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## Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026

### Second Sunday of Christmas

#### Dear Parishioners

So 2025 is over: an unusual year for our churches in Esher and Thames Ditton. We stated the year as a Parish and we ended it as two churches a part of the new Parish of Weybridge. We started the year with Bishop Richard but now there is no Bishop as he has been promoted; but the overwhelming event of last year was Father Sebastian's weeks in hospital. It is good news that he is now back in the presbytery with his family and some of us have seen and talked to him. He is still frail and has a high risk of infection, but his spirit is strong.

2026 has many uncertainties for our churches; what 2025 has shown is that the nearly 500 regular Catholic mass attenders in our Esher and Thames Ditton area can rise to the challenge. Some things at Christmas we had to do our way under the circumstances! Have a great 2026 and please keep praying for Father Sebastian and his family.

**Chris Bourne**

#### Mass Times : Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>Day/Feast Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intention</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00pm 5.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name – Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Sharon Mary Patefield, RIP
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.30am 7.00pm <b>Note changes</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes – School Mass Y4-6 Holy Name <b>Please note the change of venues/time</b>	Mary Jacinta, RIP
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes – Adoration & Rosary	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Name	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm 5.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Ricky Coehlo, RIP  People of the Parish

### **EPIPHANY – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Please note that this is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> rather than the nearest Sunday. Fr Stephen has kindly agreed to say the Masses. Please note the change in usual place/times.

**9.30am at OLOL** - St Paul's School (years 4-6) but this is open to any parishioners also

**7pm at Holy Name**

### **ALTAR SERVERS PANTOMIME OUTING – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Will all those going to see Cinderella at Windsor on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January make sure they are at OLOL by 2.45pm. The coach will leave at 3pm - Don't forget your consent form.

### **KICK OFF MEETINGS FOR FHC AND CONFIRMATION THIS WEEK**

All meetings begin this week for parents for these two sacraments. You will have received an email if you registered and received a place for your child but as a reminder:

**Confirmation** parent and child – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at OLOL

**FHC Holy Name Group** parents – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at Holy Name

**FHC OLOL Group** parents – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at OLOL

### **NEXT BEREAVEMENT MEETING – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10am at Holy Name**

Our next meeting is **TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am at Holy Name** with an opportunity to light a candle and say a prayer for your deceased loved one. This is followed by the chance to join our meeting afterwards, considering *The celebration of Christmas - how was Christmas for you? Did you do anything in particular to honour the memory of your loved one?* All are very welcome to attend for tea and a chat. The next meeting will be at OLOL on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

### **TAIZE SERVICE – Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm at Holy Name**

A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.

## **SOCIAL**

### **WINE TASTING EVENING – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7pm at Holy Name**

Come and join us as we try to blow away the post-Christmas blues with a warming Winter Spanish Showcase of some excellent examples of the wines the country offers. Hugh Rawlinson will be bringing some of his knowledge from Waitrose to host a tailored tasting through both well known and lesser known examples of Spanish wine, along with a few anecdotes around the history of wine in the area. Light complimentary snacks and nibbles will be provided. The event is being generously supported by Esher Catenians and monies raised from the evening will be donated to CAFOD in support of their critical work supporting aid and development around the world. Tickets are £25 and can be secured through the Parish office at Esher, but do please also feel free to get in touch with Hugh ([hughrawlinson@hotmail.com](mailto:hughrawlinson@hotmail.com)) if you have any questions.

### **100 CLUB 2026**

Subscriptions for the 100 Club for 2026 must be renewed by mid January. If you have an existing number, we will keep that number for you unless you instruct us otherwise. The annual fee for one number is £24 – please check if this automatically comes out of your account on your instruction and if not please make payment to us to support your number. If you are not a 100 Club member and would like to join next year you can find the form here <https://holyfamilymbridge.church/app/uploads/2024/12/100-Club-NEW-Membership-Form-2025.pdf> and in the narthex (please ignore the 2024 date!)

### **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. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353668161?pwd=MmRxbHUwNW9kS0F3dTRxNldYSIJTQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353668161?pwd=MmRxbHUwNW9kS0F3dTRxNldYSIJTQT09</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 babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly – <b>Mondays &amp; Fridays</b> – 9am-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 020 8224 3705	OLOL
<b>Fun Fridays:</b> 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
<b>Parish Youth Group:</b> 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
<b>Faith In Action Awards Programme</b> – 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 <sup>st</sup> , January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , others TBD	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</b> 7pm, <b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am Monthly: <b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b> 9.30am <b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> 7.30pm (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 - 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 D