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Newsletter 6th November, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. Five are wise and bring extra oil for their lamps, while the other five are unprepared. When the bridegroom finally arrives, those without oil discover that it is too late to prepare.

This parable invites us to reflect on how ready we are to meet the Lord. The oil cannot be borrowed or acquired at the last moment. It represents the life of faith that we build quietly over time: our daily prayer, our acts of kindness, our love for others, and our willingness to keep our hearts open to God.

The Lord does not ask us to be perfect, but to remain faithful. He calls us to recognise his presence in the ordinary moments of our lives and to prepare our hearts for his coming, not with fear, but with hope and love. Every prayer, every act of generosity and every moment of compassion adds oil to our lamps, helping us to keep the light of Christ alive within us.

May we always be ready to welcome the Lord, with hearts filled with faith, hope and love.

With my prayers and best wishes, **Fr Ruslan**

Mass Time: Saturday, 7 November to Sunday, 15 November, 2026			
DAY/*FEAST DAY*	**TIME**	**CHURCH**	**INTENTION**
Saturday, 7 November	10.30am *5.00-5.15pm* 5.30pm	Holy Name *Reconciliation at OLOL* Our Lady of Lourdes	Bereavement Mass People of the Parish
Sunday, 8th November *Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* *(Remembrance Sunday)*	9.00am 11.00am *5.30pm* 6.00pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes *Reconciliation Holy Name* Holy Name	Natalie & Alf Ferrara, RIP Joseph Monteiro, RIP Margaret Scully, RIP
Monday, 9th November *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tuesday, 10th November *St. Leo the Great*	9.*30am* *10-11am*	Holy Name *Adoration at Holy Name*	Fidelia Anyalebechi, RIP
Wednesday, 11th November *St. Martin of Tours*	NO MASS *9.30am*	Our Lady of Lourdes *Adoration & Rosary only*	
Thursday, 12th November *St. Josaphat*	9.30am	Holy Name	Monsignor Barry Wymes, RIP
Friday, 13th November	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Souls
Saturday, 14th November	10.30am *5.00-5.15pm* 5.30pm	Holy Name *Reconciliation at OLOL* Our Lady of Lourdes	
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

LUIGI FERRARA – BENEMERENTI MEDAL



At Holy Name Church, on Sunday 1st November 2026, the Feast of All Saints, Fr. Ruslan was delighted to present parishioner Luigi (Lou) Ferrara with Award of the Pope's Benemerenti Medal 'as a well-deserved recognition and reward for outstanding services rendered'.

ANDREA KANG GRUSZKA FAREWELL

We are sad to announce that Andrea is leaving the Office team as she and her family are going home. We are going to miss her immensely and wish her every blessing in the new chapter of life. Here is a little message:

Dearest friends,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this message… My journey at OLOL started exactly 10 years ago in December 2016. Lukasz and I arrived in Thames Ditton with a 17-month toddler and a newborn in arms, a little terrified, a little confused and a little excited, nonetheless.

We had moved from Weybridge but didn't know anyone in town except Fr Rob, and over the years, Fr Rob, Sr Faith and a handful of very astute individuals made sure, in their kind little ways, that my young family and I were well taken care of, in this little village.

Fast forward 8 years, I had grown attached to many of you, was a familiar face at Friday playgroup, Sunday choir, youth gatherings and by God's grace, was recruited as a helping hand in the parish office.

The last two years as Office Coordinator have been a roller coaster ride - many of you have seen the good, the bad and the ugly side of me - but despite it all, you have accepted this crazy Chinese lady as one of your kind and you have showered me with endless love and support through trying days.

The time has come for me to return to Singapore, as my 'village' back home needs me and my young family and I need the 'village' too. We will be building our lives from the ground up once more but the difference this time is that we face our new life armed with prayers from halfway across the world, and that is the best cornerstone one can ever have.

Even though my time at OLOL has come to an end, our friendships and the beautiful memories we have created together will stay in my heart always. I leave you my deepest thanks and my most sincere blessings for the future.

With love, Andrea

UPDATE ON THE CONSULTATION ABOUT MASS TIMES AND PASTORAL PROVISION

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS – OCTOBER
1st prize Pip Owen, 2nd prize Richard Lenane, 3rd Prize Tineke Verdult

MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE COMPANY ADVENT CALENDARS – NOW IN STOCK!
Available in both Church Shops, these calendars tell the Christmas story in addition to using Fairtrade chocolate.

RCIA BEGINNING IN JANUARY – Wednesday evenings 7.30-8.45pm at Holy Name
We will be starting a course to explore more about the Catholic faith on a Wednesday evenings after Christmas. If you are interested to learn more please contact etd@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

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 13th 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.

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 – Thursday 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.

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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY – FRIDAY, 13th NOVEMBER
We are delighted to announce our next Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury. 8am leaving from Christ The Prince of Peace car park and returning at 7pm. Price: £35 per person includes coach and entry to Canterbury Cathedral. The day will include the opportunity to view the Shrine of St Thomas with relics that have survived the Reformation before 12pm Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Church.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass. Lunch will be eaten in the Parish Hall before heading to the main Cathedral. Our visit to the Cathedral includes a group visit to the shrine of St Thomas Becket. After this, there is free time for pilgrims before leaving at 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch with you.
Contact the Parish Office if you would like to join. Payment to be made to the CPP Bank Account :
• Account Name: RCD of A&B CPP Weybridge • Sort Code: 40 – 05 - 20 (HSBC) • Account Number: 8107 7201
Reference PARISH PILGRIMAGE:

ST. ERCONWALD'S CHURCH, SPELTHORNE ORCHESTRA FUNDRAISER – 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.

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 - 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

SOCIAL

MONTHLY SOUP LUNCH AT OLOL - Wednesday. 11th November, 12 pm at OLOL.

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

CHILDREN IN NEED COFFEE – Friday 13th November at OLOL

Please join us in the OLOL cafe from 8.30am and after 9.30am Mass till 11.30am for a coffee morning with cakes. All donations will go to the BBC Children in Need Charity. Play Cafe 0-5s will run as usual come along

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.

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.

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

100 Club – OCTOBER WINNERS

1st prize – Pip Owen
2nd prize – Richard Lenane
3rd prize – Tineke Verdult

2ND COLLECTION - NEXT 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.

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;

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

Grow in faith, build friendships, and find your community! Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join the Youth Team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Young Adult Retreat Days at churches across the diocese. Each day offers two guest speakers, a choice of workshops, a shared lunch, and time for prayer, reflection, and fellowship with young adults from beyond your own parish.
Retreat days are currently available :
7 November at St Richard's Church Chichester,
23 January 2027 at Arundel Cathedral,
20 February 2027 at St Joseph's Church Guildford and
10 April 2027 at Christ the Prince of Peace Church Weybridge.
Come along, deepen your faith, and meet other young adults on the journey.
Booking available via the Arundel & Brighton Diocese website: Events | Our Diocese

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 Then Thu 3 Dec	OLOL 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