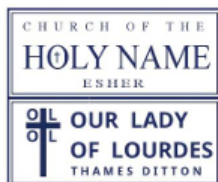


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Newsletter Friday, 3 July, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We have a new Bishop! Fr Stephen Wang

We were informed yesterday by the Diocese that a new Bishop has been appointed to Arundel & Brighton. Ordained to the priesthood on 3 January 1998, Fr Stephen has spent the last five years as Rector of the Venerable English College, one of two English and Welsh seminaries in Rome training men for the priesthood. As the Sixth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, Bishop-Elect Stephen will receive episcopal ordination and take canonical possession of the Diocese in the latter half of October. On hearing of his appointment, Bishop-elect Stephen, said “This appointment has come as a huge surprise. I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I’m grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me, and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years.” A message from him can be viewed here <https://vimeo.com/1206416223>

Mass Time : Saturday, 4 July to Sunday, 12 July, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 4 July	5.00pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 5 July <i>Fourteenth 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	Robert Paterson, RIP Daniel Bassini RIP Margarita Prujillo, RIP
Monday, 6 July	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday, 7 July	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name <i>Holy Name – Adoration</i>	Muriel Rogers, RIP
Wednesday, 8 July	9.30am	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – NO MASS</i> <i>Adoration & Rosary only</i>	
Thursday, 9 July	9.30am	Holy Name	Stephen Lodge & Eileen Child, RIP
Friday, 10 July	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday, 11 July <i>St. Benedict, Abbot</i>	5.00 pm 5.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes – Reconciliation</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Breda Hill, RIP
Sunday, 12 July <i>Fifteenth 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	Hoban & Whinnett Families Ronald Bellamy, RIP

2ND COLLECTION - Next weekend [Sat 11 July](#) & [Sun 12 July](#)

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) provides pastoral care throughout the UK for seafarers

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>

LIFT ROTA FOR FR. MAX ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Fr Max is settling in nicely to celebrating Masses at both churches over the summer. He will be staying in Weybridge and taking the train to Esher each day, which is an equidistant walk to either of our churches. He is happy to keep fit walking (weather permitting!) but will need a lift each Sunday morning from Holy Name to OLOL at around 10.30. If you are able to help we can set up a rota over the summer. Please email etd@abdiocese.org.uk with any available Sundays you can offer.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

The new registration criteria and process and application forms are now available on the website here <https://holyfamilyembridge.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!

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Our next meeting is **TUESDAY 7th July 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 *Healthy ways to cope and care for oneself; and the influence of spirituality on grieving*. All are very welcome to attend for tea and a chat. The next meeting will be at OLOL in September.

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

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.

OLOL: A BIG THANK YOU to all those who attended and contributed to our OLOL one Mass weekend celebration last week. Thank you stewards, servers, readers, EMs and of course Musicians. A marvellous added bonus that it coincided with our wonderful young people's achievement awards for the Faith in Action Programme. A great party atmosphere after Mass as much to celebrate. Thank you to everyone for your edible donations and to Liz Smith for organising everyone and all her contributions as well as the Catenians for the much needed and appreciated Pimms stall. Thank you

SAVE THE DATE - annual OLOL Back to Uni/ College/School charity quiz will take place Friday 11 September 7pm. Keep free tickets will be on sale soon watch out for details.

RECRUITMENT for more volunteers. Can you help with future events at our wonderful Church??? Please get in touch full support or training available. If you have experience or expertise in this field let us know, we'd like to put on more events and raise more money for good causes but we need organisers and helpers. Don't be shy!! Contact Karen@Haizelden.com or 07921089755 look forward to hearing from you. Thank you

YOUTH

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, I would like to say thank you all for your support, encouragement, and commitment to our parish youth ministry.

It has been a real joy to share this year with your children and young people as they have grown in faith and friendship. Youth ministry isn't something that happens through one person alone. It grows through the love, patience and commitment of families, catechists, volunteers, priests and the wider parish community working together. This year has been a beautiful reminder of what can happen when we support one another and keep Christ at the centre. I wish you and your families a happy and restful summer. And I look forward to welcoming you back with exciting new opportunities in September.

Pamela Thompson, Parish Youth Worker

SOCIAL

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

Summer is here, so let's celebrate. please come and join the catenians after Mass on Sunday 5th July at Holy Name Parish Rooms . We will be providing a summer feast of food and drink. There will be delicious pastries, croissant and muffins with a glass of Prosecco or fruit juice. Teas and coffee will also be available The Catenians will have games and competitions set up in the garden for all to enjoy. Donations at the event will be towards Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH).

Monthly Soup Lunch on Wednesday. 8th July, 12 pm at OLOL.

Please join us for a selection of delicious Summer Soups with bread and cheese and tea and coffee. Come along and bring a friend.

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

Annual Parish Quiz - OLOL - Friday 11th September 7pm

Race Night - Holy Name – Saturday 10th October

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

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY – Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages recognising it as a gift from God.

Diocesan run events/notices simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Sunday 26 July is the Catholic Church's sixth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 3 October at Arundel Cathedral

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. The training is being highly subsidised and tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120).

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 peoples' homes on a Tuesday morning 10-12. If you are interested or would like more information or need transport please contact Sarah Ford 07904 957612	Weekly – Tuesdays 10am-12pm during Summer only	Private Homes
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 1 Oct	OLOL
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