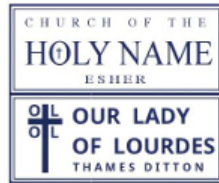


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Newsletter Friday 19th June, 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners

Following many months of providing a number of priests to cover our two churches while Fr Sebastian has been unwell, we have a few changes afoot. Firstly this weekend we welcome Fr Max Krat who is over in the UK from Rome for the summer and covering most of our Masses. We welcome him with open arms! Secondly Canon Chris Spain, our Parish of Weybridge moderator, has this week written a note to the whole parish following a meeting of the 'Priests in Solidum'. Please take time to read this message. It acknowledges the difficulties our churches in Esher and Thames Ditton have had 'keeping everything afloat' since Fr Sebastian became ill and we can now expect more support in the future. The Parish of Weybridge will hopefully be run in future as one Parish rather than separate churches which will give us equal access to Parish Clergy. It can be found on our website here <https://holyfamilyembridge.church/app/uploads/2026/06/Weybridge-doc-June-2026-v4.pdf> and copies are available in each Church also.

Sadly, Fr Sebastian has this week had a set back and is back in hospital. His family have asked for our prayers – last time he really felt their power. Please pray for him wherever you are but if you wish to join together to do this, there will be rosary and prayers this evening (Friday 19th) between 7 and 9pm at Holy Name if you would like to join us. The Mass intention for Saturday evening (5.30pm at OLOL) and Sunday evening (6pm at Holy Name) are also devoted to his intention.

Chris Bourne, PPC Chair

Mass Time : Saturday, 20 June to Sunday, 28 June, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 20 June	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Fr. Sebastian Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 21 June <i>Twelfth 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	Urszula Nabywaniec RIP Conor Doyle RIP Fr. Sebastian Paul's Intentions
Monday, 22 June <i>Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Tuesday, 23 June	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name <i>Holy Name – Adoration</i>	
Wednesday, 24 June <i>The Birth of St. John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – NO MASS</i> <i>Adoration & Rosary only</i>	
Thursday, 25 June	9.30am	Holy Name	Leslie Michael, RIP
Friday, 26 June	10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	School Mass in celebration of Sts. Peter & Paul
Saturday, 27 June	NO MASS	Our Lady of Lourdes – No evening Mass	

Sunday, 28 June <i>Sts. Peter & Paul</i>	9.00am	Holy Name	Paul Williams, RIP People of the Parish
	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
	5.30pm	<i>Holy Name - Reconciliation</i>	
	6.00pm	Holy Name	

TABLET LETTER

Lastly John Merrigan (OLOL parishioner) has written the following letter to The Tablet magazine. However as Chair of PPC I have assured the Diocese that we respect and will honour these restrictions .

Communion Ban

At Our Lady of Lourdes in Thames Ditton for many years, when our priest was not available, the laity prayed the Prayer of the Church with Holy Communion without comment. But we have more recently been told that "under no circumstances" can we hold the Sacrament of the Word with Holy Communion on weekdays, thus depriving our parishioners of the weekday Eucharist. With the shortage of priests, and with the resident priest we now share with Holy Name, Esher, being long-term sick, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure a priest to say Mass during the week, when 30-40 people gather. How is this helpful when we are trying to maintain our Catholic community? Is this experience unique to us, or do the people of God suffer this senseless prohibition throughout the country?

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>

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to the Cadman-Blessed family and the Rowat family, whose children will be baptised at Holy Name. We welcome Rupert and Henrietta into the Church.

2ND COLLECTIONS

This weekend Sat 20 & Sun 21 June – Day of Life to celebrate and reflect on life related issues distributed to charities associated with the theme

Next weekend Sat 27 & Sun 28 June – Peter's Pence to support the Apostolic See exercising its service of the Universal Church

ONE MASS WEEKEND AT OLOL NEXT SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

For OLOL's annual Parish Celebration at OLOL we will come together for a one Mass weekend on Sunday 28 June at 11 am. Followed by an International Picnic and Pimms tent on St Paul's School field. All are welcome and encouraged to stay and chat after Mass to connect with your fellow parishioners. Please note **no Saturday evening mass at OLOL on Saturday 27th June**. If you can help with edible donations please contact OLOL church email thank you



STRAWBERRY TEAS – Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Strawberry Tea such a wonderful success. We are incredibly grateful for all the generous donations of sandwiches, strawberries, cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, and tray bakes. Your kindness, support, and willingness to help created a truly special afternoon enjoyed by parishioners and members of our wider community alike. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to share refreshments, friendship, laughter, and entertainment. Events like these remind us of the strength and warmth of our parish family. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped with preparations, served refreshments, organised activities, and supported the event in any way. Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated. With sincere thanks and best wishes, The Strawberry Tea Team
Thank you to Karyn Skuse and Team for organising a wonderful Strawberry Teas this favourite annual event was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to the excellent young musicians for providing such fantastic entertainment it was so appreciated. See you all next time!



