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Newsletter 27th November, 2026

## First Sunday of Advent

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**
This Sunday we begin Advent, and Jesus invites us to "keep awake". He speaks of a man who goes away and leaves his servants in charge, each with their own work to do, and asks the doorkeeper to watch for his return. Advent is the time when we get ready for Christmas, with prayer and with love put into action. Each of us has something to give, whether it is a gift for the food bank, a donation to charity, or an hour with someone who might be on their own. When we give in this way, we welcome Christ, who comes to us in those who need us. During this season of Advent, we are welcome to share our talents with one another, and so build a community of love. May we find a few minutes each day to pray, and may our hearts and our doors be open to everyone.
**With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Ruslan**

| **Mass Time: Saturday, 28 November to Sunday, 6 December, 2026** | | | |
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| **DAY/*FEAST DAY*** | **TIME** | **CHURCH** | **INTENTION** |
| Saturday, 28th November | *5.00pm*<br>5.30pm | *OLOL - Reconciliation*<br>Our Lady of Lourdes | <br>William Bloomfield, RIP |
| Sunday, 29th November<br>*First Sunday of Advent* | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>*5.30pm*<br>6.00pm | Holy Name<br>Our Lady of Lourdes<br>*Holy Name - Reconciliation*<br>Holy Name | Fidelia Anyalebechi, RIP<br>Pavel & Pavol Paszulykas, RIP<br>People of the Parish |
| Monday, 30th November<br>*St. Andrew, Apostle* | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | |
| Tuesday, 1st December | 9.30am<br>*10am - 11am* | Holy Name<br>*Holy Name - Adoration* | David Sutterby, RIP |
| Wednesday, 2nd December | *9.30am-NO MASS* | Our Lady of Lourdes -<br>*Adoration & Rosary only* | |
| Thursday, 3rd December<br>*St. Francis Xavier, Priest* | 9.30am | Holy Name | Mary Jessica Leahy, RIP |
| Friday, 4th December | 9.30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | Olga Pavlusova, RIP |
| Saturday, 5th December | *5.00pm*<br>5.30pm | *OLOL - Reconciliation*<br>Our Lady of Lourdes | <br>People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 6th December<br>*Second Sunday of Advent* | 9.00am<br><br>11.00am<br>*5.30pm*<br>6.00pm | Holy Name<br><br>Our Lady of Lourdes<br>*Holy Name - Reconciliation*<br>Holy Name | Alison L Talbot, RIP &<br>Therese Talbot, RIP<br><br><br>People of the Parish |

**BAPTISMS**
We welcome Jonas Moore to our Parish community who will be baptised at Holy Name on Sunday.

**NEW MASS TIMES 2027**

Following consultation within the communities of Walton, Esher and Thames Ditton – the three Churches that Fr Ruslan will now be serving - please see below the new timetable of Masses served by Fr Ruslan starting in the new year. Each church will have to make changes and sacrifices but the most important factor for us all is to ensure the wellbeing of Fr Ruslan as he undertakes the pastoral responsibility for each three Church communities as well as celebrating Masses. Esher and Thames Ditton's new weekly Masses:




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| **Holy Name Esher** | Tuesday 9.30am |
| | Thursday 9.30am |
| | Sunday 10.30am |
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| **OLOL Thames Ditton** | Friday 9.30am |
| | Saturday 6.15pm |
| | Sunday 12 noon |

Confessions will be by appointment, or after weekday Masses.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2026**

See below for Walton/Esher/Thames Ditton. This year we are lucky to have two extra priests over the Christmas period which enables us to offer more Masses at this busy time of year

| | **St Erconwald's WALTON** | **Holy Name ESHER** | **Our Lady of Lourdes THAMES DITTON** |
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| **CHRISTMAS EVE** Thursday 24th | **3pm** | **6pm** | **4pm** |
| | **6pm** | **10.30pm** (carols at 10pm) | **11pm** (carols at 10.45pm) |
| | **10pm** | | |
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| **CHRISTMAS DAY** Friday 25th | **9.15am** **11.15am** | **9am** | **11am** |
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| Saturday 26th | **9.30am** (no evening mass) | **9.30am** | **9.30am** (no evening mass) |
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| Sunday 27th | **9.15am** **11.15am** | **9am** (no evening mass) | **11am** |
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**ADVENT RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE PARISH OF WEYBRIDGE**

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| Monday 7 December, 7.30pm | Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton (Reconciliation Service) |
| Friday 11 December, 7.30pm | Holy Family, Addlestone (Reconciliation Service) |
| Monday 14 December, 7–9pm | Christ Prince of Peace (CPP) Weybridge (Reconciliation only) |
| Tuesday 15 December, 6.30pm | St Erconwald's, Walton (Reconciliation Service) |
| Advent Saturdays, 5–5.45pm | CPP Weybridge |
| Christmas Eve, 9.30–11.30am | CPP (Reconciliation only) |

**ADVENT COLLECTIONS**

**CRIB COLLECTION -** This year's Crib Offering is to support the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. This appeal has been endorsed by Bishop Stephen Wang and all funds raised will help local children and families in need. The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) helps families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives.

