

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

4 JULY 2021

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

*Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right is filled with saving justice.*

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Confessions *By appointment and before and after Saturday
Masses*

My dear parishioners,

In the intrigue which is the life of St Paul, the concept of weakness presents itself frequently. That's intriguing for many of us, not least because we spend lots of time and effort covering up our weaknesses. When I don't know something, we bluff...When I'm sick or lacking energy, I pretend all is well. When we're in conflict, it's somebody else's fault.

The business of weakness is complex. Most of us like to appear strong although sometimes we delight in our frailty. And many of us have a feeling that when we are weak we must be being punished, either by ourselves, or the world around or even and especially by Almighty God Himself

So if God exists and loves me and I want to do what God wants, why doesn't he make me strong? It's a reasonable enough question.

Paul is strong in the Lord, favoured, we might say, by extraordinary revelations. But he has to contend with a weakness, his 'thorn in the flesh. We are not sure what this might be.

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Some say something physical, others emotional, others still something personal. And that about covers it: sickness, sadness, someone....

Paul understandably prays that the weakness will go and seems to receive an unexpected answer. 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness'.

Isn't it a liberation to know that at the heart of our faith is a moment of supreme weakness and the mystery of our redemption is worked out as human strength ebbs away.....

I know that my knowledge, my health, my happiness and even my loved ones will only take me so far. All these things are finite, only Christ, and Him crucified, can give that grace which makes me a child of God.

Let us identify those weaknesses and embrace them!

Let us be realistic about our limitations and our struggles.

Let us make them part of our prayer and offer them on the altar with the Victim who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and grants us peace.

After all if this worked for one of the greatest Christians of all time, it can work for us to, because it is not 'my way' but 'His way'

My prayers and affectionate good wishes.

Fr Richard

THE OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER & PUBLIC MASSES

The churches are open for private prayer during the day. The churches are also open for Mass.

Bear in mind that the doors of the churches will be open, so it will be possible to be outside the building itself but have a reasonable connection with the celebration of the liturgy.

We need to be attentive to safety and social distancing requirements. There will be limited space in the churches, but the doors will be open, and those who don't mind standing can participate in the Mass from outside the church as long as social distance is observed.

PLEASE NOTE

- The obligation to be at Sunday Mass continues to be suspended until further notice.
- We are not permitted to sing together.
- Holy Communion will now be distributed in the usual place. Please remove your face coverings in preparation for the reverent reception of Holy Communion.
- Every effort will be made to avoid any possible transmission of the virus.
- The celebrant's hands will be thoroughly cleansed before the distribution of Holy Communion.

- Take advantage of the weekday Masses to spread the numbers and assist safe space.

- Please wear face coverings.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed
Monday at 12noon, Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am & Saturday 10am.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed
Wednesday at 9.30am & Friday 9.30am

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

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

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.

PARISHIONERS LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER from the parishes have joined together to provide mutual help and support during these days of lockdown and isolation by means of telephone calls, email and social media groups.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? We have two groups running in our parishes at All Saints and St Barnabas. Please contact Fr Richard, Veronica at Hersham or Yvonne Foster at Molesey.

CONFIRMATION 2021

If you are in school year 10 and would like to join the parishes' confirmation course, please email Fr Richard.

Our introductory meeting will take place on Saturday 24 July at 4.30pm at Hersham.

If, young or old, you have never been confirmed, please also take this opportunity to contact Fr Richard to talk about arranging celebrating this Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
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 O'Reilly, Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, Eileen Firth, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, Patricia Malcolm, Rose Collins, Maureen Lloyd, Therese Ayres, Ann Livingston, Dina Yates, Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Richard D'Alton, Nedra Gilson, 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: 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 William Timmons, Fr John Medcalf, Mgr David (Dillwyn) Lewis.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

ON SUNDAY 11 JULY the First Holy Communion children will receive their certificates at the 9am Mass at HERSHAM & 11am Mass at MOLESEY. Let us continue to keep the children and their families in our prayers.

PARISH FINANCES

With the 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:

ALL SAINTS HERSHAM

Account Number 21077295

FOR MOLESEY

Account Name:

MOLESEY ST BARNABAS

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.

ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB FOR YEAR 3 & UPWARDS runs every Friday evening in term times.

New rules for this term

1. Children must be registered.
2. There will be no cost.
3. Times 6pm to 7.30pm
4. Parents are not to come into the hall in order to be COVID compliant.

