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

#### 27 APRIL 2025

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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**WELCOME TO MASS** Readings and prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The Second Sunday of Easter, Year C

My dear Parishioners, dear friends,

The introit for today's Mass quotes from the First Epistle of St Peter, Like new born babes, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation.' The Sunday is often called Quasi modo Sunday, the first words of our introit in Latin. More recently, we have called this Sunday Divine Mercy.

Over these beautiful days of the Easter Octave we have witnessed the death and funeral rites of our beloved Pope Francis. Ten years ago, he decreed an extraordinary Jubilee, the Jubilee of Mercy for the whole Church — our own church was one of those throughout the world to have a Holy Door that year. He saw at the beginning of his pontificate a need for the world to know again the mercy God extends to us sinners. He gave a renewed call to come to the Sacrament of Confession, to penance for our sins and for us to grow in the virtues by way of "the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy." Seeing our God as a

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merciful God incarnate in the Lord Jesus was, for Pope Francis, central to our growth in holiness and in spreading the Gospel.

And that spread of the Gospel was, of course, to be communicated through the joy of knowing Christ. As with Pope St John Paul II and Pope Benedict before him, central to his teaching was that our Christian life should be infectious by the manner in which we live it, and that joy is the sign of God's life in us. In his letter on devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the late Pope encouraged all of us to become missionaries of the Heart of Jesus — if we marvel and wonder at and rejoice in the love given to us in the Heart of Jesus, then we have to show that wonder and joy in the witness we give to others.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, intercede for the late pope and help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Fixing our gaze on the divine Saviour's face.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes Fr Richard

#### A WORD OF THANKS

I would like to thank you for your support, kindness and generosity to me. As you know the Easter and Christmas collection (that is the money you give on those feast days) make up the substantial part of my personal allowance. It's not taken for granted and I'm very grateful.

Thank you, on behalf of us all, to those who care for the churches and for the liturgy and for the business of the parish. You are a small but dedicated and happy band and I thank God for you.

May God who raised Christ from the dead, bless us all this Easter.

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK Holy Ones of Encouragement

For regular updates, news and devotions

Access the page by going to

nww.stbarnabasmolesey.org

and click on the Facebook icon.

You do not have to join Facebook

to see this.

NEW! COFFEE MORNING EVERY THURSDAY after the 9.30am Mass in St Barnabas parish hall. All are warmly invited for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

# THE LIVE STREAM AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 9am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Sunday 11am & 6pm.

#### AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Wednesday at 9.30am, Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 5.30pm & Sunday at 9.15am.

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

## 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 Ham-Iznoon 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: David Williams, John Morey, Joseph Sequeira, Angela Widdup (Saccente), Pepita Searle, Maureen & Bill Dodds, Carol, Peter Kissinger, Sonia Chenery, David & Anne Morgan, John O'Reilly, Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, 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:

Kevin O'Connor, Patricia Malcom, Andrew McAuley, Gill Dominy, Warren Pires, 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, Antony Davies, Wright, 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, Atkins, Creed. Sandrine Eileen 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:

Fr Robert Andrews, Fr Dominic Rolls, Fr Gerald Sproston, Canon Peter Paul King, Fr Mark Elvins, Fr Christopher Sexton.

# An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass: <a href="http://universalis.com/mass.h">http://universalis.com/mass.h</a>

**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.molesey@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

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.

#### **RED BOX 2024: THANK YOU!**

In 2024, All Saints, Hersham raised £2,884.68 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at All Saints, Hersham is part of a worldwide network of people

supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Glen MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

# 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 £1 per session. Term time.

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

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 21 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 27 April.

#### **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>

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## FOR MOLESEY

Account Name:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. St Barnabas, Molesey

Account Number 71077252

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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.

#### **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

# • 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

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> May 7pm -8.30pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 11am -12:30pm
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.abdiocese.org.uk">https://www.abdiocese.org.uk</a>

# **HCPT** Hosanna House Lourdes Pilgrimage 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Our group includes persons of all ages and those requiring special assistance. We shall visit places of interest such as Bartres and Gavarnie in the Pyrenees.

We are looking forward to a week of prayer, rest and fun. Young helpers would be provided training. Come and join us to

experience a new adventure! For further details please contact: Emil (020 8398 9222) or Dr Ian (020 8398 3642) or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk">group537@hcpt.org.uk</a>

# 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/73201">https://www.facebook.com/groups/73201</a>

## ALL SAINTS HERSHAM & ST BARNABAS MOLESEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS.

<u>Items urgently required:</u>

- 1. Long life milk
- 2. Tea bags (small boxes)
- 3. Long-life sponge puddings
- 4. Crisps or Savoury snacks
- 5. Long-life juice or squash
- 6. Shampoo
- 7. Shower gel
- 8. Soap
- 9. Kitchen Roll

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

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

- 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 Barnahas 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.

