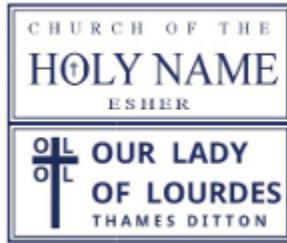


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Newsletter 23rd January, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners

This week we are trying a new mode of communication in the introduction! There have been two important meetings this week – our own Leaders' meeting and a Representatives meeting of the newly formed Parish of Weybridge. As I attended both, here is a little video message about the two plus some notes from the Weybridge Parish meeting. These can also be found on the front page of our website, further down the page.

[Video update](#)

[Parish of Weybridge update](#)

Chris Bourne

Mass Times : Saturday 24th to Sunday 1st February, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 24 th <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Geoffrey Ryder, RIP
Sunday 25 th <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name – Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Ron & Pat Bellamy, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 26 th <i>Sts. Timothy & Titus</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Emer McGowan RIP
Tuesday 27 th	9.30am 10am – 11.30am	Holy Name <i>Holy Name - Adoration</i>	Kathleen Gibbons RIP
Wednesday 28 th <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Adoration & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Name	Avril Russell, RIP
Friday 30 th	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	William Boardman RIP
Saturday 31 st <i>St. John Bosco</i>	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes - Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Mary Gillett RIP
Sunday 1 st February <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i> Holy Name	Sr. Mary Mulhall, RIP Lady Lydia Stewart Clark, RIP Pat & Liam Whelan, RIP

NEW LOGO FOR ESHER AND THAMES DITTON

You will notice at the top of this page the new logo which replaces the round blue Holy Family one. As we are now part of the "Parish of Weybridge" which comprises of 10 churches (including the Holy Family church over in Addlestone!). We hope the logo reflects that we are still two individual churches but we are still coupled as

Esher and Thames Ditton (ETD) as we have joined together so much – website, newsletter, sacramental programmes, office team etc. Over the coming week we will be making a few other technical changes reflecting the new name and will let you know when they are done next week!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY – Wednesday 11th February 11am at OLOL

There will be a special Mass on this day at OLOL at 11am with the anointing of the sick followed by soups in the hall. All are welcome.

SAD NEWS

Peter Rotor, long time parishioner of OLOL passed away this week.

YOUTH

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the generous toy donations this Christmas. Because of your kindness we were able to support over 100 children living in a women's refuge or safe house in the UK, bringing much needed joy and hope to their lives. In addition, our Faith In Action candidates kindly donated Christmas care packages to KAG's befriending project, bringing smiles and comfort to those who may feel isolated during the holiday season. ***May you all continue to "serve one another humbly in love." Galatians 5:13***

Youth Club – Secondary School

Please join us **this Friday at Holy Name, 23rd January from 7-9pm** for our second session of **Youth Alpha**, along with games, pizza and fun. All welcome!

Fun Friday

Save the date, **Friday, 6th February at OLOL from 3:30 – 5**. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of games with exciting activities, great friends, and lots of laughs! Snacks will be provided. Please note games are aimed at KS2 children. Parents attending with younger children are kindly asked to remain with them throughout the session. We look forward to seeing you there for another fantastic Fun Friday!

FLAME 2027 – Save the Date!

The Flame Congress returns on **Saturday 6th March 2027**, bringing together thousands of young Catholics for the largest youth Catholic event in the UK. Tickets are going on sale **this January**, so keep an eye out for updates from CYMFed. OVO Arena Wembley will once again host this incredible day of faith, inspiration, and community. If you'd like to register your interest, please email: youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk. More details will be shared soon.

100 CLUB 2026 – Renew by 27th January please

Subscriptions for the 100 Club for 2026 must be renewed by Tue 27th 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](#) and in the narthex/porch

SOCIAL

SCRABBLE GROUP – Every Tuesday 2-4pm at Holy Name

All are welcome, bring a friend

WINE TASTING EVENING – Saturday 7th 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) if you have any questions.

OLOL FEAST DAY SOUP LUNCH – Wednesday 11th February 12 noon at OLOL (after Mass)

All are welcome

Save the Date – 18th April – Small Theatre Group, Holy Name

The Holy Name Charities Team have booked a small theatre group to perform in the church hall on Saturday 18th April. Details on the event will follow at the end of January, and we ask that the parish support this fundraising activity.

Art, anyone ?.... Calling all budding artists....

Would you be interested in beginners' arts classes at OLOL Community Cafe with Claudia Lopez, a painter and illustrator with more than 10 years experience teaching adults. £15 pay as you go or £140 for 10 x 2-hour sessions. For more information contact 07754 564806

DECEMBER OFFERINGS

Standing Orders £12,864.77; Offertory Cash £2,087.87; Offertory Contactless £3,464; Soups £200.36; £185 Arundel Cathedral Maintenance; Crib £92.21; Oasis Soups £248; Songbirds £1,070

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)		
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. Click here	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 Next Thu 5 Feb & Thu 5 Mar	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 D