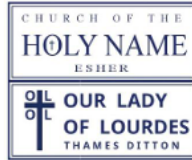




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Newsletter 16th October 2026

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Pharisees and the Herodians, who normally had little in common, join forces against Jesus and ask him a question designed to trap him: Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? In response, Jesus asks for a coin and enquires whose image and inscription it bears. "Caesar's," they reply. Jesus then gives the answer we know so well: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." The coin bears Caesar's image and, therefore, belongs to him. But the Book of Genesis reminds us that every human being is created in the image of God. At our baptism, we were marked with the sign of the cross and became Christ's own. This is our deepest identity: we are not simply citizens, workers, or members of a family; above all, we are beloved children of God, known and cherished by our heavenly Father. To give to God what belongs to God, then, is not simply a duty or an obligation. It is a way of living in harmony with who we truly are: giving thanks for the gifts we have received, treating our neighbours with respect and kindness, and sharing our time and talents generously with others. May God bless us all as we continue to reflect his image and share his love in our families, our parish, and our wider communities. **With prayers Fr Ruslan and the PPC**

Mass Time: Saturday, 17 October to Sunday, 25 October, 2026			
DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 17 th October <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	5.00-5.15pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday, 18 th October <i>Twenty Ninth 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, 19 th October <i>St. Philip Howard (Patron of the Diocese)</i>	NO MASS	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Episcopal Ordination of Stephen Wang as Bishop at Arundel Cathedral - 12pm</i>
Tuesday, 20 th October	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	
Wednesday, 21 st October	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Adoration & Rosary only</i>	
Thursday, 22 nd October <i>St. John Paul II</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	Patricia Bellamy & Hugo Pini, RIP
Friday, 23 rd October	9.30am 10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday, 24 th October	5.00-5.15pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday, 25 th October <i>Thirtieth 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	Andrew & Shirley Mulroy, RIP People of the Parish

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER – FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

2ND COLLECTION - This **Sun 18 Oct – World Mission** for The Association for the Propagation of the Faith. 'One in Christ, united in mission' is Pope Leo XIV's chosen theme for this year's very special celebration of World Mission Sunday this weekend. This is one of the Pontifical Missionary of Aid Societies now called **Missio**. May this weekend remind us all that we are missionary disciples wherever we are, and to support the whole missionary Church across the world by our prayers and charity.

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.

A DAY WITH SAINT CARLO ACUTIS & EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION – Saturday, 17th October

The day at St Peter's, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG will include Mass, talks by Anna Johnstone (Guardian of Saint Carlo Acutis' First-Class Relic and former Governess to the Acutis family), prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, created by Saint Carlo Acutis, will remain open at St Peter's from 17 October to 1 November 2026.

BISHOP'S ORDINATION - Monday 19th October 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral – Feast Day of St. Philip Howard, Patron of the Diocese

Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, our new Diocesan Bishop Stephen Wang will be ordained to the Episcopate - the Order of Bishops - and will receive the fullness of the sacrament he first received as Deacon and then as a Priest. Attendance is by invitation only but parishioners can watch the Mass of Episcopal Ordination online as it will be live streamed www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream Coverage begins from 11.15am. The Order of Service can be found on the news page of the diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/episcopal-ordination

A Message from Bishop-elect Stephen (short film)

Fr. Stephen has recorded a short message reflecting on the last few weeks, sharing his experience of a new bishop's course in Rome, a recent retreat with sisters in the Verbum Dei community on the Isle of Wight, and the significance of the chasuble he will wear on Monday. You can view the film online at <https://youtu.be/1YhcB7KL0Y4>

Mass of Welcome for Bishop Stephen Wang – 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. For more information contact Diocesan Formation and Spirituality Adviser: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

A 'White Mass' FOR ALL HEALTH WORKERS - Monday 19 OCTOBER at 7.00pm AT ST. RAPHAEL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH ROAD, KINGSTON

The 'White Mass', named for the white coats and lab coats worn by medical staff, offers people in healthcare professions the chance to come together and pray for God to bless and guide their healing work. The tradition of the White Mass began in the United States in early 1930s. and has since spread worldwide. From its inception, the medical profession has been understood as a healing profession, a way in which Christ's work continues upon the earth. Moreover, since the apparitions at Lourdes in the late 19th century, the plight of the infirmed – and those who care for them – have taken on renewed appreciation in participating in the mysteries of Christ's own life. The White Mass gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon the patient, doctor, nurse and caregiver alike.

REPOSITORY

The 2027 Diary is now available in the Repository at both churches, together with various Christmas cards and gifts.

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

Bible study group runs fortnightly on Wednesday at 10am at OLOL. Next session Wed 21st Oct. Any questions please contact Nina 07518 902914

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

If you require Fr Ruslan to sign your school forms please leave them with either parish office to sign and collect the forms at the weekends after mass. If you need a Certificate of Catholic Practice please download the form here <https://holyfamilyelmbridge.church/app/uploads/2026/09/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice-CCP-Arundel-Brighton-Sept-26.pdf>

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS – Tue 3rd November

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

SPELTHORNE ORCHESTRA FUNDRAISER – ST. ERCONWALD'S CHURCH – Sunday, 15 November at 3pm

The Spelthorne Orchestra, a wonderful local orchestra, is delighted to return to St Erconwald's on Sunday, 15 November at 3pm. They will play Mozart's 40th Symphony and other works. Funds raised will be for St. Erconwald's Church restoration fund and the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. All funds raised will go towards the St Erconwald's Maintenance and the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Tickets @ £10 per adult. Children free; on sale at St Erconwald's Church after 09.15am and 11.15am Masses.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to lead the Bereavement Support Group at OLOL. Training starts early next year. Please contact the OLOL office if you are interested.

