

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

26 NOVEMBER 2023

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
UNIVERSAL KING**

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive
power & divinity,
& wisdom & strength & honour. To him belong
glory & power for ever & ever.*

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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 Our
Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.*

***A PASTORAL LETTER FROM OUR
BISHOP***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and reflect on the ways in which we build His Kingdom of justice, love and peace, our first thoughts will be with the people of Gaza and Ukraine in these times of conflict. Let us continue to pray for peace across the world, that those in positions of worldly power will seek opportunities for an end to conflict and the diplomatic effort that will be needed to ensure the peace.

Jesus' call to welcome the stranger must surely prompt us to recognise the dignity of every person around us and do what we can to ensure that tensions do not arise in our own localities. This same call must prompt us to continue our welcome to the refugee and the asylum seeker. Our Diocesan Refugee Project is an expression of this and the outreach to those in the Detention Centres at Gatwick continues to be important. Around the Diocese there are other initiatives supporting refugees and I am grateful to all who are involved in this work in support of our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

The Parish Office Tuesday – Friday 9.15 am-12.15pm
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This focus on the building of the Kingdom prompts us to reflect on our response to the Lord's call to us, a call that begins in Baptism. The vocation of all the baptised – to holiness and to the spreading of the message of salvation to the whole world – is the most wonderful privilege and brings with it serious responsibility and great joy. This is the call given by the Lord prior to His Ascension: "Go, make disciples of all nations." In all things we are guided by the Holy Spirit, promised by the Lord and whose coming marked the beginning of the Church's Mission.

We must be prepared for this Mission through prayer and through the formation in faith that will give us the understanding and the confidence to use the gifts we have all been given in the service of God and of our brothers and sisters. This is also the call to holiness, for we are called not to keep the gift of our relationship with Christ to ourselves. We go from prayer to Mission and bring all back to Christ – most especially in our encounter with Him in the celebration of the Eucharist.

This Mission that is ours through baptism – and then through the specific expressions of vocation to which each is called – marriage and family, as religious, as priests and deacons, as those called to a vowed single life – must be the guiding principle in all we are and in all we do. *Continued on the website*

We strive to do this in the midst of the society in which the Lord has placed us, with all its opportunities and challenges – and in this particular moment in the life of the Church. This calls for new approaches and new structures that will enable lay faithful, religious and clergy to work together ever more closely. Those entrusted with the formation of our clergy and lay faithful will be providing the support necessary for our communities to embrace this time of change and the opportunities it presents.

In December, I shall be meeting with the clergy of the Diocese to present the third edition of the Pastoral Plan – “The Word Who is Life.” It will be published to the whole Diocese on 2nd January 2024. This is the fruit of much discernment and prayer and now is the time for action. The plan will outline the ways in which our Formation teams will work to support our communities and the clergy who serve them to develop collaborative mission. It will also outline the development towards the whole Diocese becoming a ‘community of communities’ and the structures needed to support this.

There has been much preparation for the work that lies ahead and we must all give thanks for the work of priests and deacons, the formation teams of the Diocese and the many people who serve our communities as members of parish core teams. I am especially grateful to all those who have taken part in the many meetings that have been held across the Diocese since the work of the Diocesan Plan began.

I ask you today to pray for the Diocese as we look to the future and to all that the Lord will ask of us. May we continue to be open to the Holy Spirit, that we shall embrace the changes that lie ahead to ensure the effect growth of our Diocesan family in the time to come. *With every blessing Bishop Richard*

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

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

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Wednesday at 9.30am, Friday at 9.30am, 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.

AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH EXPOSITION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM

Friday 10am-11am

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

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: Maureen & Bill Dodds, Carol, Rosa Saccente, Peter Kissinger, Sonia Chenery, David 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:

Felicity Phelps, David Johnson, Anthony Leonard, Oscar Prince, Edwin Jones, David Nigel, Giuseppe Grizzanti, 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, Gilby Becker, Mgr Barry Wymes, Fr Richard Lear CJ, Sue Bolton, Patrick Duggan, Kathleen Bell, Peggy Fitzgerald, Edward Quigley, Carl Zalman, Carmen Szekwirko, 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 Stanley Burt, Fr Daniel Holland, Fr Peter Rogers.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

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.