Registration: If your child would like to attend you must text Jean Casha 07960-654-813 with the following information – Name, surname, School Year, phone number, address and permission to add your number to the closed Whatsapp group.

FOODBANK DONATIONS AT ALL SAINTS HERSHAM & ST BARNABAS MOLESEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS.

Items urgently required:

1. Tinned meat
 2. Fray Bentos pies
 3. Tinned potatoes
 4. Tinned vegetables
 5. Tinned spaghetti / spaghetti hoops
 6. Long life sponge puddings
 7. Tinned custard
 8. Tinned rice pudding
 9. Long life milk.
- 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. Open on Wednesday 10.00-12.00 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 either online at waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk or, at All Saints, in the form of a cheque, made payable to 'Walton and Hersham Foodbank' and put into an envelope labelled Food Bank. This may be placed into the weekly offertory collection plate and it will then be forwarded.

HERE TO HELP -ELMBRIDGE

One of our parishioners, David Bone, 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 get in contact with David on **07714 683090** or via **Facebook** via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/732010290666981/>

ASK YOUR MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop ‘DIY’ abortion

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end ‘DIY’ home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart’s motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous ‘DIY’ home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please see the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion

NEW GROUP FOR CATHOLIC Young Adults

Please anyone between the ages of 18-35 years old get in touch with lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS Saturday 25

September, Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD - Are you aged 18-30?

CAFOD offers a gap year programme called Step into the Gap. As part of the 10-month programme, you will be based in either a youth retreat centre, university chaplaincy

or a secondary school chaplaincy team gaining new skills, developing as a leader and gaining work experience. Accommodation and travel expenses are included. Full time placements include stipends. Find out more information including how to apply at www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

CAFOD – *Climate Change Petition:*

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the ‘COP26’ climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680. Thank you.

MISSIO (red boxes) and CAFOD - A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Both international charities are supported by Pope Francis and help local communities to thrive. CAFOD works with local partners in 165 countries to challenge climate change, especially water poverty, teach new skills, develop good health care, education and justice. Missio works with local Bishops and communities including some countries where Christianity is not encouraged.

These times are hard for everybody, and our parishes are very generous in their prayers and donations to both charities. Please continue to pray for both charities and if possible, donate a little money to continue their good work to improve lives and reduce the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. More information is on their websites.

To donate to Missio - UK Registered charity 1056651

1. Direct by online payment at mission.org.uk/redbox
2. By text, sending REDBOX 5 or REDBOX 10 to 70085 to donate £5 or £10 (plus standard message rate)
3. Send a cheque payable to Missio-Mill Hill and post to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU
4. Contact All Saints, Hersham: Angela Hudson on 01932 882717 or 07970 860394.

To donate to CAFOD. UK registered charity 1160384 and company by guarantee
Number 09387398

1. Directly by online payment www.cafod.org.uk/give
2. Send a cheque written to CAFOD with your name and address and parish on the back and post to Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB.
3. By text **LENT 5, LENT 10, or LENT 20 to 70460 to give £5, £10 or £20 (plus standard message rate). If you want to donate but not receive any marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460**
4. Telephone 0300 303 3030 for donations by telephone.
5. Contact All Saints Hersham Parish representative, Marion Dawes. 01932 231317

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment.

For more information or to register your place please contact our Formation Adviser
Email: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

GRANPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine at West Grinstead: All Grandparents, or honorary grandparents, are invited to join Bishop Richard for our annual pilgrimage to West Grinstead on **Wednesday, 7th July, from 10 am.**

This is always a lovely event. It is a day to meet other grandparents and share the joys and excitement of this wonderful vocation.

There will be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and a visit to the Secret Chapel (flat shoes advised). Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided.

To book your free place email: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

THE GATWICK DETAINEES Welfare Group in Crawley have issued the following request.

We would be grateful to receive good quality second-hand clothes as follows:

- Jeans, waist 30", 32", 33", 34"
 - Joggers in all sizes
 - T-shirts in all sizes but especially Medium
 - Summer jackets in all sizes
 - Shoes in all sizes (apart from 45)
- People can bring clothes to the office (The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD) during office hours, but it is best to email Josie first to fix a time in case the staff member has to go out: josie@gdwg.org.uk

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 during these strange times.

Fr Richard Biggerstaff,

Parish Priest of All Saints Hersham with St Barnabas Molesey.

