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Newsletter 21st November, 2025 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

On Sunday, 23rd of November we celebrate the 40th World Youth Sunday. This year, the celebration aligns with the Solemnity of Christ the King, under the theme: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me." Pope Leo reminds us that as pilgrims of hope, "we are called to prepare ourselves to become *courageous witnesses of Christ*." Together, we stand in faith and unity, ready to share the light of Christ with the world. I'd like to take a moment to recognize the incredible young people who bring so much joy, energy, and inspiration to our parish community. We are truly blessed with so many wonderful young parishioners who actively participate in our youth clubs, volunteer in our churches, support local charities, and deepen their faith through the sacraments and worship. On this special weekend, as we celebrate World Youth Sunday, let us honour their contributions, encourage their growth, and continue to support them as they walk *courageously* in faith. May they always find strength and courage within our Catholic community, and may we, as a parish, continue to be a source of guidance, inspiration and love on their journey.

God Bless, Pamela Thompson, Parish Youth Worker

Mass Times this Week: Sat 22nd November to Sun 30th November 2025

Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 22 nd St. Cecilia	5.00pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Anna Treves RIP
Sunday 23 rd Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Jill Davidson RIP Ann Topping RIP People of the Parish
Monday 24 th St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sebastien, RIP
Tuesday 25 th	(no 9.30am) 11.00am	Holy Name - Funeral of Helen Clarke	
Wednesday 26 th	9.30am 11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary Our Lady of Lourdes – Funeral of Ann Feltham	
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Jim Kelly & family members, RIP
Friday 28 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	John Bilsborough, RIP
Saturday 29 th	5.00pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 th First Sunday of Advent	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	David Sutterby, RIP William Bloomfield RIP Holy Souls

MEETING ABOUT THE NEW MODERATED PARISH – Thursday 27th November, St Erconwalds Church Walton

There is an important meeting about the new Parish of Weybridge on the 27th November at 8pm at St Erconwalds Church Walton-on-Thames. The Steering Committee will run through the changes and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aidable)

NEW SCRABBLE CLUB STARTING IN DECEMBER– Tuesday afternoons fortnightly at Holy Name

All are welcome to join our new Scrabble Club which will take place at Holy Name on a Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm. The first one will be on Tuesday 2nd December, then on 16th. If you are interested or would like more information or would like transport please contact Sarah Ford 07704 957612

SOCIAL

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

Last few seats available. £20 per ticket to include homemade meal Email Esher@abdiocese.org.uk

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING CLASS – Saturday 6th December, 10.30-12.30 at Holy Name

Cost £45 including all materials mulled wine and mince pies! Proceeds will go towards charity. To book a place please email mariakwei72@gmail.com Places are limited

FESTIVE TEAS – 7th December 3-5pm at OLOL

Request please for 1) food donations – sandwiches, cakes, mince pies, biscuits, sausage rolls, Baileys. 2) Raffle prizes. Please contact Liz Smith elizabethsmith@btinternet.com

FESTIVE SOUP LUNCH – Thursday 11th December at Holy Name

Mass will be at 11.30am that day followed by lunch. Please let the Esher parish office know if you would like to come esher@abdiocese.org.uk

SONGBIRDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Thursday 18th December 7pm at OLOL

Please come along. Tickets bought in advance £10 (£5 for under 21s) contact karen@haizelden.com 07921 089755. All proceeds go to Momentum

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE LOCAL CARE HOMES – 14th December

THANK YOU - CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to all those who helped, sold and supported this event last weekend at OLOL An amazing £1,400 was raised to go to Elmbridge CAN. This will be match funded by “The Big Give” scheme

CONFIRMATION 2026

Registration forms for 2026 Confirmation preparation are now available on our website here <https://holyfamiylmbridge.church/confirmation-online-form/> The preparation is for school year 8 and begins on 6th January – each Tuesday evening at OLOL

RCIA 2026

Our “Come and See” evenings, learning more about the Catholic faith with a view to being received into the Church begin in January on a Thursday evening at Holy Name church. For more information see our website <https://holyfamiylmbridge.church/become-a-catholic/>

YOUTH

World Youth Day - All ages welcome

Join us in celebrating the 40th World Youth Sunday with a special Youth Mass at Holy Name on **Sunday, 23rd November at 6:00 PM**. During this Mass, we honour the work of both Pope Francis and Pope Leo, calling us to

be witnesses of Christ. We invite all young parishioners to make a pledge to live this call—to stand together, to speak out, and to help build a world where every person can flourish. After Mass we'll gather in the church hall for cake and celebrate the spirit of World Youth Day!

Parish Youth Advent Charity Appeal.

Once again, we're partnering with **KidsOut, the Giving Tree**. This fantastic initiative helps provide Christmas gifts for children who fled domestic abuse and live in refuge. If you can, please take a gift tag from one of the trees in the Narthex, buy a new gift and bring it back with the gift tag attached. All donations are greatly appreciated and **due back by the 7th of December**. It's a great opportunity for young people to get involved in meaningful acts of kindness and make this Advent a little brighter for others. For more information visit <https://kidsout.org.uk/the-giving-tree/guidance/>

Save the Date – Youth Advent Weekend!

Join us for **Youth Advent Weekend** on **Sunday, December 7th**! We'll gather at:

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Name

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)

During the Mass, our young parishioners will bring up their Giving Tree and/ or KAG donations for a special blessing, and afterwards, everyone is invited to enjoy treats, crafts, and festive Christmas goodies. Let's come together to celebrate the season and spread the joy of Advent.

SAD NEWS

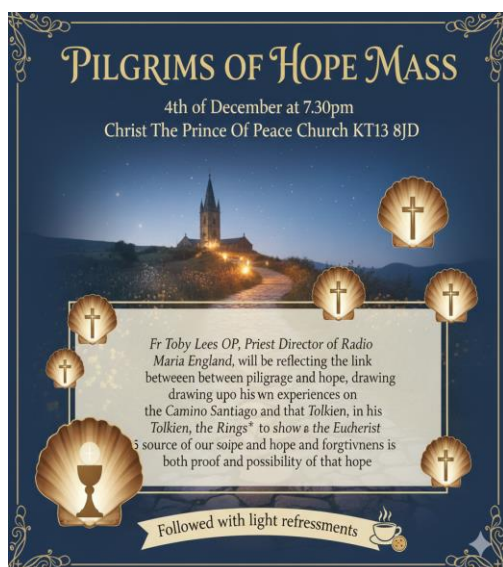
Sadly Gemma Forster, long time parishioner at Holy Name, passed away last night

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

During the month of November there will be a basket placed in front of the altar in which to place the names of all those deceased loved ones we commend to God's mercy. They will be remembered at every mass throughout the month of November. Special Holy Souls Mass envelopes are in the porch/narthex for this purpose. If you would like a separate mass said for a deceased relative or friend please follow the usual route of booking it through either parish office.

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>



OCTOBER OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £12,144; Offertory cash £2,428.49; Offertory contactless £1,210; Soups £60; Cafod Fast Day £948.30; Catholic Education £135; Home Mission Sunday £20; Prisoners Sunday £138.30 World Mission £317.90

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. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353668161?pwd=MmRxbHUwNW9kS0F3dTRxNldYSjJQT09	Weekly - Mondays at 8pm on Zoom	
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 N 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 - 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