

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

**21 February 2021**

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.*

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**Confessions** *By appointment and before and after Saturday Masses*

*Dear Parishioners, dear friends,*

People are often asked the basic question, what do you want to get out of life? It may be a question asked of a young person as they think about subject choices and plan for a career, or perhaps a vocational question as a relationship is contemplated. Some people are asked the question when they are a little older and seeking a change of direction.

Contemplating the purpose of life is a hard deal, especially if we think we've wasted opportunities and life is beginning to slip us by. The truth is that all of us live with regrets and sorrow for what might have been, all of us have a sense of the incompleteness of life.

Christian thinkers have often pondered the aphorism, 'Man proposes, God disposes'. We may have big plans and great expectations, but life and its events don't quite work out as we'd intended and there seems to be more failure than success, sometimes resulting in gruesome consequences.

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Lent is not an appraisal of our successes, spiritual or otherwise, and there is no prize for anything we might have achieved. Rather, we present our lives again to the Lord whose life was lived for us, and ask His healing, His guidance, His grace. We do this by being especially open to His voice in our prayer, in our abstinence and in our generosity to others.

The Lenten question is not so much What do I want to get out of this season? But rather, 'Will you remember your mercy, Lord and the love you have shown from of old? In your love and your goodness, will you remember me?'

The confident answer to this question is yes, but we can only hear the answer with the Lenten ears of repentance and belief in the Good News. This is what the Lord asks of us in the pithiest and most crucial of gospel passages, proclaimed for our benefit and to make sure that we get just as much as we can out of life and its eternal destiny.

*With 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.
- The homily will be short!
- 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.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

At Molesey at 6pm on Fridays

At Hersham at 3pm on Sundays

### TUESDAY TALK: *Five Talks for Lent on Women in St Mark's Gospel*

6pm Tuesdays with Fr Richard

On the Live Stream only from Molesey

23 February, 2, 9, 16 & 23 March

### **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY**

#### **AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed**

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30, Thursday at 9.30am & Latin Mass on Saturday at 10am.

#### **AT HERSHAM: All live streamed**

Wednesday at 9.30am & Friday at 9.30am.

*To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to [www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://www.stbarnabasmolesey.org) and click on the picture of the appropriate church. Make sure your device's sound is turned up.*

### ***FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK***

#### **Holy Ones of Encouragement**

*For regular updates, news and devotions*

Access the page by going to

[www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://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.

Contact Fr Richard Tel: 07803 197 840.

**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. 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

### **The Memorare to Our Lady**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

**LET US PRAY FOR:** *For those who are sick in our parishes:* 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, Ben Adderley, Nedra Gilson, the Superville and McComb family, Mark.

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

*Those who have died:* 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 Albon, Fr Bruce Keller, Fr Michael Reynolds, Fr Richard Veal, Canon Peter Humfrey,

### **An On Line Link for Mass Prayers**

The readings from daily Mass:

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

### **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 ST BARNABAS**

*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.*

### **FOODBANK DONATIONS AT ALL SAINTS HERSHAM & ST BARNABAS MOLESEY**

The box for food bank donations is at the back of our churches.

#### **Items urgently needed.**

Long life milk, tinned meat, sponge puddings, custard, crisps & snacks, low sugar items, gluten free food, lavatory paper, soup, tinned tomatoes. At the moment there is plenty of pasta & pasta sauces & baked beans, tea, coffee & biscuits.

Food bank Warehouse, Faulkers Road, Hersham (opposite Lilliput children's centre.) Open Wednesday 10am-12noon to donate food. Please see the website [waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk](http://waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk) for more information, including financial donations. Thank you for your support!

### **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/>

### **EVENTS AT THE OPEN CLOISTER AT WORTHY ABBEY**

**The Lent Journey: (online weekend retreat)**

**26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February**

Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

Places can be booked online at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats> If you need anything else then please contact Katrina Doran Email address: [Ruth.Gerun@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Ruth.Gerun@abdiocese.org.uk)



## **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](http://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](http://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, London 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

## **THE GIFT - A SHORT DVD COURSE**

Do you know how much God loves you personally and wants you to know him better?

We know he loves us in our heads, but do we feel it in our hearts?

Have you ever given time to open up the gift you were given at baptism?

The prayer group which meets weekly on a Thursday evening warmly invites you to join them for seven evenings following this short course that has been recommended by Pope Francis. We will journey through Lent to Easter together.

Each week we will listen to a speaker and share our reflections in a small group with an experienced leader.

At week six we will pray for The Holy Spirit to deepen our awareness of God's personal love for us and his dynamic Spirit within us. We will run the course on Zoom and we can help you access this if you have never used Zoom before. It has been new to most of us this year. Course runs Thursdays 7.15pm FROM 15<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March, but you can join any Thursday. To register please email [johngerard@talktalk.net](mailto:johngerard@talktalk.net) or [lalana.pang@gmail.com](mailto:lalana.pang@gmail.com)

To watch a three-minute preview trailer of the course please go to the link

<https://www.thegiftofthespirit.org>

## **MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION**

This self-directed spiritual retreat has resulted in miracles in the lives and hearts of those who have applied themselves to it. St. Pope John Paul II said that his consecration to Mary was a "decisive turning point in my life". It incorporates four models of prayer that have stood the test of time and truth in moving and melting the heart of God: The Rosary (daily), spiritual readings (daily), fasting (weekly) and consecration to Mary. It is suitable for busy individuals, families, and

groups. Mary's Mantle Consecration in our Deanery started on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of February, and goes on until 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Feast of the Annunciation. **Mass will be celebrated on that day at 9.30am at Hersham and at 7pm a Solemn Mass at Molesey with an act of consecration to Our Lady.**

Information available by emailing [weybridgemarysmantle@gmail.com](mailto:weybridgemarysmantle@gmail.com)

## INVITATION TO EXPLORE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- Are you a teacher who works in education, but may not currently work in a Catholic school?
- Are you interested in school leadership, but not sure whether you could be a leader in a Catholic school?

