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Newsletter 20th November 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King, but the Gospel shows us a king quite unlike any we might expect. There is no throne and no crown. He tells us that he is with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the lonely. It is easy to think this Gospel is about the end of the world. In fact, it is about our ordinary days. When did we last share a meal with someone, welcome a newcomer, or sit for a while with a person on their own? These small things are what he asks of us, and every one of us can do them. And each time we do, his kingdom comes a little closer. It isn't built by grand gestures, but by the kindness we show at home, at work and here in our communities, and by our faith put quietly into action. May the Lord help us to see him in the people around us, and give us generous hearts to serve them. **With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Ruslan**

Mass Time: Saturday, 21 November to Sunday, 29 November, 2026			
DAY/*FEAST DAY*	**TIME**	**CHURCH**	**INTENTION**
Saturday, 21st November *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	*5.00pm* 5.30pm	*OLOL - Reconciliation* 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 *Holy Name - Reconciliation* Holy Name	Victoria Grimwood, RIP Holy Souls, RIP Holy Souls, RIP
Monday, 23rd November	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Fr. Bernard Rowley, RIP
Tuesday, 24th November *St. Andrew Dü-Lac & Martyrs of Vietnam*	9.30am *10am - 11am*	Holy Name *Holy Name - Adoration*	Pat & Liam Whelan, RIP
Wednesday, 25th November	*9.30am-NO MASS*	Our Lady of Lourdes - *Adoration & Rosary only*	
Thursday, 26th November	9.30am	Holy Name	Jim Kelly & Deceased Family Members, RiP
Friday, 27th November	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Anna Maria Treves, RIP
Saturday, 28th November	*5.00pm* 5.30pm	*OLOL - Reconciliation* Our Lady of Lourdes	 William Bloomfield, RIP
Sunday, 29th November *First Sunday of Advent*	9.00am 11.00am *5.30pm* 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes *Holy Name - Reconciliation* Holy Name	Fidelia Anyalebechi, RIP Pavel & Pavol Paszulykas, RIP People of the Parish

BAPTISMS

We welcome Finlay Larkin to our Parish community who will be baptised this Sunday, 22nd November, 2026. There will be another Baptism for Jonas Moore next Sunday, 29th November, 2026.

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 23 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.

FESTIVE SOUP LUNCH - Wednesday 9th December, 12 pm at OLOL

Please join us for a selection of delicious Festive Soups with bread and cheese, tea and coffee.....and of course mince pies! Come along and bring a friend.

CAROLLING AROUND THE LOCAL CARE HOMES - Sunday 13 December - please join us!

Please come along and bring some festive joy to care home residents in our area! Music can often be enjoyed by people with dementia and other neurological conditions in a way that other communications can't and our visits are always much appreciated. We will meet at 2.15 for a 2.30pm start at Thames View care home, 58 High Street, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0TT & then divide into groups to visit other homes in the area. The more the merrier so please ask friends & family too. All ages welcome. It really helps to know numbers in advance so please let Marie Miller know if you plan to join - hoskins_marie@hotmail.com / 07949 883990

CHILDREN IN NEED COFFEE MORNING – THANK YOU

Thank you for everyone who gave so generously at the coffee morning for Children in Need £190.20 was raised for this good cause.

CERAMIC ANGELS

Tulia will again sell her hand made ceramic angels in aid of School of Joy in Bethlehem. They will be available after the **9am Mass on Sunday 29th November**. This year the angel plays the cymbals. They are £4 for a standing orchestra angel and £5 for a hanging star angel. Payment please cash or on my bank account with reference: "angels".

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

Are you curious about the Catholic faith and would you like to explore Catholicism in a welcoming environment? Do you wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church? Esher, Thames Ditton & Walton-on-Thames church communities invite you to join us for a **10-week course**, beginning on **Wednesday, 13th January.** The programme will help you to learn more about the Catholic faith and to discover God's plan for all of us. Sessions will take place at **Holy Name Catholic Church, Esher, KT10 9EE**, from 7:30 to 8:45pm. Please contact esher@abdiocese.org.uk to book a place.

YOUTH ADVENT SUNDAY – SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 6th December

Join us as we celebrate the season of Advent together at both of our parish churches:

- **Holy Name – 9.00 am Mass**
- **Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) – 11.00 am Mass**

A Special Blessing

We warmly invite all those who will be beginning their **sacramental programmes** in the coming year to join us at Mass for a special blessing as they take this important next step in their faith journey.

Support Our Parish Youth Groups

Our Parish Youth Groups will be running a pop-up tuck shop after Mass that weekend to raise funds for their youth programmes. Please do come along, enjoy a treat and support our young people. Festivities will follow both Masses in the church hall.

ADVENT CELEBRATION OF CAROLS AND READINGS – Sunday 13th December at St Erconwald's, Walton

Please join us at St Erconwald's Church for our Celebration of Carols and Readings on Sunday 13 December at 3.30pm. With our young people taking part, we also invite children to come dressed as one of the characters from the Nativity story. Through readings, a time of quiet reflection and joyous singing, we will celebrate the meaning of Christmas together.

Everyone is warmly welcome, and refreshments will be served afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

YOUTH

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – Sunday, 22nd November | Holy Name| 6 pm

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, 22 November 6pm**, 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB– Friday, 27th November | Holy Name| 7-9:00 pm

Next Friday will be our final secondary school youth session of 2026. We'll be watching a session from Sycamore's **Preparing for Advent series**, thinking about what really makes us happy. We'll also explore how taking time to slow down, reflect and make space for God can help us discover what really matters as we prepare our hearts and minds for advent. Come join us for pizza, games and fun.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLING– 13TH December | Thames Ditton
Please see the note above. It's a lovely opportunity to bring generations together, make new connections and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas. More details to come.
Please contact Marie Miller at: 07949 883990 **for more information**

OLOL MINI VINNIES – Beginning in January
We are excited to be launching a Mini Vinnies Club at OLOL in January, Monday mornings 8-8:40.
Mini Vinnies is an international Catholic children's group, established by the **St Vincent de Paul Society** (SVP), which gives children the opportunity to grow in faith, deepen their relationship with Jesus and put their Christian values into action by helping others.
Through Bible exploration, prayer, creative activities inspired by Scripture and acts of kindness, our Mini Vinnies will grow in faith and learn how to make a positive difference in their community.
Spaces are limited, so **please register your interest by emailing youth.etd@abdiocese.org.uk.** Please note: St. Paul's children can be accompanied to their classes after each session.

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 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 Scrabble Club run by parisioners, 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	Weekly – **Tuesdays** 2pm to 4pm Sarah Ford 07904 957612	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