

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF MOLESEY & HERSHAM
St Barnabas Vine Road Molesey
All Saints Queens Road Hersham

16 MARCH 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

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Confessions: *By appointment and before and after the
Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham.*

WELCOME TO MASS *Readings and
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The
Second Sunday of Lent, Year C*

My dear Parishioners, dear friends,

Canon Chris Spain is to be appointed moderator of the new parish of Weybridge, combining the existing parishes of the deanery into one parish. Existing parish priests will stay in their communities but the practicalities and opportunities of this pastoral plan are being worked out. Groups from our own parishes are looking at our strengths and opportunities, as well as our weaknesses and fears. I am grateful to Katy Woodfine and Carlise Jones for gathering those representative parishioners. We meet on Monday 24 March in two groups at Molesey at 6pm.

Meanwhile Fr Chris writes:

Parish Development News

The next stage of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan “The Word is Life” launched by Bishop Richard in 2023, is taking place on 5th April when the first meeting of representatives from across the Weybridge deanery will take place in Christ the Prince of Peace Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about each parish, and above all to listen and to learn from each other. Each parish will be providing two representatives, with other members of the clergy and laity who are involved in the process. Fr Chris Spain, who is leading the overall process, for our current deanery, will also be present to introduce himself and his role. Please pray for the meeting, specifically for the positive

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relationships and knowledge about each other, which we hope will build from this encounter.

**This Monday Bishop Richard will lead a
Deanery Reconciliation Service at 7pm at St
Anne's, Chertsey.**

Chertsey Parking may be available on surrounding roads - Victory Road, Queen Street, Charles Street and Station Road.

**Confessions are heard at Molesey on Saturday
at 11am and Hersham at 5pm. Additionally, I
plan to hear confessions at Molesey from 9am
on Saturday mornings. If these times don't suit
please feel free to make an appointment for
confession. On Holy Saturday 19 April I will be
available all day.**

On this Second Sunday of Lent we witness Our Lord's transfiguration in the mystery of light par excellence on the mountain. We behold His glory, a foretaste of His resurrection, and acclaim with Peter and James and John that it is wonderful for us to be here.

The beauty of the Mass is our transfiguration in the Lord. He fills us with His glory and equips us for the ups and downs of life. We resolve to spend time with Him, especially in prayer, knowing that this is time gained, not lost.

Let us renew our lenten resolve.

*With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
Fr Richard*

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Holy Ones of Encouragement

For regular updates, news and devotions

Access the page by going to

www.stbarnabasmolesey.org

and click on the Facebook icon.

***You do not have to join Facebook
to see this.***

MARCH Saturday 29th March, 7pm St Alban's School, Molesey Tickets £20 - includes delicious Fish and Chips supper or vegetarian alternative and a raffle. B.Y.O Drinks and Glasses. Tickets Available at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-barnabas-catholic-church

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Sunday 11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

*Wednesday at 9.30am, Friday at 12noon,
Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 5.30pm & Sunday at
9am.*

*To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go
to www.stbarnabasmolesey.org and click on the
picture of the appropriate church.*

**NEW! COFFEE MORNING EVERY
THURSDAY** after the 9.30am Mass in
St Barnabas parish hall. All are warmly
invited for a cup of tea and a chat.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Weybridge Deanery

Bishop Richard shared his Pastoral Plan and vision for our diocese in January 2024. In time our deanery will become a single 'parish of communities.' A Steering Group was set up, with Canon Chris Spain of Egham as the Moderator, and is now meeting regularly to discern ways forward. The group, consisting of clergy and lay people, is looking at how

we embed the principles and vision of the Pastoral Plan, recognising that the roles of clergy will evolve, also how we provide support for parish communities and mission.

Rooted in a vision of love and of a missionary church, please pray for the steering group as it meets over the coming months.

AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM

Friday 11am-12noon

***BOTH CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 9am to dusk***

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus hear me;

Within your wounds hide me;

*Suffer me not to be separated from you, From the
evil one protect me;*

At the hour of my death, call me;

*And bid me come to thee; That with thy saints I
may be praise thee For all eternity. Amen.*

Act of Spiritual Communion

*This prayer is said when it is not possible for us to
receive Holy Communion. If you are watching a live
stream Mass, you might like to say the prayer as the
priest receives Holy Communion.*

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most
Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to
receive You in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,*

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

For those who are suffering

O God, who willed that our infirmities be borne by your Only Begotten Son to show the value of human suffering, listen in kindness to our prayers for our brothers and sisters who are sick; grant that all who are oppressed by pain, distress or other afflictions may know that they are chosen

among those proclaimed blessed and are united to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril

and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer

the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

LET US PRAY FOR: *For those who are sick in our parishes: John Morey, Joseph Sequeira, Angela Widdup (Saccente), Pepita Searle, Maureen & Bill Dodds, Carol, Rosa Saccente, Peter Kissinger, Sonia Chenery, David & Anne Morgan, John O'Reilly, Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, Patricia Malcolm, Rose Collins, Maureen Lloyd, Ann Livingston, Dina Yates, Richard D'Alton, the Superville and McComb family, Mark.*

Please advise the parish offices of those names and intentions you would like added to our list for our prayers.

Those who have died:

Margaret Shrimpton, Ghislaine Infield, Jonathan Griffin, Alim Hassoun, Mary Brosnan, Giuseppe Grizzanti, Felicity Phelps, David Johnson, Anthony Leonard, Oscar Prince, Edwin Jones, David Nigel, , Julian Varadi, Manuel Campello Barro, Danny Boyle, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Tim Haines, Nora Tierney, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Obi, Paul O'Brien, Therese Ayres, Judith Carratu, Antonia Pacitti, Patricia Clarke, Mike Robinson, Marianna, Viscountess Monckton, Clara de Souza, Arthur Mohan, Michael O'Reilly, Barbara Carter, Mary O'Riordan, Eileen Firth, Bob Baillie, Pat Gamba, Sheila Day, Matthew Slingo, Theresa Sant, Elisa Sciales, Jossie Jackson, Christina Ward, Brian Binnington, Anthony Wright, Ann Daly, Roy Fields, Jean Sciales,

Trevor Davies, Antony Wright, Edna McLaughlin, Fr Desmond Baker, Fr Dominic Byrne, Ann Daly, Tina Cruz Riquet, Eddie Murphy, Wally Grey, Cathy Stayne, Lucian Farcasi, Geoffrey Hayes, Wally Grey, Tim Lamb, Nick Harvey, Tim Hipperson, Geoffrey Maud, Esther Inskipp, Fr Kevin Alban, Julie Benton-MacLeod, Jose Odackal Joseph, Ben Adderley, Eileen Creed, Sandrine Atkins, Charles Alexander, Nellie Widdup, Bette Reed, Bobbette McColl, Beatrice Hammond, Desmond Alphonso, Dennis Lackey, Gilly Becker, Mgr Barry Wymes, Fr Richard Lear CJ, Sue Bolton, Patrick Duggan, Kathleen Bell, Peggy Fitzgerald, Edward Quigley, Carl Zalman, Carmen Szkwirko, Harry O'Sullivan, William Ritchie, Teresa Redmond, Rosanna Hilling, Helena Wallis, John Knowles, Kathleen Kelly (Lambert), Gerry Firth, Glen Adderley, Salvator Messini, Rui Da Silva, Maria Camara.

Those who anniversaries fall this week:

Fr Michael Carroll, Fr David Rea, Fr David Mead-Briggs, Fr Hugh Raynham, Fr Jeremy Lear, Fr Cyril Cravos.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

<http://universalis.com/mass.h>

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? We have two groups running in our parishes at All Saints and St Barnabas. Please contact Fr Richard

SAFEGUARDING

Are you a volunteer or thinking about volunteering? Please contact

- **Sheila Broome Safeguarding Rep at All Saints, Hersham, mobile: 07875-373-333**
 - **Michael Healy Safeguarding Rep at St Barnabas, Molesey**
Email: sg1.molesey@abdiocese.org.uk
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NEW PARISHIONER? Welcome to All Saints, Hersham & St Barnabas, Molesey! Please make yourself known to Fr Richard, or the Parish office. Registration forms are available from the back of the church.

If you would like a visit from Fr Richard, please contact him.

