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Newsletter 13th November 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A master going away entrusts his property to three servants, each according to their ability. Two use what they have been given well, while the third, afraid of getting it wrong, buries his talent in the ground. The master praises the first two servants in the same way. The one given two talents receives the same words as the one given five: "Well done, good and faithful servant." God does not measure us by how much we have, but by how faithfully we use what we have been given. Each of us has different gifts: listening, cooking, organising, making others smile, or praying for those in need. These gifts are given not just for ourselves, but so that we can serve others. When we share them, we help our community grow and make God's love visible. May the Lord help us to use our gifts generously and build a community of love, serving one another in Christ. **With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Ruslan**

Mass Time: Saturday, 14 November to Sunday, 22 November, 2026			
DAY/*FEAST DAY*	**TIME**	**CHURCH**	**INTENTION**
Saturday, 14 November	10.30am *5.00-5.15pm* 5.30pm	Holy Name *Reconciliation at OLOL* Our Lady of Lourdes	 Fr Sebastian Paul Intentions
Sunday, 15th November *Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*	9.00am 11.00am *5.30pm* 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes *Reconciliation Holy Name* Holy Name	Sister Mary Mulhall SDB RIP Semira Shamoon, RIP People of the Parish
Monday, 16th November	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Annie Topping, RIP
Tuesday, 17th November	9.30am - ***NO MASS*** *10am - 11am*	*Holy Name - Morning Prayer* *Holy Name - Adoration*	
Wednesday, 18th November	*9.30am-NO MASS*	Our Lady of Lourdes - *Adoration & Rosary*	
Thursday, 19th November	9.30am	Holy Name	Ann & Tony Oliva, RIP
Friday, 20th November	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Saturday, 21st November *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	*5.00pm-5.15pm* 5.30pm	*Reconciliation at OLOL* Our Lady of Lourdes	 People of the Parish
Sunday, 22nd November *Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King* *(World Youth Sunday)*	9.00am 11.00am *5.30pm* 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes *Reconciliation Holy Name* Holy Name	Victoria Grimwood, RIP Holy Souls, RIP Holy Souls, RIP

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP STEPHEN

Bishop Stephen has written a message for people across our family of faith, highlighting his support for the Pastoral Plan and reflecting on the joy of his first few weeks as Bishop. In his 'Note to the People of the Diocese', he gives thanks for the warm welcome he has received since moving to Sussex in October and shares his hopes for the months ahead, including getting to know the people and places of the Diocese through visits to parishes, schools and local communities. Please keep Bishop Stephen in your prayers as he continues his ministry as shepherd of our Diocese. You can read the message on the diocesan website here https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bswm

SOCIAL

SCHOOL OF JOY QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 28th November, 7pm at Holy Name

The November Quiz is great fun and supports a great cause - the School of Joy, Bethlehem which many of us were privileged to visit on our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land a few years ago. The situation in the Occupied Territories has become steadily more difficult but Fr. Mamdouh is determined to keep the school open as, in addition to their education, the school provides a hot lunch for the youngsters, a meal that is frequently the only hot food they will eat each day. If you are unable to come along to the School of Joy Quiz, please feel free to make a donation either directly to the Holy Name Parish office or online (please use reference SoJ Donation) Tables are filling up but we can take more for this very needy cause. Book as a table of 8 or we can add you to one @ £20 per head. Please book via the Holy Name office esher@abdiocese.org.uk .



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - OLOL FROM 3-5PM.

Create your own beautiful festive table wreath. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Cost £30 per person. Please email germainegillman017@gmail.com by 16 Nov to secure a place.

SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER AT HOLY NAME FROM 9.30AM Cost £45 per person includes all materials to make a door wreath, mince pies and mulled wine. Contact mariakwei72@gmail.com Places are limited so please book early.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS – THANK YOU

Thank you to you all who supported the Macmillan coffee mornings in both our churches. Profits from both totalled around £730 (final count tbc). Many thanks also to those who baked the delicious cakes!

UPDATE ON THE MASS TIMES AND PASTORAL PROVISION - Meeting Thurs 19 Nov 7.30pm at OLOL

Following recent consultations about changes in Mass times as Fr Ruslan takes on pastoral responsibility across our two church communities in addition to Walton. We are particularly grateful for the care and concern expressed for Fr Ruslan's wellbeing, alongside your thoughtful suggestions and reflections. While the consultation focused on Mass times, both at weekends and during the week, it is also part of a wider consideration of how Fr Ruslan can continue to minister effectively to all three church communities as their parish priest. This includes not only the celebration of Mass, but also the many other aspects of parish ministry, such as pastoral care, weddings, baptisms and funerals. Representatives from each of the three church communities met this week to consider the suggestions received and work through the different proposals. Fr Ruslan will be sharing his thoughts with the Weybridge parish clergy later this month. Following that conversation, he would like to invite parishioners from Esher & Thames Ditton to a meeting on **Thursday 19th November at 7.30 pm at OLOL**, when he will share the proposed way forward for Mass times and pastoral provision across the three parishes as a trial period until September 2027. Parishioners from Walton will have an opportunity to meet with Fr Ruslan the following evening. Thank you again for your engagement, generosity and understanding as we work together towards an arrangement that supports the pastoral needs of all three communities and enables Fr Ruslan's ministry to be sustainable.

