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Newsletter 1st September 2023

Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Recently I was given a book of short visual meditations. It was a gift from my sister and one of those books designed to be read frequently, with a short meditative thought, every day. As Autumn approaches, and the 'Back to School' period is upon us, everyone is entering, or re-entering a new period of life or work. It might be a new school year, a new stage of home life, a new business calendar period. Whatever it is, we will all feel the same - a mix of excitement and anxiety - usually of the unknown. One of the recent meditations spoke beautifully to me of how we might think about this period to ensure we put our best foot forward. It simply read; 'Leap and The Net Will Appear.' I took from this, that if we give of our best selves, to whatever lies ahead, we are likely to get the best of what is coming. And if not, either way, the Lord will make sure we are always ok. Hopefully this can put a spiritual spring in our step as we all head 'Back to School' in some way from next week.

Bart Michels

Mass Times this Week: 2nd – 10th September 2023			
Day/Feast Day	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 2 nd	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Ken Ayres RIP William Wells RIP CJ Kim RIP
Monday 4 th <i>St Augustine</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Aliza RIP
Tuesday 5 th	Morning prayer 9.10am 9.30am	Holy Name	Maeve Allen RIP
Wednesday 6 th	9.30-10am	Adoration & Rosary at OLOL	
Thursday 7 th	Morning prayer 9.10am 9.30am	Holy Name	Donnelly private intention
Friday 8 th <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes followed by special Rosary	Shamoon RIP
Saturday 9 th	5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Reconciliation at OLOL Our Lady of Lourdes	Jeremy Aird RIP
Sunday 10 th	9am 11am 5.30-5.50pm 6pm	Holy Name Our Lady of Lourdes Reconciliation at Holy Name Holy Name	Brendan Shortt RIP Sean & Bernadette Walsh RIP People of the Parish

NEW JOINT WEBSITE NOW LIVE – www.holyfamilylmbridge.church

Our new joint parish website is now live. It has lots of information on it – please check it out. Leaders have all contributed to the wording but do let us know if anything is incorrect or if we should add anything/pictures etc. The old websites for both churches will no longer be live but will automatically redirect to this site.

ROSARY HOLY NAME - Saturday 2nd September at 9.30am

All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment

BEREAVEMENT COFFEE – Tuesday 5th October 10am at Holy Name

Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering

FUN FRIDAY – 3.30-5pm, Friday 6th October at OLOL

Pizza, games, crafts and an opportunity to hang out with friends. For Years 3-6, siblings welcome

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL ECO FUN AFTERNOON - – Sunday 10th September 12-3pm

Lots of fun and events planned including 60th anniversary of St Paul's tree planting with the mayor at 12.15

QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT – Friday 15th September at OLOL

Tickets for our Holy Family Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 15th September at OLOL, can be purchased via the following link <https://forms.gle/eyAboaMjCyo215eB9> All rounds will be youth- friendly, welcoming Year 7+ parishioners to take part. 8- 10 people on a team.

RED BOX REPS NEEDED

We are looking for a person/pair/group of people to organise the counting of the Mill Hill Missionary red boxes. Both churches have recently lost their individual representatives to organise the twice yearly counting and banking of loose change in the red boxes. While people have less cash these days, we feel there are probably lots of boxes in people's homes to be brought in for counting. Premises, counting machine, tea and coffee all provided! Mill Hill Missionary fund's red box appeal raises funds for churches running in war torn countries.

100 CLUB WINNERS – August

1st prize Stephen Raven, 2nd prize Richard Lenane, 3rd prize Susan Johnson

SAVE THE DATE – MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 12th October at Holy Name

Please come along to support. Delicious homemade cakes!

ADORATION AT HOLY NAME

The Adoration at Holy Name will resume on 12 September.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS

We are approaching the time where parishioners applying for schools for their children require a signature from Fr Sebastian. He will be available after any Mass but will also make himself available in his office at Holy Name parish rooms on the following four Saturday mornings between 9 and 10am on 9th September and then 10 and 11am on 23rd September, 7th, 21st October

DIOCESAN RUN EVENTS

There are a number of events (see below) coming up in the Diocese which may be of interest. For further information and to book please go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Youth Mental Health First Aid – 4 evenings online 12,13,19,20 September - 6-9pm

Catholic Young Adults: Dating & Relationships – starts Monday 18 September online

Youth Ministry Training course – 16 Sept & 7 October at St Philip Howard Centre Crawley

Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at Worth School

Altar Servers Mass – Saturday 23 September at Arundel Cathedral

A Day of Reflection for Grandparents – Tuesday 26 September at St Philip Howard Centre Crawley

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 30 September at Our Lady of Ransom Eastbourne

Anti-Slavery Day – Wednesday 18 October at Fitzherbert Community Hub, Brighton

REGULAR EVENTS		
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 in the Lady Chapel	Holy Name
TakeTime Meditations: A calm, compassionate space to meet God with the opportunity to explore your faith with others.	Weekly - Mondays at 8pm on Zoom	Email parish office for Zoom link
Community Café: A cuppa and a chance to catch up with friends every Friday. Playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers too.	Weekly - Fridays 9-10.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
Sew 'N So's: Complete your craft projects with a warm welcome, friendly chat and suggestions about anything you are "stuck" on.	Weekly - Fridays 11am-1pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Fun Fridays: Pizza, games, crafts and an opportunity to hang out with friends. For Years 3-6, siblings welcome.	Monthly – the next one 6th October	Our Lady of Lourdes
Rosary: All welcome, especially anyone who would like to learn the Rosary or anyone who needs a refresher in a peaceful environment.	Monthly - 1st Saturdays at 9.30am (next: 2 September) Weekly term time - Mondays 7.30 pm term-time	Holy Name OLOL
Bereavement Coffee Morning: Anyone enduring the pain and loss of bereavement is welcome to attend this caring, supportive gathering.	Monthly - 1st Tuesdays at 10am (next: 5 September)	Holy Name
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 (next: 19 September)	Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Soups: A delicious selection of homemade soups served with bread and cheese. Come along and bring a friend!	Monthly - 2nd Wednesdays at 12pm (next: 13 September)	Our Lady of Lourdes
Taizé Evening: A short service of meditative and reflective prayer, combining periods of silence, readings from Scripture, and Taizé music based on Psalm.	Monthly - Thursdays at 7pm next: 14th September	Holy Name
Esher Catenians: open to all practising Catholic men looking for a local, national and international social network	Monthly – generally 2 nd Tuesdays at 7:00pm for 7:30pm Email: Andrew_burton33@aol.com	Various, including Surbiton Golf Club, The Angel, Thames Ditton