**EAST ELMBRIDGE FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS – up to 15th December**

There is a box in both narthexes with a list detailing what they need (particularly toddler food and children's snacks). Please donate if you can to the boxes by the above date

**100 CLUB – NOVEMBER**

1st Prize Lou Ferrara, 2nd Prize Letitia Davis, 3rd Prize Nina McCaffrey

**NEXT BIBLE STUDY MEETING – Wednesday 2nd December 10am at OLOL**

This is the last one before Christmas

**TAIZÉ EVENING - THURSDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 7pm at OLOL**

A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on the Psalms.

**JUNIOR CHURCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Could you help at Junior Church?** We're looking for enthusiastic young volunteers to join us in the New Year! **What's involved:** Setting up and clearing away; Helping to organise the children; Supporting activities and generally lending a hand **Key details: Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton **When:** Sundays, 11.30am–12.45pm **Who:** Young people happy to help younger children **Why get involved?** Make a difference to younger children; Be part of our lovely church community; Gain valuable volunteering experience; A great opportunity to work towards your **Duke of Edinburgh Award Interested? Get in touch!** Message Nicola on **07539 835686** /email **acceleratecorporate@gmail.com** We'd love to have you on board! Junior Church volunteers also needed at Holy Name Sunday morning (10.30am Mass) please contact

**1WWW : Wednesday Women Walks - 1st Wednesday morning of the month**. Fancy joining a group of us ladies who wander 2-5 kms once a month locally from 1030 hrs and finish on a coffee or bowl of soup. If interested WhatsApp or ring me: Mel Manton 07733116503 (OLOL parishioner)

## SOCIAL

**CHRISTMAS WREATHMAKING WORKSHOPS**

**SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER - OLOL FROM 3-5PM**.

Thanks for those who have booked their place at this event. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

**SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER - HOLY NAME FROM 9.30AM** Cost £45 per person includes all materials to make a door wreath, mince pies and mulled wine. E: mariakwei72@gmail.com A few places left, deadline Mon 30th

**FESTIVE SOUP LUNCH - Wednesday 9th December, 12 pm - 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 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

**New Year Senior Afternoon Teas** - You are warmly invited to the 'Senior Afternoon Teas' on **Sunday 24th January** in the Gillespie Hall. Please let me know if you would like to receive an invitation or if you know of any older parishioner or neighbour who you think would enjoy this event. Please contact: Katie Cooper - curlykatie66@gmail.com / 07775 711593.

**CERAMIC ANGELS – Sunday, 29 November - Holy Name at 9am**
Tulia will again sell her hand made ceramic angels in aid of School of Joy in Bethlehem. They will be available for purchase after the 9am Mass. They are £4 for a standing orchestra angel and £5 for a hanging star angel. This year the angel plays the cymbals. Payment : cash or on contactless device reference: "angels".

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS AT HOLY NAME**
We remember loved ones at this special time of year by decorating the Church during the Christmas season with poinsettias dedicated to them. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia plant, please collect a purchase form from the narthex. The Order deadline is Thursday, 17th December. Please write all names clearly in capital letters on the Form. Each plant costs just £8 and payment can be made via the Contactless devices or online via bank transfer as follows:
Account : 21077287 Sort Code : 40-05-20 Account Name : RCD Arundel & Brighton The Holy Family

**WIN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER AT OLOL!** This year you have the chance to win one of two gorgeous Christmas hampers, generously filled with delicious festive treats and seasonal surprises: the perfect way to start your celebrations or to share with family and friends! We will be selling raffle tickets in the Narthex at OLOL after mass from this weekend (28th/29th November) through to the grand draw on Sunday 20th December after 11 am mass. Tickets are £5/strip (for 5 tickets). Every ticket you buy helps to support Cruse North Surrey who offer free bereavement support to those who are grieving. Cruse relies solely on donations and your kind support will help those suffering loss at this difficult time of year.

**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!

## YOUTH

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

**YOUTH ADVENT SUNDAY - 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.

**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. Contact Marie Miller at: 07949 883990 for more info

**OLOL MINI VINNIES – Beginning in January**
We are excited to be launching a Mini Vinnies Club at OLOL in January, Monday mornings 8.00-8:40am. **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**
All are welcome to join from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Parish Hall at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. 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 abcej.simon@gmail.com

**RCIA BEGINNING IN JANUARY – Wednesday evenings 7.30-8.45pm starting 13 January 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.

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**
**DECEMBER – For single parent families**
Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

**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

**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) | | |
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| **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<br>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**<br>2pm to 4pm<br>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:<br>**Fri** 7pm<br>**Wed** 9.30am<br>Monthly:<br>**1st Saturday** 9.30am<br>**1st Monday** 7.30pm<br>*(weekly during May & Oct)* | Holy Name OLOL<br><br>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<br>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<br>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<br>Follow us on FB https://www.facebook.com/groups/726607333082252/ | Monthly – generally 2nd Tuesdays 7:00pm for 7:30pm<br>https://eshercatenians.org.uk/ | Various including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel T D |