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## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

### Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass Times this Week: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	5.00 -5.20pm 5.30pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</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	CJ Kim RIP Maureen Mullen RIP  Noel & Jeffrey Addley RIP
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am 10-11.30am	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	Private Intentions
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> - <i>Adoration &amp; Rosary</i>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. John Henry Newman</i>		Holy Name – <b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>OLOL St Paul's Harvest Festival</i>	Philip Williams, RIP
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.00-5.20pm 5.30pm	<i>Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Khalid Jafferli, RIP
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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	Margaret Sugden, RIP Anne Hoskins, RIP  People of the Parish

**PARISH RETREAT – 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> November**

Please see below more details about our Parish Retreat. Places are filling up - to book please email

[info@hollyfamilylmbridge.church](mailto:info@hollyfamilylmbridge.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 honoring 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the latest but ideally before that!**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

To register your child for First Holy Communion next year please download the registration form from our website here <https://holyfamielbridge.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 31<sup>st</sup> October and this year a strict criteria will apply, given the stretch on resources.

### OLOL LEADERSHIP MEETING – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm in the OLOL Cafe

I will be holding a leadership meeting at OLOL cafe Tuesday 07 October 2025, 7.30pm. This is a meeting for all existing leaders and anyone interested in helping with the running of OLOL and getting involved with the wider community. Come along to share your enthusiasm and ideas - all welcome. If you can't make the meeting but want to raise any issues please message me [Karen@haizelden.com](mailto:Karen@haizelden.com) 07921089755. ( your representative on the Parish Pastoral Committee).

### ST PAUL'S SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am at OLOL

As part of St Paul's School tradition, they will be holding a food collection for the East Elmbridge Foodbank. The children will bring their donations to the church for the Harvest Festival, where they will be collected and delivered to the foodbank. Any contributions will be hugely appreciated. Suggested items include: • Harvest treats (not mince pies) • Condiments • Tinned meals (vegetarian and meat) • Custard & rice pudding • Toilet rolls • Men's deodorant • Juice & squash • Laundry tablets • Shampoo & conditioner. If any parishioners would like to donate some of the above items please bring them to OLOL before 10<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks

### HEALING SERVICE – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm All Saints' Church, Chestnut Avenue, Weston Green at 4pm on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.

All are welcome. This has been arranged by Churches Together in the Dittons.

### YOUTH

#### FUN FRIDAY – THIS FRIDAY, 5th October, 3.30-5pm at OLOL

Fun Friday is back! Join us for an afternoon packed with games, snacks, crafts, and a prize draw! Want to learn something new? We're hosting a knitting class in the cafe — perfect for beginners! Parents welcome to join! Please bring a small food donation to support the Elmbridge Food Bank to give something back to our community.

#### FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS PROGRAMME

Thank you to everyone who joined us last weekend at the Faith In Action Kick Off and to the Catenians for their continued support. We have an exciting year ahead! Our first Reflection Session is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, at 4:30 at OLOL. Any questions beforehand, please feel free to contact [youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk)  
If anyone is still interested in joining us, it's not too late, please get in touch!

## YOUTH CLUB

Next secondary school youth club is on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of October from 7 - 9pm at Holy Name. All Welcome!

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

New Children's Choir starting Sunday, the 26th of October. Come join your friends and learn some joyful songs in OLOL's new Children's Choir. Every Sunday before Mass at 10:30 in the church cafe.



## PARENTING TEENS TALK – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7.30-9.30pm at OLOL Cafe

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 from parishioner Liz Smith, a marriage and family counsellor, grandmother and mother. A talk for all parents and carers of teens (and pre teens) at OLOL Cafe on Thursday 16th October, 7.30-9.30pm.

Refreshments will be provided *Please book a space by emailing [nora.cleeve@googlemail.com](mailto:nora.cleeve@googlemail.com)*

**ALPHA HAS STARTED!** –If you are able to prepare a simple meal for one of the weeks please contact the parish office or email [info@holyfamilymbridge.church](mailto:info@holyfamilymbridge.church)

## SOCIAL

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 10am at Holy Name

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

### DIAMOND JUBILEE PARISH CELEBRATION AT OLOL – 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Join us for Mass at usual times followed by party celebrations in the OLOL hall on Saturday and shared potluck lunch on Sunday. 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](mailto:elizabethsmith@btinternet.com) 07979 717379

### SCHOOL OF JOY QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

### CRAFT FAIR – 15<sup>th</sup> November at OLOL



CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND TEAS – 7<sup>th</sup> December at OLOL  
 CAROL SINGING AROUND THE LOCAL CARE HOMES – 14<sup>th</sup> December  
 SONGBIRDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at OLOL

### MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## PARISH RETREAT – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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?*

To secure your place, please give your name to either Parish Office in person or by email ([info@holyfamilylembridge.church](mailto:info@holyfamilylembridge.church)) Spaces will be filled on a **first-come, first-served basis**.



*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.*

**Musical Evening on Saturday 4th October 2025 in Aid of Life.** A recital with music performed by Michael Bevan including Beethoven, Gershwin etc. Venue St Raphael's Catholic Church Hall, St Raphael's Church, Surbiton, KT1 2NA. Free admission, collection for Life. Refreshment from 6.30pm start 7pm.

**The Case for Aid: The role of humanitarian aid in global development – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:stcesher@gmail.com)

#### **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>

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

<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet:</b> All welcome to pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord encouraged St. Faustina to say.	Weekly - <b>Sundays</b> after 9am Mass in the Lady Chapel	Holy Name
<b>TakeTime Meditations:</b> A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to explore your faith with others.	Weekly - <b>Mondays</b> at 8pm on Zoom	Email parish office for link
<b>Playgroup and Café:</b> A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly – <b>Mondays &amp; Fridays</b> 9-10.30am	OLOL
<b>Sew 'N So's:</b> 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
<b>Fun Fridays:</b> 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
<b>Parish Youth Group:</b> 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
<b>Youth St Vincent de Paul</b> - 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
<b>Drinks and games after Saturday and Sunday evening Masses:</b> come along after the 6pm Mass to meet fellow parishioners	Monthly – first weekend of the month	OLOL
<b>Rosary:</b> All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Weekly - <b>Friday 7pm</b> <b>Wednesday 9.30am</b> Monthly - <b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 9.30am</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7.30pm</b> (weekly during May & October)	Holy Name OLOL Holy Name OLOL
<b>Bereavement Coffee Morning:</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 10am 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7pm	Holy Name OLOL
<b>Grandparents and Elderly Group:</b> Open to all grandparents and elderly in the parish. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.	Monthly - 3rd Tuesdays at 10.15am	OLOL
<b>Bible reading group:</b> 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
<b>Parish Soups:</b> A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	OLOL
<b>Taizé Evening:</b> 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
<b>Esher Catenians:</b> open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network Follow us on FB <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/</a>	Monthly – generally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T