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

9 MARCH 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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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 First 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.

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

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

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.

Lent is a journey within. On Ash Wednesday we heard Our Lord speaking about the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, reminding us that 'Our Father, who sees in secret will reward you....' Each of us makes that interior journey to discover God afresh and grow in knowledge of self in the light of God's love. Self reflection and self examination is an essential part of our prayer and when we are serious and sacramental about this journey, we come to confession.

We continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers, especially at daily Mass, commending him to Our Lady, health of the sick and help of Christians.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes Fr Richard

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Holy Ones of Encouragement

For regular updates, news and devotions

Access the page by going to <u>nww.stbarnabasmolesey.org</u> 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

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am, Sunday 11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

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

To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to <u>www.stbarnabasmolesey.org</u> 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

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, Alexander, Nellie Widdup, Bette Reed, Bobbettie 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, 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:

Canon Richard Incledon, Fr Albert Hadshar, Canon Daniel Moriarty, Bishop David Cashman, Fr Denis Cronin, Fr Hugh Scullin, Fr Charles Clarke.

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.molesev@abdiocese.org.uk

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 f1 per session.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY

14 MARCH Thank you gain to our parishioners for your generous support in CAFOD's work throughout the world. As you know we have two annual appeals at Lent and Harvest.

This year the appeal publicity is a celebration of the changes your donations have made to our neighbours in Kenya.

CAFOD works with local partners and that means that local experts and agencies work together to make our donations help more people.

Lokho lost all her livestock following a drought and could no longer feed her family. Wakera, a local agricultural expert worked with Lokho, and other families. He shared his skills in growing suitable crops in harsher environments and with donations from CAFOD provided seeds, tools, shade nets and knowledge to create kitchen gardens. These communities successfully provided food for their families and excess to sell in markets. (Shade nets protect plants from the scorching sun but also collect every drop of rainwater; a reverse greenhouse)

2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE and Pope Francis asks us to be "Pilgrims of Hope". Please continue to support the work of CAFOD with our neighbours worldwide to fight poverty, injustice and restore hope. WAYS OF DONATION Envelopes will be available on 6/7 March in our Churches. Envelope – take an envelope home – it gives information on different ways of donations Return the envelope to church at a later date . Online – cafod.org.uk Contactless – at All Saints Church If you are an UK taxpayer, please complete the gift aid form with your donation. CAFOD will receive an additional 25pence for each pound in donation. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF CAFOD'S WORK IN YOUR PRAYERS AND GENEROSITY.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT – 15 MARCH

The annual Walton and Hersham Irish Society St Patrick's Night will take place on Saturday 15th March at All Saints Church Hall in Hersham. This is a family friendly event with profits raised going to local charities. Come along and enjoy the craic! Always a great night with a live band, licensed bar, Irish shop, kids disco, face painting, Photo Booth, raffle, pizza truck and much more.

Tickets are now available, click the link below for tickets! Ticket prices are adult £10 and children £2.50

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thehershamwaltonstpaddysfamilyshindig/1545561

Looking forward to seeing you there and enjoying the craic!

If anyone would like to get involved on the night with helping out please contact Kieran Brennan on 07470491967.

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:

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

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/d iocese/events

To Sign-up for the A&B weekly newsletter please visit https://www.abdiocese.org.uk

VACANCY AT CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

Class Teacher required from September 2025 to join our friendly staff team. Are you an enthusiastic and inspirational teacher, committed to helping children to achieve their best? If so, we would love to hear from you! For more information please click on the link https://www.cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk/ site/data/files/1B 6EF479E7F072DE13759D265A361DF3.p df

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/73201 0290666981/

ALL SAINTS HERSHAM & ST BARNABAS MOLESEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS.

Items urgently required:

- 1. Tinned rice pudding
- 2. Rice
- 3. Long life sponge puddings/ Custard
- 4. Mayonnaise
- 5. Ketchup
- 6. Instant coffee
- 7. Nappies sizes 6,7,8
- 8. Spray cleaners

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.christianretreat.org/our-programme 'Return to me with all your heart...' (Joel 2: 12-18)

• Longing for God: Individually Guided Retreat

Friday 14 – Sunday 16 March

Led by the House of Prayer Team https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/longing-for-god-individually-guided-retreat-2

A silent individually guided retreat for busy people, those who have not made a retreat before, or for anyone who needs time away to stop, breathe, and pray. A trained spiritual director will be available for daily individual meetings to accompany you through the retreat. Above all, this retreat is a time of listening to God who is present in the experiences of prayer and daily living.

Arrive in time for supper at 7pm on Friday and depart by 3pm on Sunday.

Cost: Ensuite: £230 Standard: £210

• 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/ourprogramme/lent-retreat-journeying-tojerusalem

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 Kerryn 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/ourprogramme/holy-weekigr

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: Ensuite: £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 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES (24 July - 01 August) Applications are opened for sick pilgrims, adult and youth helpers and other pilgrims. Please see website https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home-telephone-01293-651147
- **14 March** CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day ** **
- **15 March** St. Patrick's Night celebration Saints All Saints Church Hall- need pre paid tickets ** **
- **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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