by party celebrations

On this weekend there will be just one Mass at OLOL (no Saturday 5.30pm but Holy Name Masses remain the same). Mgr Benny O'Shea will come to celebrate the Mass and we would like to do a shared potluck lunch. We want to share this celebration with as many parishioners, past and present – so please spread the word!. If you can help with food donations please see the sign up sheet in the OLOL narthex or volunteer to help via elizabethsmith@btinternet.com 07979 717379

PARISH RETREAT – 8th/9th November

This promises to be a great event. More details are below and spaces are limited but we still have space! Please support this event and book your place. Much thought and work has gone into the agenda and speakers. To book please email info@holyfamilymbridge.church

OCTOBER : THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, a powerful prayer that invites us to meditate on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the eyes of His Blessed Mother, Mary. As we journey through this special month, we are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily — whether individually, as a family, or in community — asking Our Lady to intercede for peace in our hearts, our homes, and the world. Let us rediscover the beauty and strength of this timeless devotion. *"The Rosary is the weapon for these times."* — St. Padre Pio
Join us in honouring Our Lady throughout October before the Mass for a decade. All are asked to consider leading a decade please 🙏 thank you

SCHOOL FORMS

In Fr Sebastian's absence, if you need a school form signed please bring it into either parish office in the mornings (**OLOL** Mon, Wed, Fri or **HOLY NAME** Tues, Thurs, Fri). Because we will have to ask a neighbouring priest to sign these forms we ask for you to bring them in with plenty of time to spare – we cannot guarantee to turn last minute requests around in time. We will get them signed intermittently and call you as soon as they are ready. As the last week of October is half term, please ensure you get them to us **by Thursday 23rd October at the latest but ideally before that!**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 – deadline 31st October

To register your child for First Holy Communion next year please download the registration form from our website here <https://holyfamilymbridge.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.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Do you have a good listening ear? Do you feel you could support those who are struggling with loss or bereavement? We are recruiting for our training course to become a member of the Ministry of Consolation team of volunteer befrienders. The course runs online for a total of 7 weeks on each Wednesday throughout January and February 2026(9.30am-1.30pm). To find out more contact simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. Application process ends on 15 November 2025.

YOUTH

FAITH IN ACTION

A big thank you to everyone who has joined our **Faith In Action Programme** this year. We're blessed with a truly wonderful group and have many exciting activities planned! **Our first Reflection Meeting** will take place on **Saturday, 1st November**, from **4:30 PM to 5:30 PM** at **LOL**. May our parish community continue to support and uplift these young people as they embark on their journey of faith and service. For any enquiries, please contact: youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk

NEXT YOUTH CLUB – Friday 23rd October 7-9pm at Holy Name

All in secondary school welcome for pizza, games and fun!

FUN FRIDAY

We're excited to kick off our **Youth Advent Charity Appeal** on **Friday, 7th November** during **Fun Friday 3:30-5pm at LOL** — a festive afternoon filled with seasonal activities and the spirit of giving. This year, we're proud to support two incredible local charities: **The Giving Tree** by *KidsOut* and the **Befriending Project** by *the Kingston Advocacy Group KAG*. Come along and discover how you and your young person can get involved, make a difference, and be part of something truly special this holiday season.

SOCIAL

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

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

CRAFT FAIR – 15th November 1-4pm at LOL

We are looking forward to the Craft Fair on Saturday 15 November 1-4pm. We very much need your donations please. **We need:** Toys-new/good as new; Bottles - alcoholic/non-alcoholic; Unwanted New Gifts - Toiletries, candles etc; Bric a brac- antiques, glassware etc; Books in very good condition Please bring your donations to either Church to collection points at the entrance to the Churches. Or drop at the Church Office. Or if you would like someone to collect donations use contact details below. We also need additional volunteers for:- Set up and clear up on the day; Help in the café; Help with Children's activities such as face painting/ crafts

If you can help PLEASE contact karen@haizelden.com or text 07921089755. Please don't forget to put this date in your diaries to make sure you attend this event. All proceeds will be going to Elmbridge CAN. Please spread the word to friends and neighbours. St Paul's School choir will be providing some entertainment, there will be fabulous stalls to browse through, so make sure you're there to support the efforts. THANK YOU