RCIA BEGINNING IN JANUARY – Wednesday evenings 7.30-8.45pm at Holy Name

We will be starting a course on Wednesday 13th January to explore more about the Catholic faith. If you are interested to learn more please contact etd@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

MESSAGE FROM LOU

As many of you know, Lou Ferrara was awarded the Benemerenti medal. Here is a personal message from him……

I would like to thank everyone who nominated me for this prestigious award. I feel really humbled and honoured. I was very fortunate to be taught by the Salesians from a very early age and I am the person I am today because of them. Once again thank you all so much.

YOUTH

FAITH IN ACTION Years 6–13 | OLOL Youth Space

We're delighted to welcome so many new young people to our Faith in Action programme this year! As part of our community outreach this Advent, we'll be supporting **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**, preparing shoebox gifts filled with new toys, school supplies, personal care items and a special gift to bring joy, hope and the love of Jesus to children in need around the world. **We warmly welcome donations from parishioners**, whether monetary contributions or new items for our shoeboxes. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference! Find out more: How to Pack a Shoebox Donation boxes will be a**vailable in the narthex at both Holy Name and Our Lady of Lourdes until 14 November.** Thank you for helping us spread the joy of Christmas!

First Reflection Session - **Saturday 14 November** 2026 2:30–5:00pm | OLOL. Candidates are warmly invited to stay afterwards for Mass at 5:30pm and to take part in the service.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – 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!

YOUTH GROUP ICE SKATING TRIP – 4TH December | Hampton Court Ice Rink

Get into the Christmas spirit with a festive evening of ice skating at the beautiful Hampton Court Palace!

All secondary school-aged young people are warmly invited to join us on **Friday 4th December at 7.00 pm** for a fun-filled evening on the ice. Bring your friends, enjoy some festive fun and help us kick off the Christmas season together!

To book your place or reserve a ticket, please contact Pamela at: youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk

COME AND SAY GOODBYE – to the Kang Gruszka family after the 11am Mass at OLOL on Sun 29th Nov

This will be the last weekend for the family before they leave to return to Singapore. Many of you have been asking when they can come and say farewell.

A MORNING OF REFLECTION AND FORMATION ON OUR MISSION OF WELCOME – Saturday 28th November at Christ the Prince of Peace Weybridge

The Welcome Ministry is a vital part of the life of each of our parish communities. All are welcome to join from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Parish Hall at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. Coffee/tea will be served from 9:30am as a time for meeting people; with the main activity starting at 10am. We hope that many from the communities of Weybridge Parish will be able to join in this morning. Fr David Murphy will give a short input, and then there will be discussions and sharing about who we are welcoming and how we go about it. If you have any questions, or need a lift, please email Adam and Barbara Simon at abcej.simon@gmail.com

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER – The Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

2ND COLLECTION –

THIS WEEKEND 14 & 15 NOVEMBER - FOR RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

To assist with the accommodation (care home or assisted living), health care & medical care, welfare and support of Diocesan priests in retirement after decades of ministry. Generally, retired priests live independently and cannot draw income from a local parish. Many continue helping in parishes, schools, or hospitals as long as their health allows.

NEXT WEEKEND 22 NOVEMBER - FOR ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

Arundel Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese and the church of its chief paster, the Bishop. The heavy expenses for its upkeep have to be shared by the parishes of the Diocese

OCTOBER OFFERINGS Standing orders £12,196.50; Offertory cash £1637.56; Offertory contactless £1,355; OLOL Soups £50; World Mission Sunday £600; Prisoners' Sunday £177.50; Cafod Harvest Fast Day £514; St Columbans' Appeal £1,094.95; School of Joy (from Anthony Hussey's Funeral) £370;

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 **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 1st, January 3rd, others TBD	OLOL
Scrabble Club All are welcome to join our new Scrabble Club which will take place at Holy Name parish rooms at 2pm. If you are interested or would like more information or need transport please contact Sarah Ford 07904 957612	Weekly – **Tuesdays** 2pm to 4pm	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 1st Thu - 7pm Next session Thu 3 Dec	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 2nd Tuesdays 7:00pm for 7:30pm https://eshercatenians.org.uk/	Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T D