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES - Praying for the Holy Souls

During the month of November there will be a basket placed in front of the altar for the month of November to place the names of all those deceased loved ones we commend to God's mercy. There will be Masses for the intentions of Holy Souls as follows:

Holy Name : Tue 3rd Nov at 9.30am & Sun 22nd Nov at 6pm

Our Lady of Lourdes : Fri 6th Nov at 9.30am & Sun 22nd Nov at 11am

Special Holy Souls Mass envelopes are available in the porch/narthex for this purpose.

However, if you would like a separate mass said for a deceased relative or friend please follow the usual route of booking it through either parish office.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr. Ruslan will be at Long Ditton Cemetery, 92 Rectory Lane, Long Ditton, KT6 5HW on Monday, 2 Nov at 11am to bless the graves. Please meet at the Cemetery if you wish to join Fr. Ruslan for this.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – Saturday 7th November, 10.30am at Holy Name

Our annual parish Mass for the Bereaved will take place on Saturday 7th November at 10.30am at Holy Name. All are very welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity to light a candle for deceased loved ones. Tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

LITURGY OF LIGHT – Tuesday 12th November, 7.30pm, at OLOL

A respective service, Liturgy of Light will take place on the evening of Tuesday 11th November. All are very welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity to light a candle for deceased loved ones. Tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

YOUTH

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB

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 be exploring prayer through the *Sycamore* programme, helping young people discover different ways to pray and explore what prayer can mean in everyday life.

On Friday, 30 October, we'll continue our journey with Seven Ways to Pray. Prayer doesn't have to involve perfect words or special feelings; it begins simply by making time for God and being honest with Him.

Come along, bring a friend, and join the discussion as we explore how prayer can become a more meaningful part of our everyday lives!

FAITH IN ACTION

Years 6–13 | OLOL Youth Space

We were delighted to welcome so many new families to our Faith in Action programme this year! Please save the date:

First Reflection Session - Save the Date!

Saturday 14 November 2026

3:30–5:00pm | OLOL

Candidates are warmly invited to stay afterwards for Mass at 5:30pm and to take part in the service.

Community Outreach – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

As part of our community outreach this year, our Faith in Action members will be supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, preparing shoebox gifts to bring joy, hope and the love of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world.

Boxes can include a selection of fun, new toys, school supplies and personal care items, with a special gift such as a cuddly toy, doll or football to make it extra special.

We warmly welcome donations from parishioners, whether through monetary contributions or new items for the shoeboxes we will be preparing. Every contribution, big or small, will help us share the joy of Christmas with a child in need.

For more information: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox>

Or contact: youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

22nd November | Holy Name

World Youth Sunday celebrates the important role young people play in the life and mission of the Church. This year is especially significant as we mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, with Pope Leo XIV declaring a *Year of St Francis* until January 2027.

We will celebrate Mass at Holy Name on Sunday evening, 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King, and warmly invite all young people across the Parish of Weybridge and their families to join us as we celebrate our young people and their place in the Church.

We'd love our young people to take an active part in the Mass! If you would like to volunteer to read, sing with the choir, altar serve or welcome parishioners as a greeter, please get in touch.

Pizza, games and fellowship to follow in the church hall!

SOCIAL

SCRABBLE – Tuesdays from 2pm at Holy Name

Commencing Tuesday, 13 October. All are welcome to join in. For more details contact Sarah Ford on mobile 07904 957612

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – All are welcome, delicious homemade cakes, bring a friend

Holy Name – Thursday, 22nd October, straight after the 9.30am Mass

OLOL – Friday 6th November 2026 from 8.30am and continuing after 9.30am Mass

SCHOOL OF JOY QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 28th November at Holy Name

Details to follow

HOLY NAME: You will notice that we have a new candle holder at the Sacred Heart on trial for a month. It is an improved system which is low maintenance and reduces the need for the cleaning of wax from burnt candles on the holders and on the floor. The new candles are self-extinguishing and there is no fear of unprotected flames.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

If you are still interested in joining this Organisation aimed specifically at Catholic women who wish to be involved with the Church, please feel free to attend the meetings at Weybridge, Christ the Prince of Peace. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Margaret von Speyr, CWL - Arundel and Brighton, 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>

REGULAR EVENTS at Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL)		
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
Take Time 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	LOL
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	LOL
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	LOL
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	LOL
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 2pm to 4pm Starting Tue 13 Oct 2026	Holy Name
Rosary: All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Weekly: Fri 7pm Wed 9.30am Monthly: 1st Saturday 9.30am 1st Monday 7.30pm (weekly during May & Oct)	Holy Name LOL Holy Name LOL
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	LOL
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	LOL
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm	LOL
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 Thu 5 Nov	Holy Name
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