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

DATES FOR DIARIES

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND TEAS – 7th December at OLOL

FESTIVE SOUP LUNCH – Thursday 11th December at Holy Name

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE LOCAL CARE HOMES – 14th December

SONGBIRDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Thursday 18th December at OLOL

PARISH RETREAT – 7th/8th November

At our recent Pillars Meeting, parishioners shared that one of the things they value most is the opportunity for a **Parish Retreat**. We listened—and we're delighted to let you know that a retreat will take place on **Friday evening, 7th November, and all-day Saturday, 8th November 2025**.

While we explored the option of holding the retreat offsite, finding a suitable and convenient venue proved difficult. Instead, we'll be gathering in the **Holy Name Parish Rooms**, which will allow us to be together in the heart of our parish community. The retreat will begin on Friday evening at 6pm with an opening discussion and a shared meal. Saturday will include further interactive discussions, prayer, and a Mass. Numbers are limited to **50 participants**, and while there is no charge to attend, we kindly ask for donations to help support the event.

We are blessed to have **Fr. John Church**, a newly ordained Dominican at the beginning of his ministry, as our retreat leader. His biography and a retreat outline are attached for you to learn more. The title of the Retreat is :

Why go to Church? The joy of being Christian in the 21st century

Through time of prayer, talks, and discussions, the retreat will be an opportunity to explore a vision of parish life. How is God calling us to worship together? Why is the Eucharist so central to our community? What is our place in wider society?

Fri 7th November:

18:00 – 19:00: Introduction: *Why go to Church? The joy of being Christian in the 21st century*

19:00 – 19:45: Dinner

19:45 – 20:00: Concluding prayer and departures

Sat 8th November:

09:30 – 10:00: Arrivals & Coffee

10:00 - 11:15: Talk 1: *Worship: our need of God*

11:15 – 11:45: Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00: Talk 2: *Communion: our need of each other*

13:00 - 14:00: Lunch

14:00 - 15:00: *Lectio Divina*

15:00 - 15:30: Coffee break

15:30 - 16:45: Talk 3: *Mission: the world's need of us*

16:45 - 17:00: Wrap-up & Departures

17:30 – Mass at Holy Name

To secure your place, please give your name to either Parish Office in person or by email

(info@holyfamilymbridge.church) Spaces will be filled on a **first-come, first-served basis**. It is possible to attend just certain sessions but we hope you can make it to them all. The Retreat is free but donations welcome.



Fr John Church OP is a recently ordained Dominican priest based in Leicester. He coordinates the young adults ministry of the Dominican friars and oversees their social media presence. He first encountered the Dominicans while studying in Oxford, and entered the novitiate in 2018. His vocation has been deeply influenced by many role models, particularly through his time working with the Missionaries of Charity. He loves to combine his preaching and study with a love of the outdoors.

Second Collection World Mission Sunday – Sunday 19th October

Pope Leo is urging every Catholic and every parish across the globe to unite in prayer and practical support for missionaries who work alongside communities in need in the most remote and troubled parts of our world. In recalling his missionary experience in Peru, Pope Leo says: *‘When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities’*. See here a video from Pope Leo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYRe8oG-iUw>

The Case for Aid: The role of humanitarian aid in global development – Thursday 23rd October 7.30pm, Christ Church Esher. An evening of talks and discussion with Monica Harding MP and Gareth Owen, former Humanitarian Director of Save the Children. Tickets £10 in support of Save the Children stcesher@gmail.com

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR – St Anne’s Catholic Primary School Vauxhall

St Anne’s Catholic Primary School (Vauxhall) is seeking two Foundation Governors to help shape our school’s vision and support our community. This is a voluntary role offering a chance to make a meaningful difference in children’s education. Please contact teresasong18@gmail.com for more information.

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>

SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £12,364.77; Offertory Cash £2,731.93; Offertory Contactless £1,935.00; Soups £54.80; Catholic Education £217; Home Mission Sunday £394.10; Quiz & Curry Night £768

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

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