Please feel free to call by the presbytery to simply say hello.

BIBLE STUDY – Every Wednesday

How well do you know your scripture? Why not take up the invitation to study the Bible. All you need is a Bible, a notebook and pen. All are welcome!

When: Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Where: St Barnabas Parish Hall

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CHILDREN Preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion continue at HERSHAM 9am Mass & MOLESEY 11am Mass on Sunday 27 April.

MASS INTENTIONS are gladly received. Please fill out a Mass Intention envelope (available from the back of the church). Hersham Masses can be organised in the sacristy after Mass there and Molesey through the parish office. When requesting a Mass Intention, please indicate whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or another reason.

ST BARNABAS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB EVERY FRIDAY

For Year 3 to Year 6. Fridays from 5.30pm until 7pm in the Church hall. Come and join us for fun and friendship. We play games. We do a craft project. We have a drink and a cake halfway through. All this is in a safe environment. Please sign in on arrival.

Cost £1 per session.

For more information please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813.

PARISH FINANCES

With the previous suspension of Sunday Masses and the lack of a Sunday collection, please consider the financial needs of the parishes. Whilst it might be possible to set aside your Sunday contribution why not think about a standing order to the parishes?

FOR HERSHAM

Account Name:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. All Saints, Hersham.

Account Number 21077295

All Saints Hersham now has a contactless terminal so you can contribute to various church funds by using debit or credit cards. You can also contribute Online by going to this link:

<https://donate.mydona.com/all-saints-church-hersham>

FOR MOLESEY

Account Name:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. St Barnabas, Molesey

Account Number 71077252

The Sort Code for both accounts is 40-05-20

Many parishioners already support the parishes by direct giving through their bank. You will understand that we need to support our parishes even though we may not be at church as regularly.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 19th March at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

DIOCESAN RUN EVENTS

• MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Mental Health training courses. Would you like to understand more about the challenges and reality of mental health on those around you? We continue to run courses focused on raising awareness of symptoms and the impact on people's lives along with ways to signpost those who are struggling. For more details see the Diocesan website or email Simon South, Formation Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

• FLAME

(<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>) is an inspiring biannual youth congress next held on 15 March 2025 for 10,000 young people at Wembley Arena, full of music, powerful speakers and a chance to meet other young Catholics from around the country.

• JUBILEE FOR YOUTH - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - ROME 2025

Young adults from all over the world aged 18-30 will be gathering in Rome from 28 July-4 August to celebrate the special Jubilee year of forgiveness and reconciliation. Join other like-minded people as part of the Diocesan group as we travel to Rome, with opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of hope. Full details are on the diocesan website

NOW to 31 MARCH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES (24 July - 01 August) Applications are opened for this year's pilgrimage. Sick pilgrims, adult and youth helpers and other pilgrims . Please see website <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Please see below for upcoming dates for our Creating a Safer Environment training sessions (all on Zoom).

This training is aimed at PSR's, Group Leaders, and Coordinators of activities in Parishes, who also need to know the elements of our Creating a Safer Environment Policy. To register please email Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk

- Tuesday 6th May 7pm -8.30pm
- Thursday 8th May 11am -12:30pm
- Tuesday 27th May 2pm -3.30pm

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit their website events calendar W:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

To Sign-up for the A&B weekly newsletter please visit

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

FOODBANK DONATIONS AT HERE TO HELP -ELMBRIDGE

David Bone (a parishioner) has set up a Facebook site called Here to Help – Elmbridge. This initiative is to offer help to people in our local community who are in need in terms of food, gifts, clothes and furniture. **If you are in need or would like to help** or are able to offer your time to collect and deliver items, please contact David on **07714 683090** or via Facebook via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/732010290666981/>

ALL SAINTS HERSHAM & ST BARNABAS MOLESEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS.

Items urgently required:

1. Tinned rice pudding
2. Tinned vegetables
3. Rice

4. Ketchup
5. Mayonnaise
6. Long-life sponge puddings
7. Custard
8. Instant coffee
9. Hot chocolate
10. Spray cleaners
11. Shampoo
12. Toilet Roll
13. Nappies – sizes 6,7,8

NO FRESH FOOD, PLEASE.