Registration: If you would like to be supported to move into leadership positions in our Catholic Schools, please complete the form on the link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/>.

The date and time of sessions 2 – 4 will be confirmed in due course.

## DIOCESAN MISSION INVITED begins on Monday 22 February 2021

Season One of this new mission programme will explore God's *invitation* to enter into relationship with Him, and what that means for our lives. It will be a wonderful journey of discovery that helps us to know more deeply who we are in the eyes of God our loving Father.

If you haven't registered for your free place yet, don't worry - there is still plenty of time. Our first pre-recorded episode will launch on our website and across our social channels at 5pm on Monday 22nd February. This will be followed on Thursday 25th by our very first Invited 2021 group meeting beginning at 7.30pm.

*Invited is for everyone and all are very welcome!*  
*To sign up for your free place*  
*click here.* [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)

**FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday 26 February 2021** - We are again invited to pray, fast and help people like Abdella. He lives in the mountainous, dry and poor region of Afar, Northern Ethiopia and has to WALK TEN HOURS each day to get water. Afar is one of the hottest and driest regions in Africa.

Please help to end water poverty and continue to provide other vital support to communities around the world.

Hagos also lives in Afar. His community has a permanent water supply, and he is a successful farmer now. Water poverty is an ongoing and challenging concern, especially with the climate change crisis.

Please visit the website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for more information.

**Our parishes of St Barnabas and All Saints are very generous in their support of CAFOD.** A HUGE THANK YOU for your generosity.

Please give up a treat or a meal on Fast Day and donate what you can.

If you are trying to keep fit using the 10,000 steps a day method, could you get some sponsorship to raise money for the Lent Appeal? On 20 February at 2pm it was hoped to walk for water in our localities, unfortunately that is postponed! If you could walk individually or with your families and can collect some sponsorship, that would be wonderful. CAFOD website has the full details of Walk for Water. [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

***We apologise that the freepost envelopes are not available this year.***

The easiest way to donate during the Covid pandemic is online- [Cafod.org.uk](http://Cafod.org.uk) or telephone 0303 303 3030 or text these amounts using a mobile phone -

text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5

LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10 (enough for sturdy water containers to store clean water safely)

LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20

Only these amounts can be paid using the text mobile phone method.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is 5 March 2021** - The World day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement lead by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is the largest ecumenical service in the world and is a special time for worship in our community.

**2021 Theme: Build on a strong foundation written by the people of Vanuatu, in the South Pacific.**

The Coronvirus crisis is preventing us from being able to hold the service in churches.. The national organisers are going to provide us with a link for the service so that we can participate online. If you would like to view it, please let me know. I will make sure that you have the link and try to get you a copy of the service booklet.

For an e mailed copy of the booklet, please contact Marion Dawes 01932 231317 [marion.dawes@gmail.com](mailto:marion.dawes@gmail.com)

**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.*

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Masses in the Parishes of St Barnabas Molesey with All Saints Hersham*

*LiveStream [www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://www.stbarnabasmolesey.org)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Intention</b>
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 21 FEBRUARY	5.30pm Sat	Hersham	Vigil Mass	Dec'd members of the Williams family
	9am	Hersham	Mass	Maureen Lewis RIP
	11am	Molesey	Mass	Norah Leonard RIP
	3pm	Hersham	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>	
	6pm	Molesey	Mass	Orlando Gwanyama RIP
Monday 22 FEBRUARY <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>	9.30am	Molesey	Mass	Cecilia & Orlando
Tuesday 23 FEBRUARY	9.30am	Molesey	Mass	Frank & Family
	6pm	Molesey	<i>Lent Talk &amp; Meditation Live Stream Women in St Mark's Gospel'</i>	
Wednesday 24 FEBRUARY	9.30am	Hersham	Mass	Holy souls
Thursday 25 FEBRUARY	9.30am	Molesey	Mass	Chantelle Witchells
Friday 26 FEBRUARY	9.30am	Hersham	Mass	Bina & Corrado Palermo RIP
	6pm	Molesey	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>	
Saturday 27 FEBRUARY	9.30am	Molesey	Rosary	
	10am	Molesey	Latin Mass <i>followed by Benediction &amp; confessions</i>	Nilo Falcini RIP
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 28 FEBRUARY	5.30pm Sat	Hersham	Vigil Mass	Antonio Saccente RIP
	9am	Hersham	Mass	Davidson Family
	11am	Molesey	Mass	John Leonard RIP
	3pm	Hersham	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i>	
	6pm	Molesey	Mass	Steve Haywood RIP

**All the liturgies of our parish are available on the LiveStream.**

[www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://www.stbarnabasmolesey.org)

**Simply click on the appropriate picture of the church**