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.

THE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY will be for Fr Richard. Priests of this diocese receive no salary, so your generosity at Christmas & Easter forms the bulk of a priest's personal income.

INVITED ADVENT 2023

You are all invited to join the Diocesan-wide series called Invited, this season taking place during Advent. We are hosting a series of sessions to help everyone get ready for Christmas and we would love for you to join us.

There will be four sessions taking place each **Wednesday** of Advent starting at **6:30pm – 8pm** at **St Barnabas Parish Hall, Vine Road**. We will gather to watch the weekly film featuring speakers from across the Diocese, and have a time of conversation about what we have heard and seen in each episode. The dates are as follows:

- 29th November 2023 – Episode 1: Incarnation – Who is Jesus? An exploration of the historical person of Christ
- 6th December 2023 – Episode 2: Desire – Who am I? What is this longing in my heart?
- 13th December 2023 – Episode 3: Joy – What is joy? And how do we find it in suffering?
- 20th December 2023 – Episode 4: Home – What next? How do I make a home for Christ in my heart?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FLOWER ROTA AT ST BARNABAS

Is there anyone in the parish of Hersham or Molesey who would like to arrange flowers at St Barnabas, and sign up to the Flower Rota? If so, **please contact Anny Cheung through the Parish Office**. Full training and help will be given.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confession & First Holy Communion will be enrolled at Mass on **Sunday 17 December at Hersham at 9am & 11am at Molesey**. At coffee after Mass there will be doughnuts.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? We have two groups running in our parishes at All Saints and St Barnabas. Please contact Fr Richard or Yvonne Foster through the parish office.

SYNOD: 2021-2024

The Synod process has now been expanded with a new opportunity to reflect on a document summarising all of the world's submissions prior to the next phase. To access the document, FAQs and an online feedback form, please go to

W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod For any questions, please email E: synod@abdiocese.org.uk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

Many people within our parish community are unable to attend Mass due to sickness or are housebound, and so they require Holy Communion to be taken to them at home. A team of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion are needed for this to take place. If you can help with this ministry, please contact the parish office 02089418400. Diocesan DBS and safeguarding training is required, and training for this ministry will be provided.

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. UHT Semi skimmed milk
 2. Tinned meat – hotdogs, meatballs, ham
 3. Kitchen Roll
 4. Long life juice / Squash
 5. Christmas chocolate, selections boxes
 6. Chocolate / sweets
 7. Christmas savoury snacks/ crisps
 8. Family size biscuit boxes
 9. Multi-purpose 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, Hershams - 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 waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Want to try new things, make a difference and have exciting adventures? Then DofE Bronze is the award for you! If you have missed the opportunity at your School, we are happy for you to take a place! It is open to Year 9 students and above. For more information or to sign up please contact Jean Casha 07960 654 813 or email jean@cashasonline.de

ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB FOR YEAR 3 & UPWARDS

New rules -

1. **Children must be registered.**
2. **Cost £1 per session**
3. **Times 6pm to 7.30pm**
4. **Parents are NOT to come into the hall they must wait outside.**

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. Term time only.

THE JUNIORS FROM ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL hold their **Christmas Carol concert** on Wednesday 13th December at 5pm in the Church, everyone is warmly invited.

NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES at **St Barnabas, Molesey** on **Saturday 23 December at 3pm**. If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813. This service will be live streamed for extended family to watch.

The rehearsal will be on that Saturday 23 December at 1.45pm in the Hall.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 13th December at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

CAFOD

(CAFOD is The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and is the official laid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International. CAFOD works with local partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America, The Caribbean and the Middle East - a total of 165 countries).

How to contact CAFOD

www.cafod.org.uk or email

cafod@cafod.org.uk or telephone

0303 303 3030

Address: CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, LONDON, SE1 7JB

UK charity number 1160384 company limited by guarantee number 09387398

Parish Representative (All Saints) Marion

DAWES -01932 231317

CAFOD URGENT APPEAL - Turkey – Syria Earthquake disaster

CAFOD is of the 15 UK charities that form The Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). They have launched an emergency appeal to help the survivors of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The UK government has agreed to match the appeal pound for pound,

up to £5 million, so any received donations will be doubled to this amount.

