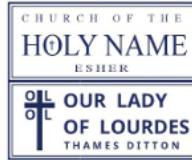


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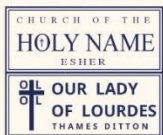
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Newsletter Friday, 18th September 2026

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Time : Saturday, 19 September to Sunday, 27 th September, 2026			
DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 19 th September	5.00 pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 20 th September <i>Twenty Fifth 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	Anthony Hussey RIP
Monday, 21 st September <i>St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Anne Godwin RIP
Tuesday, 22 nd September	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Sheila Hurley, RIP & Hurley Family
Wednesday, 23 rd September <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration & Rosary only	
Thursday, 24 th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Roy Rogers, RIP
Friday, 25 th September	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	St. Paul's School Mass – Start of Academic Year
Saturday, 26 th September	5.00 pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday, 27 th September <i>Twenty Sixth 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	Ann & Tony Oliva, RIP People of the Parish



Strengthening Faith and Passing It On

Come join us on Saturday 3rd of October at Holy Name Church, for a day to reflect on the Parish Community as Christ's Presence in the world, and on our unique mission as Members of Christ's Body. The day will be led by Sister Hyacinthe who is the Prioress of a Dominican Priory in the New Forest.

The agenda is as follows - please book your place by emailing the office

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10:00 - 10:15: Arrivals & Tea/Coffee
10:15 - 11:15: A Day in the Life of Jesus: Priest, Prophet and King
11:15 - 11:30: Break
11:30 - 13:00: Our Parish Mission as Priests, Prophets and Kings in Christ
13:00 - 14:00: Lunch
14:00 - 15:15: Transmitting Faith in its all its dimensions
15:15 - 15:45: Break
15:45 - 16:45: Companions in Faith on our Common Journey
16:45 - 17:00: Concluding thoughts and final prayer
17:00: End

PARISH RETREAT "Strengthening Faith and Passing it on" – Saturday 3rd October 10am to 5pm

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

THE 4,000 MILE BOOK

Many of you will remember parishioner Brendan Hemming's 4,000 mile coastal walk a couple of years ago, to raise funds for the Cardinal Hume Centre in London. Brendan has now written a book about his walk, "Old Enough to Know Better", which has been published as a paperback and as an e-book on Amazon. **All proceeds from the sale of the books will go to the Cardinal Hume Centre.** [Old Enough to Know Better : Hemming, Brendan: Amazon.co.uk: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08K3K3K3K) Brendan will bring in some copies of the book next Sunday, 27th September to the 9am Mass: if you would like to purchase signed copies direct from him afterwards, please bring £10 in cash.

ANTHONY HUSSEY FUNERAL

Many of you will know Anthony Hussey sadly passed away last week. His funeral will be held at Holy Name on Friday 9th October at 10am

YOUTH

ADOREMUS 2026 – An Invitation to Our Young Parishioners – Saturday 10th October

On **Saturday 10 October**, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will celebrate **Adoremus 2026**, the National Eucharistic Congress, in London. Adoremus is an opportunity for Catholics across England and Wales to come together and renew our love and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. We would particularly like to invite our **young parishioners** to join us for the evening celebrations at Westminster Cathedral. The **6pm Holy Mass is open to all**, followed by a series of **Holy Hours at 8pm, 9pm and 10pm**, led by youth ministry teams from Westminster, Southwark and CYMFed. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to pray together, spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and join with young Catholics from across the country in celebrating our faith. Please get in touch at youth.etc@abdiocese.org.uk if you are interested. More details to come. **Come and be part of this special evening as we gather together to adore the Lord – Adoremus!**

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB - First date: Friday 25 September 2026

Secondary school-aged young people | Monthly | 7:00–9:00 pm | The Church of the 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.

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*.

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.

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

Thank you for all the applications for FHC. The deadline has now passed. We have sent an email to all applicants. If you did not receive yours please let either parish office know.

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

2nd COLLECTIONS

This weekend: Sat 19 Sept & Sun 20 Sept – For Evangelii Gaudium (formerly Home Mission Sunday)

Next weekend : Sat 26 Sept & Sun 27 Sept – CAFOD Fast Day

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – 26/27 September

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection on 26/27 September weekend. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.



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.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: OCTOBER

Mary appeared to St. Dominic (founder of the Dominican Order) and gave him the Holy Rosary as a spiritual means of converting sinners. As the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on October 7, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the Marian advocacy of Our Lady of the Rosary. We are encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary daily for the needs of the Church. Beginning Sunday, 4th October throughout this month, one decade of the Rosary will be recited before the start of Sunday Masses.

SOCIAL

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT HOLY NAME – Thursday 22nd October

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

NEXT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEET – Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm at OLOL

All are welcome. Coffee, cakes, raffle (prizes welcome). RSVP 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>

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	Holy Name in Lady Chapel
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	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