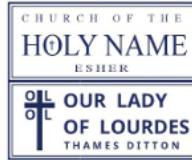


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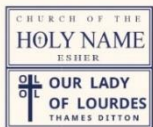


Newsletter Friday, 25th September 2026

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Time : Saturday, 26 September to Sunday, 4th October, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 26 th September	5.00-5.15pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday, 27 th September	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Ann & Tony Oliva, RIP Patrick & Bill Cassidy RIP People of the Parish
Monday, 28 th September	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Brian Cotter RIP
Tuesday, 29 th September <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael</i>	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name Adoration at Holy Name	Tony & Benedict McCaffrey RIP
Wednesday, 30 th September <i>St Jerome</i>	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration & Rosary only	
Thursday, 1 st October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus, St Therese of Lisieux</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Anthony James Leahy RIP
Friday, 2 nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sebastian Manzalouie RIP
Saturday, 3 rd October	5.00-5.15pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 4 th October	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	CJ Kim RIP Paddy, Angela & Family RIP The Yates Family Intentions



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
thamesditton@abdiocese.org.uk

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 at Holy Name – Please book by Monday

If you wish to come to part of the day that is fine. 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. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided on the day. This event is free (contributions on the day welcome). **Please book by Monday 28th September so we can cater accordingly.**

FAREWELL (for now) TO FR MAX KRAT

Fr Max will be returning to Rome next week to start a new term of his studies. His last Masses for us will be this Sunday (27th). We thank him so much for helping us out over the summer and very much hope he will return to help us out during future College holidays.

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/1781250000) 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.

CONCERT FOR HOPE IN THE HOLY LAND - Thursday 1 Oct 2026, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU Join the students of Wimbledon College and Ursuline High School in solidarity with the Christians of the village of Taybeh for an evening of choral and solo instrumental music in support of Aid to the Church in Need's work with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and in response to Father Bashar Fawadleh's, parish priest Taybeh, appeal to Christians Worldwide. He asks us not to let the village be forgotten at this time of great suffering. It is the West Bank's last remaining entirely Christian village. What is at risk is not the stones of churches and shrines whose ruins will remain, but the "living stones" - the unbroken chain of faith and worship, generation after generation, in the places where that faith began. The concert is free of charge but you will be able to make a donation. Here is where you can reserve your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/concert-for-the-holy-land-tickets-2001065386438?aff=oddtcreator>

HEALING SERVICE – 11th October

All are welcome to a **Healing Service** on Sunday, 11th October at 4pm. This is being arranged by the local churches and will take place at St Nicholas' Church in Thames Ditton.

YOUTH

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB - Secondary school-aged young people | 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. This Friday, 25 September, we'll begin with an introduction to the year and our first theme: **The Prayer of Adoration, Praise and Worship**. Come along, bring a friend, and join us for our first session!

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*.

ADOREMUS 2026 – An Invitation to Our Young Parishioners – 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.etd@abdiocese.org.uk if you are interested.

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.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

If you require Fr Ruslan to sign your school forms please leave them with either parish office to sign and leave a phone number in case he wishes to contact you and we will call you when it is ready for collection. Please ensure it is not left until the last minute in case we cannot turn it around in time!

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

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS - 7th, 13th October, 3rd November

St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Thames Ditton will hold open mornings on the above days. To register your interest please email info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

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

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 – Thursday 22nd October at Holy Name

Straight after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome, delicious homemade cakes, bring a friend

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>

Diocesan run events/notices

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS For your information, the Church celebrates the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees this Sunday. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "Even Just One of These Children", drawing our attention particularly to children and young people who experience migration and displacement. There are CSAN resources for the day on the CBCEW website: www.cbcew.org.uk/csan-resources-world-day-migrants-and-refugees-2026/. You can read the Holy Father's message on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/migrants-refugees26

Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen – Saturday 24 October at Worth Abbey

Following his Ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome followed by a reception, at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October at 11.30am. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks. Free coach travel is being arranged as parking is restricted at the Abbey - please enquire at your local parish office to book your place.

Church First Aid Training at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley on Saturday 24 October. Cost £60

If you are involved in leading a group in your Parish (particularly Sacramental Preparation and would like to complete a first aid course tailored specifically for your needs, then please contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk who will send you information about the training taking place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on 24 October. Basic life support training will be offered, as well as how to respond to allergic reactions and other life threatening situations. Certificate valid for 3 years.

External news

Celebrating 40 Years of the Cardinal Hume Centre

A special Mass to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardinal Hume Centre will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 13 October at 5.30pm. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside, joined by Bishop James Curry and Dom Robert Igo OSB. The Mass is open to the public, and parishioners from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton are warmly invited to attend in thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Cardinal Basil Hume and the Centre's 40 years of service.

Launch of the Miss D V Davis Charitable Trust Grant Programme

The Trustees of the Miss D V Davis Charitable Trust have announced the launch of a new grant-making programme to support Roman Catholic churches and associated charitable projects throughout England. Since its establishment in 1961, the Trust has provided financial assistance to help preserve and improve places of Catholic worship. As the needs of parishes and dioceses have evolved, the Trustees have reviewed how the Trust can best fulfil its charitable objectives and are pleased to introduce a new programme of grants.

The Trust will award grants of up to £50,000, covering no more than 75% of the total project cost. Applicants should demonstrate how the remaining costs will be funded. The Trustees welcome applications for eligible projects including the repair, restoration or improvement of Roman Catholic churches and chapels, the construction of new Roman Catholic churches and chapels, the adaptation of buildings for use as places of Roman Catholic worship and associated presbyteries where these form part of the church project. Applications should be submitted using the Trust's application form together with the requested supporting documentation. The Trustees reserve the right to request further information and to visit funded projects before, during or after completion. Further information, including eligibility criteria, application guidance, and the application form, is available on the Trust's website here:

[The Miss DV Davis Trust – Potheary Witham Weld Solicitors](#)

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