

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

1 MAY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

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WELCOME TO MASS Readings and prayers are found in the Parish Missals for Third Sunday of Easter.

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

Next Saturday Bishop Richard will confirm some of the young people of our deanery at St George's in Weybridge. We especially pray for Jack, Ollie, Sidra, Muriel and Dominic.

Pope Benedict addressed these words to young people:

Dear young people, you are either preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or you have just received it. I know that you have completed a good formation process, this year entitled: "The Spectacle of the Spirit". Helped by this itinerary with its various stages, you have learned to recognize the wonderful things that the Holy Spirit has done and is doing in your life and in all those who say "yes" to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have discovered the great value of Baptism, the first of the sacraments, the entrance gate to Christian life.

You received it thanks to your parents, who, with your Godparents, professed the Creed on your behalf and committed themselves to raise you in the faith. This was an immense grace for you — as it was for me — so long ago! From that moment, reborn through water and the Holy

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Spirit, you belonged to the family of God's children, you became Christians, members of the Church.

Now you have grown up and you yourselves can say your personal "yes" to God, a free and informed "yes". The sacrament of Confirmation strengthens Baptism and pours out the Holy Spirit upon you in abundance. You yourselves, full of gratitude, now have the possibility of accepting his important gifts that help you on your way through life to become faithful and courageous witnesses of Jesus. The gifts of the Spirit are stupendous realities that enable you to be formed as Christians, to live out the Gospel and to be active members of the community. I briefly recall these gifts, of which the Prophet Isaiah and then Jesus have already spoken to us:

— the first gift is *wisdom*, which enables you to see how good and great the Lord is and, as the word says, fills your life with flavour, so that, as Jesus said, you may be "salt of the earth";

— then there is the gift of *understanding*, so that you may understand in depth the word of God and the truth of the faith;

— next is the gift of *counsel*, which will guide you to the discovery of God's plan for your life, the life of each one of you;

— the gift of *fortitude*, in order to overcome the temptations of evil and to do good always, even at the cost of making a sacrifice;

— then comes the gift of *knowledge*, not knowledge in the technical sense, as is taught at university, but knowledge in the deepest sense which teaches you to find in creation the signs and impressions of God, to understand how God speaks in every epoch and speaks to me, and to inspire your daily work with the Gospel; to understand that there is depth, and to understand this depth and thus give a taste to work, even work that is difficult;

— another gift is that of *piety*, which keeps alive in the heart the flame of love for our Father who is in heaven, so as to pray to him every day with the trust and tenderness of beloved children; of not forgetting the fundamental reality of the world and of my life: that God exists and that God knows me and expects my response to his project;

— and finally the seventh and last gift is *fear of God*—we spoke earlier of fear — fear of God does not mean being afraid of him but feeling profound respect for him, the respect of God's will which is the true plan of my life and the way on which personal and community life can be good. Today too with all the crises that there are in the world, we see how important it is that each one may respect this will of God impressed in our hearts and by which we must live; and so this fear of God is a desire to do good, to do what is true, to do God's will.

Dear young people, the whole of Christian life is a journey, it is like following a path that winds up a mountain — therefore it is not always easy but climbing a mountain is something beautiful — in the company of Jesus. With these precious gifts your friendship with him will become even truer and closer. It is continually nourished with the sacrament of the Eucharist, in which we receive his Body and his Blood. For this reason I invite you always to take part joyfully and faithfully in Sunday Mass, when the entire community gathers together to pray, to listen to the word of God and to take part in the Eucharistic sacrifice.

And also receive the sacrament of Penance and Confession: it is an encounter with Jesus who forgives our sins and helps us to do good. Receiving the gift, starting out anew is a great gift in life, knowing that I am free, that I can start again, that everything is forgiven. Then do not omit your personal, daily prayer. Learn to converse with the Lord, confide in him, tell him of your joys and anxieties and ask him for enlightenment and support for your journey.

Dear friends, you are fortunate because in your parishes there are oratories, after-school

recreation and prayer centres, a great gift of the Diocese of Milan. An "oratory", as the word says, is a place for prayer, but also for being together in the joy of faith with catechesis and games and where duties and other kinds of activities are organized; where one learns to live, I would say. Attend your oratory regularly to grow increasingly in knowledge and in the following of the Lord! These seven gifts of the Holy Spirit develop in this very community where life is lived in truth, with God. In the family, be obedient to your parents, listen to the instructions they give you, so as to increase, like Jesus, "in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man" (Lk 2:51-52).

