

CHURCH OF THE  
HOLY NAME  
ESHER

**HOLY NAME PARISH**  
**Founded 1922**

“Jesus Christ loves you;  
He gave his life to save you;  
and now he is living at your side  
every day to enlighten,  
strengthen and free you”  
*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*

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**Sunday 2nd December 2018**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**ALPHA**

We have our final Alpha Course Session this Thursday. It will be sad to finish, as it has been an absolutely wonderful experience. Please keep all those who have participated in your prayers as we finish, and details of our next Alpha Course will be forthcoming.

**‘WALK WITH ME’ Advent Booklets**

If you are looking for something to accompany you through this season of Advent, then we have available this weekend the ‘Walk With Me’ booklets. These are handy little booklets with prayer and scripture reflections for every day of Advent. Please do take one if you would like one, and drop an extra pound into the collection.

**ADVENT CALENDARS FOR FAMILIES**

Also available are Advent and Christmas calendars for families, please do take one for free, pin it up and use it to help your family through the season.

**Advent Holy Hours**

*Escape the Christmas madness!*

Instead of having a reconciliation service this year, we will be having three ‘holy hours’ through advent. During these holy hours you can pop in for however long you want, spend some time in prayer before the blessed sacrament, enjoy the peaceful candlelit church, go to reconciliation (Fr David will be available through each hour for reconciliations), and the hour will end with benediction for those that wish. So come and escape the Christmas madness and spend some time in prayer. All are welcome. The dates and times are as follows...

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – 8pm*

*Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – 8pm*

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – 8pm*

**ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTIONS**

1st/2nd December - *Those in Need in our Parish*

8th/9th December - *Christmas Flowers for the Church*

15th/16th December - *School of Joy*

22nd/23rd December Crib Offerings - *Catholic Children’s Society*

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATION**

We have a wonderful Christmas tradition here at the Church of the Holy Name remembering loved ones at this special time of year. If you would like to dedicate a Poinsettia plant to be displayed at the altar, please collect a form in the church foyer for your personal dedication. Each plant costs just £8.00.

**CHRISTMAS DRINKS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Fr. David invites all our Parish Volunteers to pop in for a Christmas drink on **Friday 7th December** between 7-10pm, as a thank you for all the work you have done in the Parish this year.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS SOUP LUNCH - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:**  
**12 noon Mass, 12.30pm soup lunch & festive treats.**

£5 contribution - please contact the Parish Office  
(by 10th December) to reserve a place.

**FAMILY CAROL SERVICE AND NATIVITY**  
**SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2018 - 5pm**

**YOUNG PEOPLE of ALL AGES, WE NEED YOUR TALENTS !!!**  
*(No rehearsal necessary)*

If you can sing, dance, act, play an instrument, read, write a poem, compose a song or have any good ideas for presenting a NATIVITY, please fill in the form from the Red Family Carol Service box which is in the Church Porch.

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday 1st December**

Vigil Mass 6.00pm Maura & Dick Jarrett RIP

**Sunday 2nd December - First Sunday of Advent**

9.30am Winifred Ball RIP (A)

11.00am People of the Parish

Monday 3rd 9.30am John Hines

Tuesday 4th 9.30am Liturgy

7.00pm-8.00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday 5th 9.30am Liturgy

Thursday 6th 9.30am Pamela Taylor RIP

Friday 7th 9.30am Muriel Maskell RIP

Saturday 8th Dec. **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am Liturgy

Vigil Mass 6.00pm Bysouth Family's Ints

**Sunday 9th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

9.30am People of the Parish

11.00am Ilda & Theo Mazaris & Margaret Campbell RIP

**CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS 5.15-5.45PM**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Mondays 10am-3pm.**

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

*When requesting a Mass Intention, please indicate whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another reason. Many thanks.*

*Mass Intention Envelopes are available in Church Porch.*

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**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**2nd Sunday in Advent**

**Saturday 8th December**

6.00pm Philippa & Christopher Harrison

**Sunday 9th December**

9.30am Wolter Brenninkmeyer & Alan Verschoyle-King

11.00am Stephen & Lynne Owens

**First Reading** Baruch 5: 1-9

**Psalm** Psalm 125 response v3

**Second Reading** Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

**Holy Gospel** Luke 3: 1-6

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*Please Remember in your prayers*

**John Richey, Mary Leahy, Elizabeth Clark, Mabel Lead, Ermelinda Cost De Almeida, Anthony Russell, Gerard O'Connor, John Dwyer, Thomas Brennan, Joan Williams & Norah Styles**

*and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

The times of our Christmas Masses are as follows this year, and don't forget our Children's Carol Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 5pm.

**Christmas Mass Eve**

6pm Mass

10pm 'Midnight Mass' (carols from 9.30pm)

**Christmas Day**

9.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

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**OUR SICK**

We also pray for the sick in our Parish and all those in the Princess Alice Hospice. If you know of any parishioners who are in hospital and would appreciate a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Office.

**BAPTISM**

If you wish to have your child Baptised, please contact the Parish Office for information about Preparation Courses.

**PARISH CENSUS**

We will be carrying out a parish census during the month of January. This is because we are moving our database to a new system and also following recent GDPR regulations. Therefore ALL parishioners will be required to fill in a new form - our old records will not carry over! Please look out for an online link after Christmas (in our newsletters and on our website) or for the yellow sheets which will be made visible after each Mass during January. We require all forms to be submitted either online or physically to the parish office by 31 January.

**CONTACT THE ELDERLY** is a national charity dedicated to tackling loneliness and isolation among older people. Volunteers who have a few hours to spend each month are urgently needed in Esher. Please see details on noticeboard or call 0207 078 8998. Thank you.

**HOLY NAME 100 CLUB**

The December Super Draw is due to take place after 9.30am Mass on **9<sup>th</sup> December**. The first prize will be in excess of £190. Even third prize will exceed £48.

Renewal of membership for 2019 is now due. Members who do not pay by standing order will be contacted shortly and, of course, new members are always welcome. For further details please contact John Bamford at [john.bamford@holynamesher.org.uk](mailto:john.bamford@holynamesher.org.uk) or call 01372 800303.

**NEEDING A LIFT TO SATURDAY OR SUNDAY MASSES?** If you do, please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office.

**COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU**

Sunday 25th November 2018 - £829.01  
Standing Orders for October - of £4,918.50  
*The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust.*  
*Registered Charity No. 252878*