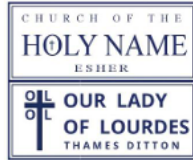


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Newsletter Friday, 11th September 2026 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Good News from PPC Chair

In many ways I see this as the start of the year. Holidays are over and students and children are going back to their studies. Both churches welcomed back families last Sunday and it was good to see so many children in church.

Alan Verschoyle - King and I attended a meeting of the Representative Meeting of The Parish of Weybridge where we presented how we have managed in Fr Sebastian's absence. There is a link [here](#) to our presentation (or find it on the front page of our website). There is good news: we have Fr Ruslan now as in effect our Parish Priest and the news about Fr Sebastian's health is encouraging. I spoke to him this week and he will shortly leave hospital and will undertake a period of recuperation. And Parish activities are ramping up and I draw your attention to two. First a Dominican Prioress Sister Hyacinth is giving a retreat at Holy Name on 3rd October entitled "Strengthening Faith and Passing It On". I for one resent the attitude that Catholicism is in retreat. And Sister Hyacinthe will provide the counter to this. Secondly, although John Merrigan is standing down after ten years running the Bible Study Group, the group goes on and further details are given later in the Newsletter. They will be reading and studying some of the Minor Epistles.

Chris

Mass Time : Saturday, 12 September to Sunday, 20 th September, 2026			
DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 12 th September	5.00 pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Lin Woodcock RIP
Sunday, 13 th September 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Agnes Diviney, RIP People of the Parish
Monday, 14 th September Exaltation of the Cross	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday, 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Bridie Anderson Intentions
Wednesday, 16 th September St. Cornelius	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration & Rosary only	
Thursday, 17 th September	9.30am	Holy Name	Tony Harriman, RIP
Friday, 18 th September	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday, 19 th September	5.00 pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 20 th September Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Anthony Hussey RIP

YOUTH

FAITH IN ACTION- Years 6–13 | OLOL Youth Space

Faith in Action helps young people connect their faith with everyday life through service, reflection and practical action in their parish, school and wider community. The programme encourages young people to deepen their relationship with God while discovering how their faith can make a real difference to others.

Kick-off: Saturday 26 September 2026.

First Reflection Session: Saturday 7 November 2026 – *We Are Loved*.

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB - Secondary school-aged | Monthly | 7:00–9:00 pm | Holy Name

A relaxed space to meet friends, have fun and explore faith. **Inspired by the vision of our new Bishop, Fr Stephen Wang**, this year we'll use the new **Sycamore prayer exploration programme** to help young people discover different ways of praying and explore what prayer can mean in their everyday lives.

First date: Friday 25 September 2026.

FUN FRIDAY - Primary school-aged children and their families | Once a term | 3:30–5:00 pm | OLOL

A fun, welcoming afternoon of games, crafts, snacks and faith-based activities, with a different theme each term.

First date: Friday 2 October 2026 – *Thanksgiving & Early Christmas Fun*, with games, crafts and a special opportunity for the children to give back to our community and show kindness to others.

PARISH RETREAT “Strengthening Faith and Passing it on” – Saturday 3rd October

You will remember last year Fr John Church a newly ordained Dominican Priest ran a Parish Retreat for us. Those who attended will never forget the depth of his explanations about certain readings in the Gospel. We asked Fr John to recommend a leader for this year's retreat and he did. So on the 3rd October 2026, we will welcome Sister Hyacinth who is the Prioress of a Dominican Priory in the New Forest. The subject is "Strengthening Faith and Passing It On". The retreat will be held at Holy Name and will last one day. Please book in via either Parish Office

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – Fortnightly on a Wednesday, 10am at OLOL

Bible study group will restart on Wednesday 23rd September at 10am at OLOL and will run fortnightly. Any questions please contact Nina 07518 902914

CONFIRMATION 2027

This year the Confirmation programme for Holy Name and OLOL will be run at the St Erconwald's in Walton, and will be for school year 10 (rising 15 year olds). To register please complete this form and return it to them by Sunday 11th October <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/-/forms/olswnnr3> Please state on the form that you are a member of OLOL Thames Ditton or Holy Name Esher

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 – Deadline **THIS WEEKEND!**

The new registration criteria and process and application forms are now available on the website here <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/first-holy-communion-online-form/> **Deadline 12th September** and late applications may not be accepted so please ensure you don't miss it! **Please note:** Fr. Max will be available after Mass this weekend and mid week masses next week to sign any forms.

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 – TONIGHT Friday 11th September - 7pm
Annual OLOL Back to Uni/ College/School charity quiz.
Tickets available on the door.

MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH at OLOL - Wednesday 9th September 12 noon
Please join us for a selection of delicious Autumn flavoured Soups with bread and cheese and tea and coffee. Come along, bring a friend

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT HOLY NAME – Thursday 22nd October

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



2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend : Sat 19 Sept & Sun 20 Sept

Collection for Evangelii Gaudium (formerly Home Mission Sunday)

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>

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. Sign up email together@elmbridgecan.org.uk



AUGUST OFFERINGS

Standing orders £11,896.50; Offertory cash £1,861; Offertory contactless £875;

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 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: Nina 07518 902914	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 Women’s 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