Lastly, do not be lazy but be hard-working boys and girls and young people, especially in your studies, with a view to your future life. It is your daily duty and is a great opportunity you have in order to develop and to prepare for the future. Be available and generous to others, overcoming the temptation to focus on yourselves, because selfishness is the enemy of true joy. If you now taste the beauty of belonging to Jesus' community, you too will be able to make your contribution to increase it and will be able to invite others to belong to it. Allow me also to tell you that every day, and also here today, the Lord calls you to great things. Be open to what he suggests to you and if he should call you to follow him on the path of the priesthood or of the consecrated life, do not say "no" to him! It would be a mistaken laziness! Jesus will fill your heart for your whole life!

Dear young men, dear young women, I tell you, forcefully, strive for high ideals, everyone can attain a high standard, not only a few! Be holy! But is it possible to be holy at your age? I answer you: of course it is! St Ambrose too, a great Saint of your city, says so in one of his works where he writes "Every age is mature for Christ" (*De Virginitate*, 40).

And above all the witness borne by so many Saints the same age as you, such as Domenico Savio and Maria Goretti, demonstrate it. Holiness is the normal path for Christians; it is not reserved for a few chosen ones but is open to all. Naturally, with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit whom we will not lack if we hold out our hands and open our hearts! And with the guidance of our Mother. Who is our Mother? She is Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Before dying on the Cross Jesus entrusted all of us to her. May the Virgin Mary therefore always preserve the beauty of your "yes" to Jesus, her Son, the great and faithful Friend of our life. So may it be!

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.

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed
Saturday (Latin Mass) at 10am, Sunday
11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed
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

Every Friday morning 10am-11am

**BOTH CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 9am to
6pm every day.**

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:* Antony Leonard, David Morgan, John O'Reilly, Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, Patricia Malcolm, Rose Collins, Maureen Lloyd, Therese Ayres, Ann Livingston, Dina Yates, 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:

Eileen Firth, 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:

Canon Peter Paul King, Fr Christopher Sexton, Fr Douglas Perkins.

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.

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.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 25th May at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN Preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion continue at HERSHAM 9am Mass & MOLESEY 11am Mass this Sunday 1 May and next Sunday 8 May.

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:

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 TEEN SPACE YOUR SPACE every Friday evening from 7.30pm-9pm for Year 7 and above just turn up!

A space to meet with friends, table tennis, snooker, tuck. There will be adults present but it's up to you to organise your own activities or just hang out together! For more details, please contact Jean Casha 07960-654-813.

CONFIRMATION 2022

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.

The programme will continue on Sunday 1 May at 5pm staying on for Mass at 6pm.

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 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 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. Long life milk
 2. Fruit juice
 3. Shampoo
 4. Deodorant
 5. Ketchup & Table sauces

 6. Long life sponge puddings
 7. Tin fruit
 8. Shaving razors
 9. Crisps & savoury snacks
 10. Small jars of instant coffee
 11. Chocolate bars
 12. Long life carrier bags in good condition (to pack parcels in)
- 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 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.

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

DIOCESAN MISSION

Growing in Faith Week 3: Tuesday 3
May at 7.30pm: Parishioners are
warmly invited to watch this week's
film in the Narthex at All Saints,
Hersham. The theme of this week's
film is "Reveal" and will last
approximately an hour. Tea and coffee
will be provided.
All are welcome!

GIFT AID 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.

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

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES and COMMUNITY NEWS -

HERSHAM DAY CENTRE The Day Centre is opened Monday- Friday from 9am - 4pm. Social groups and activities are available each day, with hairdressing and other treatments, plus access to other services. Amy and her team are looking forward to meeting you. Contact them on 01932 246 267. Some information is available at All Saints Church.

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. We did try to launch this initiative in Lent 2020, but Covid -19 cancelled all our plans!

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 pilgrimage to LOURDES 28
July – 05 August 2022**

Application forms are now available for this pilgrimage. See the diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk or Telephone no: 01403 740 110. The website also has details of the different categories of pilgrim -independent, assisted, helper, medical /religious; preparation days for redshirts and helpers; costs for travel and accommodation.

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.*