MORE STEWARDS AND WELCOMERS NEEDED AT OLOL

Can you help we are looking for more Stewards and welcomers for all masses at OLOL. Full training will be given and the time commitment is usually one Mass per month on a rota basis. Please let us know if you can help thamesditton@abdiocese.org.uk

YOUTH

Secondary School Youth Club

Join us **THIS Friday, 19 June**, for our final **Youth Alpha** session 10 from **7:00–9:00 pm** at Holy Name. Pizza and games will be provided. Come for the conversation, stay for the fun – all secondary school students are welcome! Please also save the date for our **end-of-year celebration** on **Friday, 26 June**, from **7:00–9:00 pm** at Holy Name. All secondary school students and their families are invited to join us for dinner and games in the Holy Name garden.

Faith in Action

Please save the date for our **Faith in Action Awards Ceremony** on **28 June** during the **11:00 am Mass** at OLOL. This special celebration recognises the dedication and service of our young people throughout the year as they have put their faith into action through acts of service, leadership, and outreach within our parish and wider community. Pins will be presented during Mass in recognition of their achievements and commitment to the programme. Family members and parishioners are warmly invited to join us in celebrating their efforts. A reception and celebration will follow after Mass.

Celebrate Festival 2026

Tickets are now on sale for Celebrate Festival 2026, taking place at Worth School from 15–19 August 2026. Celebrate is a vibrant Catholic festival for the whole family, with dedicated programmes for children and young people aged 3–24. Young people will have the chance to explore their faith in a fun and welcoming environment, connect with other young Catholics, and discover new ways to grow closer to God. Led by Catholic ministries and youth leaders, the festival offers an inspiring and engaging experience through community, prayer, worship, games, and creative activities.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

The new registration criteria and process and application forms are now available on the website here <https://holyfamilyelbridge.church/first-holy-communion-online-form/> Deadline is 12th September and late applications may not be accepted so please ensure you don't miss it!

SOCIAL

Catenian Family Garden Party – After Mass Sunday 5th July at Holy Name Rooms and garden.

More details to follow

Annual Volunteers Party – Wednesday 15th July, 7pm at Holy Name garden

The PPC invites all those who volunteer in any way to help the smooth running of our two churches. We are ever grateful to you all – the churches could not run without volunteers

Race Night – Saturday 10th October at Holy Name

School of Joy Quiz Night – Saturday 28th November at Holy Name

HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE IN SEPTEMBER

Come and join us for the HCPT Hosanna House Lourdes Pilgrimage between 26th September to 2nd October 2026. We will visit places of interest to include Bartres and Gavarnie in the Pyrenees. This being the 70th Year of the Founding of HCPT (Platinum Jubilee) it is bound to be a very special week. Our group includes persons of all ages and those requiring special assistance. Young helpers can be provided with training at a Care Home. For further details please contact by email group537@hcpt.org.uk, or by phone - Emil or Karen at office 020 8398 9222 or Laisa or Tharshi 020 8393 7891.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – Tuesday 7th July, 7.30pm at OLOL

The Catholic Women's League invites all ladies of the Parish to a coffee and cake evening on Tuesday, 7th July at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton KT7 0LP. Everyone is welcome. RSVP margaretvonspeyr@gmail.com

MAY COLLECTIONS

Standing Orders £12,494; Offertory Cash £1304.18; Offertory Contactless £1,028; Soups £110; Education of Future Priests £60; Missionary Endeavour £90; World Communications £40; FHC Collections £1,177.57; Red and Purple Shirts OLOL £742, HN £825

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 See newsletter for next event	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
Scrabble Club All are welcome to join our new Scrabble Club which will take place at Holy Name on a Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm. If you are interested or would like more information or need transport please contact Sarah Ford 07904 957612	Weekly – Tuesdays 2-4pm	Holy Name
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 1 st Thu - 7pm Next session Thu 2 July	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