Collection points:

1. At the back of All Saints and St. Barnabas churches.
2. The Food Bank Warehouse, Faulkners Road, Hersham - opposite Lilliput's Nursery. On Wednesday 10am-12.00 noon. OR PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A FINANCIAL DONATION, which will be used to buy fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs on the day of the distribution of the food parcels. A financial donation can be made online at waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk

HOUSE OF PRAYER - PROGRAMME FOR LENT www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme

‘Return to me with all your heart...’ (Joel 2: 12-18)

- Stepping out in Faith: Finding the courage to walk on water

Saturday 29 March

Led by Alison MacTier
<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/walkonwater>

Our journey through Lent involves trust and courage. But taking that step is a journey towards becoming truly ourselves. We explore this theme using Scripture, reflective prayer, poetry, images and music.

Starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Cost: £35

Including B&B (Fri – Sat): £100

- Lent Retreat: Journeying to Jerusalem
 Friday 4 – Sunday 6 April

Led by Audrey Hamilton
<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/lent-retreat-journeying-to-jerusalem>

Join us for a time of silence and stillness as we journey through Lent and ponder the height and depth of God’s personal love for us. There will be times of guided reflections and space for personal and community prayer with poetry, music and Scripture.

Arrive in time for supper at 7pm on Friday and depart after lunch on Sunday.

Cost: En-suite: £240, Standard: £220

Day guest: £110

- Quiet Morning: Abide with me

Friday 11 April

Led by Kerry Penson
<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/quiet-morning-abide-with-me>

A time for prayer, companionship and reflection as we ponder the transformative meaning of abiding in God this Lent.

Starts at 10am and finishes at 1pm.

Cost: £15

- Holy Week: Individually Guided Retreat

Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 April

Led by the House of Prayer Team
<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/holy-weekigtr>

As we journey through Holy Week, this silent retreat offers a time of deeper listening to God who is present in our daily living and experiences. There will be times of community prayer. A trained spiritual director will be available for daily individual meetings to accompany you through the retreat.

Arrive in time for supper at 6pm and depart by 3pm on Thursday.

Cost: En-suite: £230 Standard: £210

- Lectio Divina: Wednesdays, 2pm – 3pm

Led by Helen Healy <https://www.christian-retreat.org/groups>

An opportunity to join a small group meeting at the House of Prayer. Lectio

Divina is divine reading, listening to Scripture with the ear of the heart. A short passage of scripture is read slowly and meditatively. There are periods of silence, letting the words penetrate deeper in our hearts, and listening to God and to each other.

Donations welcome.

DATES FOR OUR DAIRIES ** see details elsewhere in newsletter **

- **MARCH 2025 NOW to 31 MARCH**
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- **29 March** Parish Quiz Night – St Albans School**

APRIL

- **13 April HOLY WEEK STARTS**
- **14 April TENEBRAE SERVICE** - 8pm - St Peters Church. Hersham
- **18 April GOOD FRIDAY**
STATIONS OF CROSS, WALK OF WITNESS, & ECUNEMICAL SERVICE, HOT CROSS BUNS - Starting 10am at All Saints Church, Hersham
- 17-19 April EASTER TRIDUUM
20 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY
LATER DATES
- **10 MAY CONFIRMATION AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL**
- **JUNE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS** at All Saints and St Barnabas Parishes
- **20 SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL OF HOPE** to celebrate the HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

AND FINALLY, if you know of anybody in difficulty, or anybody who is not receiving news or

anybody who is anxious, please, please contact the parish priest who will be only too pleased to do what he can.

May the good Lord continue to bless us all.

Fr Richard Biggerstaff,

Parish Priest of All Saints Hersham with St Barnabas Molesey

GIFT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO OUR PARISH

Gift Aid is a UK Government initiative that allows tax relief on money donated to UK charities. Gift Aid increases the value of your donations and means that All Saints, Hersham and St Barnabas, Molesey can benefit even more at no extra cost to you! If you're a UK taxpayer, add Gift Aid whenever you make a donation and St Barnabas, Molesey and All Saints, Hersham can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift, currently 25p for every £1 you give. If you would like to become a Gift Aid donor please complete the Gift Aid declaration at the back of the church.

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