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## Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

### Remembrance Sunday

| Mass Times this Week: Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> November to Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 |                                    |                                                                                               |                                                                                     |
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| <i>Day/Feast Day</i>                                                                     | <i>Time</i>                        | <i>Church</i>                                                                                 | <i>Intention</i>                                                                    |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>                                                                 | 5.00pm<br>5.30pm<br>5.30pm         | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Holy Name End of Retreat Mass | Fr Sebastian Intentions                                                             |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Consecration of the Lateran Basilica</i>                    | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>5.30pm<br>6pm | Holy Name<br>Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Reconciliation at Holy Name<br>Holy Name                  | Natalie & Alf Ferrara RIP<br>Kayleigh Galvin Intentions<br><br>People of the Parish |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St Leo the Great</i>                                       | 9.30am                             | Our Lady of Lourdes                                                                           | Holy Souls                                                                          |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St Martin of Tours</i>                                    | 9.30am<br>7pm                      | Holy Name<br>Our Lady of Lourdes – Liturgy of Light                                           | Brigid O'Shea RIP                                                                   |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St Josaphat</i>                                         | 9.30am-10.00am                     | Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary                                                      |                                                                                     |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>                                                                | 9.30am                             | Holy Name                                                                                     | George Stathacopoulos RIP                                                           |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>                                                                  | 9.30am<br>6pm                      | Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Our Lady of Lourdes – Special Mass for Fr Sebastian                    | Philip Manser RIP                                                                   |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>                                                                | 5.00pm<br>5.30pm                   | Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Our Lady of Lourdes                                  | People of the Parish                                                                |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>                                                                  | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>5.30pm<br>6pm | Holy Name<br>Our Lady of Lourdes<br>Reconciliation at Holy Name<br>Holy Name                  | James Geraghty RIP<br>Samira Shamoon RIP<br><br>Fr Sebastian Intentions             |

#### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SEBASTIAN'S SISTER

Thank you dear parishioners of Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes for your support and generous donations. My parents and I feel the love from everywhere and it makes it so much easier to bear in this difficult time. We are very grateful for the little food parcels that appear at our doorstep daily, we are grateful for the time spent taking my family to and from the airport / hospital / grocery shopping, etc and we are very grateful for all the beautiful cards, messages and prayers that you have showered upon us. Unfortunately my brother, Sebastian, is still extremely unwell and is unable to accept individual visitors at present due to the risk of infection. But he is very moved by your show of love and support every single day. Please keep praying for his speedy recovery and his good health. Thank you.

**Kate Paul**

### **SPECIAL MASS FOR FR SEBASTIAN – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at OLOL**

Thank you to all who came to the candlelit mass for Fr Sebastian at Holy Name on Wednesday, he was able to follow the live stream and greatly appreciated it and asks for continuing prayers. Next week there will be a Mass at OLOL on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm where parishioners can continue to pray for his recovery.

### **PARISH RETREAT THIS WEEKEND**

Thank you to those who have signed up to come along to this. We look forward to welcoming Fr John Church tonight at Holy Name for the opening session and evening meal and then again tomorrow for a compact agenda, finishing in at 5.30pm Mass. Thank you also to Chris Bourne and Marie Anne Chidiac for their hard work in organising this event. If there are any individual sessions tomorrow which you would like to pop in for please feel free to come along: 10am *Worship – our need of God*; 11.45am *Communion: our need of each other*; 3.40pm *Mission: the world's need of us*

### **OLOL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Last Sunday saw OLOL parishioners coming together to celebrate 60 years as a Church. It was a wonderful celebration and Fr Rob came back for the Mass. Here is a short message also from Sister Faith: "A short note to say a big thank you for inviting Sr Maria and myself to the Diamond Celebration of OLOL. It brought back so many wonderful and happy memories. I felt privileged and grateful for having worked with you all for 20 years. May OLOL church celebrate many more happy events. May God bless you all." Fr Rob also sent his thanks



### **RETIRED PRIESTS FUND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

This annual collection goes towards funding retired priests in our Diocese. This is a non- optional collection insofar as the parish gets levied by the Diocese (£6,000) – so your donations offset the not inconsiderable cost to the parish of this necessary expense.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026**

Thank you to all those who sent application forms for their children to join the FHC programme. We will be writing to you all in the coming week

### **CONFIRMATION 2026**

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

## NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

Praying for the Holy Souls. 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.

## LITURGY OF LIGHT SERVICE – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November , 7pm, at OLOL

The Liturgy of Light service will take place on this evening. Refreshments after the service.

## ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATION – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Commemorating the dead of Two World Wars.** Following the 9.30 Mass on Tuesday 11th November in the Holy Name Parish Rooms there will be an Armistice Commemoration Presentation by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Concluding with the Two Minute Silence. Tea & Coffee. There is no charge but you may wish to make a donation to the work of the commission.

