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Newsletter 12th December, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

| Mass Times this Week: Sat 13 th December to Sun 21 st December, 2025 | | | |
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| <i>Day/Feast Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Church</i> | <i>Intention</i> |
| Saturday 13 th <i>St. Lucy</i> | 5.00pm 5.30pm | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes | McCabe Family - Private Intentions |
| Sunday 14 th <i>Third Gaudete Sunday of Advent</i> | 9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm | Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name | C. J. Kim, RIP Pavel & Pavol Paszulykas RIP Jean Addley - Private Intentions |
| Monday 15 th | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | Mrs Olga Staffinova RIP |
| Tuesday 16 th | 9.30am 10am-11.30am | Holy Name <i>Holy Name- Adoration</i> | People of the Parish |
| Wednesday 17 th | 9.30am | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Adoration & Rosary</i> | |
| Thursday 18 th | 9.30am | Holy Name | Pat & Liam Whelan, RIP |
| Friday 19 th | 10.30am 11.00am | Our Lady of Lourdes School Mass <i>Holy Name – Funeral of Gemma Forster</i> | School Advent Mass |
| Saturday 20 th | 5.00pm 5.30pm | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 21 st <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> | 9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6pm | Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name | Ann & Eric Taylor, RIP |

FATHER SEBASTIAN continues to be cared for by his family and under the care of the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers and PLEASE can we request that parishioners do not try to visit or make contact for the moment as he is still extremely susceptible to infection and needs time to build his strength away from work.

OLOL BIG CLEAN – After morning Mass Monday 22nd December

Please help – more hands make lighter work to make the church sparkling for Christmas!

ADVENT

ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTIONS

During Advent we will have some 2nd collections.

13th/14th December – Elmbridge Food Bank

Please donate generously – both funds and food donations. This is the time of year when generous boxes are given to families in need. Your monetary contributions will help to buy special items too. In particular they are looking for: washing up liquid, rice, shampoo & conditioner, UHT semi skimmed milk, cordials, ketchup/mayo, instant/pot noodles, long life snacks, toilet rolls, tinned potatoes, vegetarian meals, cleaning sprays, disposable razors, baby wipes, size 5 nappies, sugar. For more information please contact

CharlotteMcCabe@ntlworld.com

Parish Christmas cards with Christmas Mass Times

There are many printed cards with the Christmas Mass times in both church narthex/porch. Please take a few and distribute to friends and neighbours.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

| | HOLY NAME | OLOL |
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| Christmas Eve 24 th | 6pm Mass | 4pm Family Service |
| | | 11pm Midnight Mass |
| Christmas Day 25 th | 9am Mass | 11am Mass |
| Friday 26 th | | No 9.30am Mass |
| Saturday 27 th | | No 5.30pm Mass |
| Sunday 28 th | 9am | 11am |
| | No 6pm Mass | |

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS AT HOLY NAME

As per tradition at Holy Name church, we will be remembering loved ones at this special time of year by decorating the Church with poinsettias at Christmas. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia plant to be displayed in the Church, please collect a form in the church porch for your personal dedication. Each plant costs just £8 and payments can be made via the Contactless machines, cash, cheque or online via BACS. **Deadline is Friday 19th December.**

YOUTH

Christmas Caroling - Sunday 14th December 2.45pm

All young people who love to sing festive favourites are warmly invited to join us for Christmas Caroling at Thames View Care Home. Come spread joy, share the Christmas spirit, and bring smiles to the residents with your voices! For more information, please contact: youth.eta@abdiocese.org.uk

SOCIAL

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE LOCAL CARE HOMES – Sunday 14th December – please join us!

Please come along and bring some festive joy to care home residents in our area! Music can often be enjoyed by people with dementia and other neurological conditions in a way that other communications can't and our visits are always much appreciated. We will meet at 2.45 for a 3pm start at Thames View care home, 58 High Street, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0TT & then divide into groups to visit 6 other homes in the area. The more the merrier so please ask friends & family too. All ages welcome. It helps to know numbers in advance so please let Marie Miller know if you will join - hoskins_marie@hotmail.com / 07949 883990

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

Tickets -nearly sold out so please be quick and reserve tickets to avoid disappointment. Tickets must be reserved/paid in advance. All profits to Momentum Children's Charity. £10/under 21s £5. Contact Karen

Festive Teas – thank you

A big thank you to all the volunteers who so kindly offered to drive, provide food, sin and wash up. We could not have done it without your help

Wreath making – thank you

Thank you to all who supported this event at Holy Name last weekend and thank you to Maria Kwei and her team for organising it. Proceeds will be given to Fr Sebastian's family as we continue to support them during this difficult time



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://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/become-a-catholic/>

STUDENT LED CONCERT – Saturday 3rd January 1pm at Holy Name

Following on from the success of our inaugural charity concert by our student-led group, Doremi-fun, last year which saw an eclectic mix of solo and ensemble performances on instruments from the piano to the saxophone and violins to the harp, we are back again with the follow up concert on Saturday, 3rd January 2026. This year we will be raising funds for our local hospices - Princess Alice Hospice and St Raphael's Hospice. Please join us and our teenage musicians at Holy Name Church from 1:00pm and enjoy an hour of music and mingle in the church hall afterwards where you will be able to purchase some food (including our signature onigiri Japanese rice balls) and cakes. Voluntary contributions at the end of the concert to support the hospices would be most appreciated.

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>

NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £12,659; Offertory cash £2,292.72; Offertory contactless £936; Soups £50; Arundel Cathedral Maintenance £975.95; Retired Priests £748.69

| REGULAR EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) | | |
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| 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=MmRxbHUwNW9kS0F3dTRxNldYSIJTQT09 | 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 – 9am-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 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 – 5pm 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 - 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 |