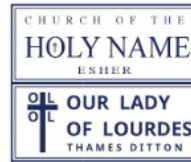




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Newsletter 9th October, 2026

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of a wedding feast and a joyful invitation. The Lord invites everyone to come, share in his joy, and, above all, follow him. As his community, we are called to follow his example by welcoming everyone with love, kindness and an open heart. Life can get busy, and we can sometimes forget to listen for that invitation. Yet the Lord is always with us, patiently calling us and welcoming us, whatever our circumstances. This Sunday gives us a lovely opportunity to pause and remember that we are all welcome at the Lord's table. He meets us where we are and invites us to take another step with him. May we open our hearts to his invitation and, in turn, help others feel welcome, valued and at home in our parish community.

God bless, Fr Ruslan

Mass Time: Saturday, 10 October to Sunday, 18 October, 2026

DAY/FEAST DAY	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday, 10 th October	5.00-5.15pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday, 11 th October <i>Twenty Eighth 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	Rafael Vazquez RIP Margaret, Angela, Simey & Family Intentions People of the Parish
Monday, 12 th October <i>St. Wilfrid</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Anne Marie Godwin, RIP
Tuesday, 13 th October	9.30am 10-11am	Holy Name <i>Adoration at Holy Name</i>	
Wednesday, 14 th October	NO MASS 9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Adoration & Rosary only</i>	
Thursday, 15 th October <i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i> <i>St. Teresa of Avila</i>	9.30am	Holy Name	
Friday, 16 th October	9.30am 10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	St. Paul's School Harvest Festival Service
Saturday, 17 th October <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	5.00-5.15pm 5.30pm	<i>Reconciliation at OLOL</i> 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 <i>Reconciliation at Holy Name</i> Holy Name	Anthony Hussey, RIP

PARISH RETREAT - Strengthening Faith and Passing It On

On Saturday 3rd October, our churches came together for a wonderful retreat day, "Strengthening Faith and Passing It On," led by Sister Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Through laughter, reflection and conversation, we were invited to explore what faith means to us, how we can live it more fully, and how we can share and show faith within our church communities. It was a joyful and thought-provoking day, and we are very grateful to the Dominican Sisters for their presence, as well as to everyone who joined us.



If you would like to deepen your faith journey, the Dominican Sisters offer a range of short online courses. Find out more at www.lightoftruth.uk/join.

In particular, look out for the Advent Retreat, beginning 2nd December, and Essential Training for Catechists, running over three Saturday mornings from 5th December. If you sign up for either course, please let the church office know, as the parish will be happy to contribute towards the donation.

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>

HEALING SERVICE – Sun 11th October, 4pm

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**.

SERVING AT THE ALTAR

One of the great things about our community at OLOL is the involvement of so many of our young people as altar servers. They not only help Mass to run smoothly but they help the whole community to focus in prayer and to celebrate our faith. Being a server helps them to join actively in the prayer and to grow in self-confidence. They gradually learn about the mass and take more responsibility (including caring for younger servers). Whether a child who has just made their first communion or a youngster who feels ready to get involved now they are older, all will be made very welcome and they will soon feel an important part of a team. So if you'd like to be involved, or just to find out more, please contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies, Bernard Godwin (bgodwin17@yahoo.com), or drop your details into the office. The first meeting for prospective new servers will be on Friday 9th October from 5.30 until 6.30pm.

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! 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>

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

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

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.

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS – Tue 13th October & Tue 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

BISHOP'S ORDINATION - Monday 19th October at Arundel Cathedral

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. [Livestream | Arundel & Brighton Diocese](#)

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. For more information contact Diocesan Formation and Spirituality Adviser: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE 40TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL - Tuesday 13 October 5.30pm

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster will preside. The Right Reverend James Curry, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster will concelebrate with others. Everyone is welcome!

ADOREMUS SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER IN LONDON

Join Catholics across England and Wales for Adoremus 2026, celebrating our devotion to the Eucharist. The day includes Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction. You can join the celebrations remotely via live stream. <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/> <https://www.stgeorgescathedral.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 world wide. 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.

YOUTH

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

Come along for a fun and welcoming Thanksgiving-themed autumn afternoon with crafts, games, snacks and our new tuck shop! It's a lovely opportunity for primary school-aged children and their families to come together, have fun and enjoy time with friends from school and the wider parish community. Everyone is warmly welcome — bring your friends and family along!

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 past weekend! Faith in Action is a wonderful opportunity for young people in Years 6–13 to grow in their faith, meet together and discover more about living out their faith in everyday life. If your young person would like to join us, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch at youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk.

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.

ADOREMUS 2026 – An Invitation to Our Young Parishioners

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.

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.

SOCIAL

MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH - Wednesday 14th October, 12 pm at OLOL.

Please join us for a selection of delicious Autumn Soups with bread & cheese and tea & coffee. Come along and bring a friend.

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 – 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

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 COLLECTIONS

This Sun 11 Oct – for PACT

We will remember prisoners and their families at mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families is challenging. PACT, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around.

Next Sun 18 Oct – World Mission – for The Association for the Propagation of the Faith. This is one of the Pontifical Missionary of Aid Societies now called Missio

PARISH OF WEYBRIDGE UPDATES

Weybridge parish representatives gathered on 7th September at Addlestone to discuss how our communities can work more closely together while supporting our clergy. Representatives from Esher and Thames Ditton shared key lessons from managing their churches during their priest's illness, demonstrating how laity can step up to handle day-to-day operations. This allows priests to focus on their primary calling: the sacraments, preaching, and pastoral care.

Key parish progress

- New finance committee: it is actively operating, with representatives from each of the parish communities. They have now met three times
- Property: A third-party property survey is underway across all churches to identify future maintenance needs
- Formation: A new parish formation strategy is being developed
- Website: The project to roll out a new website with new photography has started

Together, these steps will help build a more resilient, prayerful, and mission-focused parish community. The next Representatives meeting will be in early January.



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
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	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 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 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 Thu 5 Nov	Holy Name
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