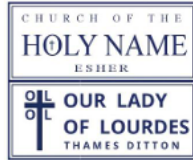


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Newsletter Friday, 28th August, 2026 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the PPC Chair

Most parishioners will have heard Canon Jonathon's letter, which was read out in our churches last weekend. For your convenience, a copy of the letter is on our website and on the link below. The main message is that Fr Ruslan Kurdiymov has now been appointed as Parish Priest for Esher, Thames Ditton, as well as Walton. This is positive for us as we now have a named priest responsible for our churches. Over the past year, we have been without a dedicated priest, so this marks an important step forward. <https://hollyfamilyelmbridge.church/app/uploads/2026/08/Letter-for-the-Parish-of-Weybridge-22-Aug-2026.pdf>

On behalf of all of you, I have written to welcome Fr Ruslan to his new role, and we have already had a long conversation. One of the most significant matters to address is the scheduling of Mass times, particularly for Sundays. To that end, Sarah Ross and I will be meeting with the PPC Chairs from Walton to work together on creating a suitable and effective timetable. This will not be easy and we must expect changes but together with our Walton friends we must find a way that works both for us but importantly for him.

Fr Ruslan will be saying masses in our churches this weekend and I know you will make him welcome.

Chris Bourne

Mass Time : Saturday, 29 th August to Sunday, 6 th September, 2026			
DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 29 August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	5.00pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 30 August <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Sue Bryan, RIP Mr Chima Philip Anyalebechi RIP
Monday, 31 August	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Morning prayer only</i>	
Tuesday, 1 September	9.30am	Holy Name	Brian Cotter RIP
Wednesday, 2 September	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Adoration & Rosary only</i>	
Thursday, 3 September <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Veronica Christian, RIP
Friday, 4 September	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Golden Family, RIP
Saturday, 5 September	5.00 pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Sean & Bernadette Walsh, RIP
Sunday, 6 September <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Sharon M. Patefield, RIP People of the Parish

YOUTH

Faith In Action 2026/27 – Faith, Service and Leadership

We're excited to announce the start of our new 2026/27 **Faith In Action Programme**, a Catholic Youth Ministry awards programme for young people to grow in their faith and leadership skills, while making new friends along the way. The programme is open to young people from **Year 6 to Year 13**. Our kick-off meeting will be on **Saturday, 26th September at 4:30pm in the OLOL Church Hall**. This information meeting is for young people as well as parents and carers, so please do come along if you'd like to find out more about the programme and what we have planned for the year ahead. This year, we'll be exploring new ways of reaching out and sharing our faith with our community. Alongside our reflection sessions, we'll also be taking on two big charity events throughout the year. We are especially looking for young people who have completed their Pin Level Award or higher to step up and take on leadership roles this year, and to challenge themselves to work towards the next level of award. **Our first Reflection Session will be on Friday, 7th November, from 3:00–5:00pm at OLOL.**

DATE FOR THE DIARY FOR PARISH RETREAT – Saturday 3rd October

Sister Hyacinth, a Dominican Nun will lead this one day retreat for our two Churches. More details to follow.

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER – The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Following morning Mass at Holy Name, parishioners are invited to stay and join in the recitation of the Holy Rosary in celebration of the Feast of the Birth of our Blessed Mother.

100 CLUB WINNERS - August

1st prize Lyn Cook, 2nd prize Rory Sweeny, 3rd prize Steve Owens

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 – Deadline 12th September

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

CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION – Weybridge 25th Aug – 2 Sept

Christ the Prince of Peace will be hosting a part of the Saint Carlo Acutis' International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles from 25th August until 3rd September (just prior to the first anniversary of his canonisation on 7th September). It will encourage us to reflect upon the meaning of transubstantiation and the real presence of the body of the Lord in the Holy Mass. + The exhibition will be within the body of the church and we will have some CTS literature about Saint Carlo Acutis available for purchase. 66 + IHS If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans, but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become Saints. 99 Saint Carlo Acutis

ELMBRIDGE CAN 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Elmbridge CAN are celebrating 10 years in operation and have put together this video about their work for refugees in need <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNQmFrT4low> They are also heavily involved in working with the current Mayor of Elmbridge on a community fun run, to be held on 20 September in Walton. The idea is that this is accessible to everyone and that it brings together different people locally in something that is fun and community-based whilst also supporting those who need it, including through our charity. You can find details attached and the sign up email together@elmbridgecan.org.uk



SURREY CHURCHES BIKE RIDE

Surrey Churches Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 12th September to raise money to help preserve local church buildings. <http://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride/>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the CWL will take place on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm in the hall at OLOL. A representative from PACT (Prison Advice Care Trust) will give a talk on the wonderful work they do. Refreshments will be served. All ladies are invited to attend. For further information please email margaretvonspeyr@gmail.com

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>

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER – for the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource so that everyone may have equal access to it.

SOCIAL

ANNUAL PARISH QUIZ - OLOL - Friday 11th September - 7pm

Annual OLOL Back to Uni/ College/School charity quiz.

Tickets on sale soon so watch out for details.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT HOLY NAME – Thurs 22nd October

SCHOOL OF JOY QUIZ NIGHT AT HOLY NAME – Saturday 28th November



FROM THE DIOCESE

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). If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

JULY OFFERINGS

Standing orders £12,446.50; Offertory cash £1,617.40; Offertory contactless £982; OLOL soups £30; Stella Maris £532; Peter's Pence £95.20; Kingston Advocacy Group £317.40; Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness £80

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 – 9am-10.30am Mondays & Fridays	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.	<u>Weekly:</u> Fri 7pm (not in Aug next 4 Sept) Wed 9.30am <u>Monthly:</u> 1st Saturday 9.30am 1st Monday 7.30pm (weekly during May & Oct)	Holy Name OLOL 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
Catholic Womens League - All ladies are warmly welcome	Monthly 1 st Tuesday 7.30pm	OLOL
Esher Catenians: open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network. For more info, contact Hugh Rawlinson, Membership Officer at hughrawlinson@hotmail.com Follow us on FB https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/	Monthly – generally 2 nd Tuesdays 7:00pm for 7:30pm https://eshercatenians.org.uk/	Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T D