## YOUTH

### Fun Friday

Join us for holiday fun and games at our Fun Friday Youth Club **THIS Friday, November 7th** at OLOL from 3:30 to 5pm. We are launching this year's **Advent Charity Appeal**, 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. Please take a tag and buy a gift for a child who needs it most.

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.

### Youth Club

We are planning an exciting ice-skating trip for our secondary school parishioners and their families. We will be going to Hampton Court Palace on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 6pm. After we'll be going for pizza and celebrations nearby. If you're interested in coming along, please email [youth.eta@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth.eta@abdiocese.org.uk).

Next Friday night youth club is 14<sup>th</sup> of November at Holy Name. Come along for pizza, games and fun.

### 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.eta@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth.eta@abdiocese.org.uk). Let's gather as a parish family to celebrate the spirit of World Youth Day!

## REPOSITORY

The Real Advent Calendar is now available in the Repository at both churches together with various Christmas cards and gifts. 2026 Diaries are also available.

## **SOCIAL**

### **Monthly Soup lunch - Wednesday, 12th November 2025, 12pm at OLOL.**

A delicious selection of homemade soups with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!

### **CRAFT FAIR – 15<sup>th</sup> November 1-4pm at OLOL in aid of Elmbridge CAN**

We are looking forward to the Parish Craft Fair. **DONATIONS PLEASE:** Marie Wratten has offered to run plant bring and buy sale so please bring donations Friday or Saturday. We also need cakes for the café – please bring these to the kitchen. Any other donations welcome too (Toys-new/good as new; Bottles - alcoholic/non-alcoholic; Unwanted New Gifts - Toiletries, candles and so on) [karen@haizelden.com](mailto:karen@haizelden.com) or 07921089755 Please come and support the fair. Thank you

### **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. [Esher@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Esher@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING CLASS – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mariakwei72@gmail.com) Places are limited

### **DATES FOR DIARIES**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND TEAS – 7<sup>th</sup> December at OLOL

FESTIVE SOUP LUNCH – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Holy Name

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE LOCAL CARE HOMES – 14<sup>th</sup> December

SONGBIRDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at OLOL

**MEMORIAL MASS** for Fr John Garry SPS on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 7pm at St Barnabas Church, Molesey

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

In preparation for the inauguration of the new Weybridge Parish there will be an 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

Bishop Richard will come to the inauguration 7th December at 6pm at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge.

### **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>

| PARISH EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                   |
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| <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>Time Meditations:</b> A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to share your faith with others.<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353668161?pwd=MmRxbHUwNW9kS0F3dTRxNldYSjJQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353668161?pwd=MmRxbHUwNW9kS0F3dTRxNldYSjJQT09</a>                                                                                                               | Weekly - <b>Mondays</b> at 8pm on Zoom                                                                                                                                            |                                                   |
| <b>Playgroup and Café:</b> A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for 3-5 year olds and pre-schoolers too.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weekly – <b>Mondays &amp; Fridays</b> 9-10.30am                                                                                                                                   | OLOL                                              |
| <b>Knit So's:</b> Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and questions about anything you are “stuck” on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Call: Jo W on 020 8224 3705                                                                                                                                                       | OLOL                                              |
| <b>Fridays:</b> A youth club for primary aged children and their families. Activities are geared at 10-12 years 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 - 5pm<br>Look out in newsletter for next one                                                                                                         | OLOL                                              |
| <b>Parish Youth Group:</b> For students in school years 7–13 (ages 13 and above) Holy Name 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 1st Friday in the Parish Rooms with pizza, games and fellowship at Holy Name Church, 100 St. Mary's Road, Rye, TN31 6LJ. | Every other Friday (see newsletter)                                                                                                                                               | Holy Name                                         |
| <b>In Action Awards Programme</b> – Our Parish award programme for those in Secondary Education, supporting our candidates through their faith journey this year. Please see updates in the newsletter.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 4 Reflection Dates: November 1 <sup>st</sup> , January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , others TBD                                                                                               | OLOL                                              |
| <b>Games 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<br><b>Friday</b> 7pm,<br><b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am<br>Monthly:<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b> 9.30am<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> 7.30pm (weekly during May & October) | Holy Name<br>OLOL<br><br>Holy N<br>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)<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 10am<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7pm                                                                                | Holy N<br>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? Join our small group who meet regularly to read and pray the bible together. Informative, useful, and fun                                                                                               | Fortnightly – Wednesdays at 10am<br><br>Call: John Merrigan (07949 913487).                                                                                                       | OLOL                                              |
| <b>Soup Supper:</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>Prayer Evening:</b> A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Monthly - 7pm<br>See newsletter for dates                                                                                                                                         | Holy Name                                         |
| <b>Men's Group:</b> open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network Follow us on FB<br><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<br>E: Andrew_burton33@aol.com                                                                                   | Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T |