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Newsletter 24th October 2025 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MORE PRAYERS FOR FR SEBASTIAN PLEASE

Thank you all who joined our Rosary Relay last week for Fr Sebastian. It means a lot. Please continue to pray for the healing of Fr Sebastian. We have regular devotions you can join: Tuesdays 10am Holy Name, Wednesdays 9.30am at OLOL and Fridays 7-9pm at Holy Name. Or please pray the rosary daily from wherever you any time between 3 and 5pm.

Mass Times this Week: Saturday 25 th October – Sunday 1 st November, 2025			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 25 th	5.00 -5.20pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Peggy Connaughton RIP
Sunday 26 th	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
Monday 27 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Tuesday 28 th Sts. Simon & Jude	9.30am 10-11.30am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Fr Sebastian Paul Intentions
Wednesday 29 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary	
Thursday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Harry Hughes, RIP
Friday 31 st	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Anne Marie Godwin, RIP
Saturday 1 st November	10.30am 5.30pm	Holy Name – Bereavement Mass NO MASS at Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 2 nd November All Saints	9.00am 11.00am 5.30 -5.50pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes – Jubilee Mass Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	C.J. Kim, RIP Jack Noonan, III (health)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH RETREAT – 8th/9th November

This promises to be a great event - please support this and book your place. Much thought and work has gone into the agenda and speakers. More details of agenda and speaker are below. To book please email info@holyfamilymbridge.church

MODERATED PARISH OF WEYBRIDGE - Date for your diary - Open meetings

Following last week's announcement, we now have the dates for open meetings in preparation for the inauguration of the new Weybridge Parish by Bishop Richard on 7th December at 6pm in Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. These will be geographically based across the new parish and held on three separate nights in order to give the maximum opportunity for people to hear about the plans and ask questions.

20th November at 7.30pm - Englefield Green - for Chertsey, Addlestone and Englefield Green

24th November at 7.30pm - Weybridge - for Weybridge, Hersham and Molesey

27th November at 8pm - Walton-on-Thames - for Walton, Esher/Thames Ditton

WEDDING THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to Frankie Hester and Amber Cooper who will be married at Holy Name tomorrow (Saturday)

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 celebrations

On this weekend there will be just one Mass at OLOL (no Saturday Mass at 5.30pm). 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. Holy Name Masses remain the same.

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

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JOIN THE WRITING OF THE BIDDING PRAYERS ROTA

We have a group of volunteers who take it in turn to create the bidding prayers for weekend masses. Guidelines are given and we would like a few more volunteers to join the rota. If you are interested please email info@holyfamilymbridge.church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 – please note final deadline to register is 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.

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

Youth Club – Friday 24th October 7-9pm at Holy Name

Youth Night – This Friday at Holy Name! Join us this Friday, 23rd October, from 7:00–9:00pm at Holy Name for an evening of pizza, games, and fun! All young people in secondary school are warmly welcome—bring a friend!

We're also planning an exciting ice-skating trip for our secondary school parishioners and their families. If you're interested in coming along, please email youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. More details to follow—stay tuned!

Faith In Action – Saturday 1st November 4.30-5.30pm at OLOL

Our first Reflection Meeting will take place on Saturday, 1st November, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM at OLOL. In this session we will be celebrating St Carlo Acutis and discussing the gifts we have that can be shared with others. Please remember your journal pack and come hungry for pizza. While the young people are in their session, parents are warmly invited to stay for the Rosary in the church, followed by a cup of tea and a chat. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fun Friday – November 7th 3.30pm at OLOL

Join us for our next **Fun Friday Youth Club** on **Friday, November 7th** at **Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)** as we launch this year's **Advent Charity Appeal**. We're excited to be partnering with two wonderful local charities:

Kingston Advocacy Group (KAG): We'll be supporting their *Befriending Project* by creating and delivering **personalised Christmas cards** to care home residents—bringing warmth and connection during the festive season.

KidsOut – The Giving Tree: Once again, we're joining this fantastic initiative to help provide Christmas gifts for children who fled domestic abuse and live in refuge.

It's a great opportunity for young people to get involved in meaningful acts of kindness—and have some fun while doing it! There'll be **games, snacks, and prizes** for the kids, plus a **festive drink** for the adults. We hope to see you there and would love your support in making this Advent a little brighter for others.

World Youth Day

Join us in celebrating the 40th World Youth Day with a special Youth Mass at Holy Name on **Sunday, 23rd November at 6:00 PM**. After Mass, we'll gather in the church hall for drinks and nibbles. We warmly invite all young people to take part in the Mass by singing, reading, serving, or greeting. If you're able to volunteer, please get in touch at youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk. Let's gather as a parish family to celebrate the spirit of World Youth Day!

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 OLOL in aid of Elmbridge CAN

We are looking forward to the Parish Craft Fair and **We need donations:-** Toys-new/good as new; Bottles - alcoholic/non-alcoholic; Unwanted New Gifts - Toiletries, candles and so on; Bric a brac- antiques, glassware and so on; Books in very good condition. Please bring your donations to **either Church** to collection points or

drop items at either Church Offices or if you need items collected contact karen@haizelden.com or 07921089755 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.

LOLO COMMUNITY CAFÉ TURNS 1 THIS SATURDAY- 25th October

Join us for a cake and cuppa on the house after the 5.30pm Mass. Here's a little throwback from last year on the official opening



WINTERSHALL NATIVITY – 16-21 December

Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. It's the perfect festive event for kids, parents and grandparents. To book tickets please go online to the webpage here <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/>

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 (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 primary aged children and their families. Activities are geared at KS2 with crafts, games, snacks, and a prize draw. It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends after school and enjoy seasonal themed activities.	5 Fridays term time – 3:30pm - 5 Look out in newsletter for next one	OLOL
Parish Youth Group: For students in school years 7–13 (ages 13 and above) The Parish Youth Group offers a welcoming and supportive environment for young people to grow in their faith, build friendships, and enjoy time together in a relaxed setting. Held every other Friday in the Parish Rooms with pizza, games and fellowship at Holy Name Church, Esher.	Every other Friday (see newsletter)	Holy Name
Faith In Action Awards Programme – Our Parish award programme for those in Secondary School, supporting our candidates through their faith journey this year. Please see updates in the newsletter.	4 Reflection Dates: November 1 st , January 3 rd , others TBD	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