These charities are well aware of the financial constraints that all of us now have. In the past you have been very generous for which CAFOD and other charities thank you.

If you can donate, then please either go onto the CAFOD website

cafod.org.uk

or write a cheque and hand it to the office at St Barnabas or All Saints churches or post it to CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB Thank you for your prayers, your support and your generosity.

ORDER OF MALTA – APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

As the conflict in Ukraine continues, more and more lives are being lost, and homes, hospitals and schools destroyed. Road blockages mean people cannot reach food or medical care. Those fleeing their homes have few resources as they enter neighbouring countries as refugees.

Food, medicine, shelter, welcoming of refugees, care of the elderly and disabled who are not able to flee. This is the work the Order has carried out for centuries and is recognised in the surrounding regions as a trusted frontline provider.

These are the people who need our help now!

BASMOM through our Foreign Aid Service (FAS) is seeking donations towards the Order's frontline care in Ukraine and in the surrounding countries.

You can donate on the following and input

BASMOM's charity number 1103567:

cafonline.org or you can send a cheque or Bank

Transfer to

BASMOM FOREIGN AID Services

Sort code: 15-99-00. Account number: 03801990.

The Foreign Aid Service

Craigmyle House, 13 Deodar Rd. SW15 2NP

HOUSE OF PRAYER East Molesey – Programme or Autumn – Winter 2023

Canon, Community and handing on the Faith

Advent: Lectio Divina

Tuesday 28 November, 5 December, 12 December, 19 December, 2pm – 3pm

Led by Helen Healy

An opportunity to join a small group meeting at the House of Prayer during Advent. 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. Places are limited and given on a first-come, first-served basis. Donations welcome

Helen is a spiritual director and a member of the Lay Community of Saint Benedict and is deeply attracted to Benedictine spirituality.

Please visit <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme> for more details or to book.

ARE YOU DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING?

Would you like to attend the monthly diocesan Mass signed in BSL, with specific Liturgical Mass Signs for the Mass? If you would like further information about our Signed Mass or the diocesan Deaf Group, please text or email the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher; Mobile: 07508-459-315 or Email: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk

ADMISSIONS Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School for 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation that the governing body as the admission authority for Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2025-26.

The six-week (minimum) consultation will begin on 30/10/2023 with the closing date for submitting comments being 10/12/2023.

The proposed arrangements (admissions policy and supplementary information form (SIF) can be viewed on the school website: www.cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk.

Alternatively, if you do not have access to the Internet and you wish to request a printed copy of the admissions arrangements and a response form, please contact Claire Madden at Cardinal Newman School. 01932 222 536.

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.myдона.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.

HERSHAM DAY CENTRE

PROGRAMME Please pick up the latest activity programme. There are a range of activities every day in the Centre, and outings to Windsor and Worthing.

Plus, some special events including an evening ballroom dance. There are some programmes at All Saints, Hersham or pop into the day centre between 9.30 and 4pm or telephone Amy 01932 246267.

RELAUNCH OF LOVE HERSHAM – An ecumenical project from Churches Together, Hersham.

There are several people, who already work hard to help others in our community. They are usually silent, conscientious volunteers, so **FIRSTLY, THANK YOU** for all you do.

Love Hersham is to further build our community spirit. If you have an idea, or already involved in an activity that needs more support please contact Marion Dawes (01932 231317 marion.dawes@gmail.com).

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

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>

Parish Priest of All Saints Hersham with St Barnabas Molesey.

VACANCY AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL PLAYWORKER St Alban's School is looking for an enthusiastic and reliable Playworker to join their Breakfast and Afterschool club.

No experience needed, just a desire to work with children. (Term time only)

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbans-surrey/job/breakfast-and-after-school-club-playworker-1368204/?lang=en-GB>

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR St Alban's School is looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to supervise children in the dining and play areas during lunchtime breaks. Term Time Only. Contracted Hours Total 5 hours per week (Monday to Friday from 12pm to 1pm)

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbans-surrey/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1368912/?lang=en-GB>

If you are interested in any of the vacancies above, please contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk

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.

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,