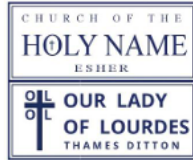


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Newsletter Friday, 4th September 2026
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the warm welcome you gave me last Sunday. I was deeply touched by your kindness and very happy to meet so many of you. As I mentioned, I do not have answers to all the questions you may have at this stage. I think it is important that we take time to pray, to listen to one another, and to ask the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and guide us. As we move forward together, I am sure that, with God's help, we will find the best way for me to serve all three communities. I will need your support and prayers, for which I am very grateful.

For now, I would like to reassure you that **there will be no changes to our arrangements during 2026**. The communities of **Walton-on-Thames and Esher & Thames Ditton** are beginning to talk and listen to one another as we consider how we can work together in the future. The Pastoral Councils will begin a period of consultation and dialogue, including looking at the Mass timetable across the three communities. If changes are considered in the future, they will be discussed with you and reached through proper consultation, prayer and discernment. Our aim is to listen carefully to one another and to seek together the best way to serve our communities. I am very grateful for the kindness you have already shown me, and I look forward to getting to know you better and to walking this journey together. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine.

God bless you all. With prayers,

Fr Ruslan and the CPC

Mass Time : Saturday, 5th Sunday, 13th September, 2026			
DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 5 th September	5.00pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Sean & Bernadette Walsh, RIP
Sunday, 6 th September <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Sharon M. Patefield, RIP People of the Parish
Monday, 7 th September	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Zofia Dudek RIP
Tuesday, 8 th September <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	
Wednesday, 9 th September	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Adoration & Rosary only</i>	
Thursday, 10 th September	9.30am	Holy Name	Catherine Hornby RIP
Friday, 11 th September	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday, 12 th September	5.00 pm 5.30pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday, 13 th September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Agnes Diviney RIP People of the Parish

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.

YOUTH

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year and another year of exciting opportunities in our parish! As our children and young people return to school, we are excited to share the exciting programmes and activities coming up in our churches, offering opportunities for fun, friendship, prayer, service and growing together in faith. Please see below for some of the highlights coming up during this academic year.

WELCOME BACK JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 6 September

This coming Sunday, we're excited to welcome everyone back from the holidays at Junior Church! After the 11am Mass at OLOL we will gather for fellowship, friendship and a chance to reconnect, while also celebrating the opening of our newly refurbished loft space, created especially for our young parishioners to enjoy. We look forward to seeing all our children and families!

FAITH IN ACTION Years 6–13 | OLOL Youth Space

A nationally recognised awards programme from the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed), **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. The **Diocese of Arundel & Brighton** has been actively involved in the programme, recognising young people across the Diocese for their commitment to faith and service.

Kick-off: Saturday 26 September 2026. **First Reflection Session:** Saturday 7 November 2026 – *We Are Loved*.

FLAME 2027 **Young people aged 13+ | Saturday 6 March 2027**

FLAME is a major Catholic youth event run by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation, bringing thousands of young people together for an exciting day of music, worship, prayer, inspiring speakers and faith. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other young Catholics, build friendships, deepen faith and experience the wider Catholic community. Our parish has 30 tickets reserved. If interested, please email: youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB Secondary school-aged | 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.

First date: Friday 25 September 2026.

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

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.

PLAY CAFÉ Ages 0–5 | Fridays 9-10 | OLOL Church Hall | Term-time

A warm and welcoming space for parents, carers and little ones to enjoy after school drop-off. Adults can enjoy a cuppa and conversation while children have fun with crafts and activities. It's a lovely opportunity to meet other families, make friends and build community in our parish.

We hope these opportunities will help our children and young people feel connected, supported and encouraged in their faith as part of our parish family. With every blessing,

Pamela Thompson, Youth Worker

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

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 Sunda 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 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! **Please note:** Fr. Max will be available after Mass this weekend and mid week masses next week to sign any forms.

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.

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



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.

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



JULY 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 (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