

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

**25 MAY 2025**

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Proclaim a joyful sound & let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

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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  
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C*

***My dear Parishioners, dear friends,***

This Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ, after His Resurrection, ascends into the heavens. The disciples witness His disappearance, and yet He promises to be with them, yes, even until the end of time.

As I ponder the mystery I ask myself lots of questions about the separation of the life of this world and the life of Heaven. I pray for the grace to see the connection, in terms of Our Lord's abiding presence here, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. God continues to be involved in our lives, He does not leave us comfortless, but sends the Spirit, our Helper and our Guide.

I also think about that time between the Resurrection and Ascension, those forty days in which Our Lord strengthened the disciples so that they would truly become the Body of Christ on earth.

This mystery of Christ's presence through the Church is best expressed in the gift of

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love and today's readings focus us on this supreme gift.

-Through Our Lord Himself in St John's Gospel we learn that our joy is to remain in the love we have been taught.

The joy of these Easter Days is crowned with the mystery of Our Lord's Ascension. Thursday is a holy day of obligation and I hope that you will make every effort to be at Holy Mass on that day and make the most of the three opportunities in our churches, or at the other churches of the deanery.

I celebrate my ordination anniversary on Monday and have the honour to spend the Feast of St Philip Neri with Fr Gerard Hatton and the Oratorian community in formation in Edinburgh and preach at their Solemn Mass.

*With my prayers and affectionate good wishes*

*Fr Richard*

**THANK YOU FROM The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG - Christian greetings and the Peace of our Lord be with you always.**

We would love to thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families .

Which raised £3458.00

Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land .

We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers.

If anyone has missed the carvings display, You can place an order online directly from them at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk).

God bless you all

Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group

**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 9.30am, Sunday 11am & 6pm.*

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

*Friday at 6pm, Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 5.30pm & Sunday at 9.15am.*

*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.*

**DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE** children (in small groups) will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass at **HERSHAM** & 11am Mass at **MOLESEY**.

*Let us keep the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families in our prayers over the coming weeks.*

### **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.

### ***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.***

### ***AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT***

***ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM***

***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 (Saccante), 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 Wilkins, David Williams, 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  
(Lizzzie) 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, 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 John Chatterton, Fr Alwyn Wragg, Fr Jeremiah Corcoran, Canon Anthony Whale, Dc Hilary Parsons, Fr Edmund Geoghegan, Dc David Boyd.*

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

*The readings from daily Mass:*

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

**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

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### **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](mailto:sg1.molesey@abdiocese.org.uk)**

### **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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN** Preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion continue at **HERSHAM 9am Mass & MOLESEY 11am Mass** this Sunday 18 May and next Sunday 25 May.

### **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](http://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 18 June at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

**WANTED A SECOND HAND DIGITAL PIANO** – The choir is looking for a second hand digital piano of some description i.e.. Yamaha Clavinova or something similar. If you can help please contact the Parish office: 020 8941 8400 or [stbarnabaseastmolesey@btconnect.com](mailto:stbarnabaseastmolesey@btconnect.com).

Your contributions and support are greatly appreciated, and together we can continue to enrich our community in various ways.

### **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.mydona.com/all-saints-church-hersham>

### **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](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **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](mailto:Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk)

- 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/diocese/events>

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

## **NEXT PUBLIC ROSARY – 7 JUNE**

UK Prays will be saying a public rosary to place our country under the protection of Our Lady at the following location on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Location: The Lion Gate ,Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road,KT8 9DD.**

We will be gathering to the left of the gate. Do not go to the main palace entrance gate.  
Time : 12noon every first Saturday from May 3rd - October 4th  
Parking : near the Diana Fountain in Bushy Park just opposite the Lion gate  
Transport: Hampton Court Station/multiple buses.  
Refreshments : Can be obtained from an adjacent café / pub

Whats App: Anyone wishing to be included in the Lion Gate UK Prays WhatsApp group for updates should text Mary on 07757450951  
Meetings are 30 minutes maximum. We want to give public witness to our faith and make reparation as instructed by Our Lady of Fatima. Full details are on the website UKPrays.org

## **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: [group537@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk)

## **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. Breakfast cereal
2. Pasta Sauce
3. Instant flavoured noodles
4. Biscuits/ chocolate/sweets
5. Jam/ peanut butter/ marmite
6. Crisps or savoury snacks
7. Juice/ Squash
8. Decaffeinated instant coffee
9. Hot chocolate
10. Long life sponge puddings
11. Custard
12. Mayonnaise
13. Washing up liquid
14. Kitchen Roll
15. Spray cleaners
16. Laundry capsules
17. Shaving products
18. Nappies – size 4, 5 and 7

**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](http://waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk)

## **HOUSE OF PRAYER, EAST MOLESEY Programme – Spring 2025**

[www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme](http://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme)

- Icon-making Workshop

Led by Cari Bridgen

Come and make a Byzantine icon. This introductory course offers participants the opportunity to make an icon over six weeks in the prayerful environment of the House of Prayer. All materials will be provided including pigments and an authentic gessoed panel. At the end of the course, our icons will be blessed.

Days begin at 10am and finish at 4pm.

Please bring a packed lunch.

The workshop will meet weekly on Tuesdays on the following dates:

20, 27 May, 3, 10 June

*Cost: £300 (for six sessions including materials)*

- **Longing for God: Individually Guided Retreat**

Friday 6 – Sunday 8 June

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.

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

Cost:

Ensuite: £230

Standard: £210

Time Aside: A Retreat for Spiritual Directors

- **Friday 20 – Sunday 22 June**

**Led by Sr Anne Dunne and Nicola Mason**

A weekend of rest, reflection, silence and prayer

This retreat will give you an opportunity to connect with other Spiritual Directors who are also accompanying people who seek to deepen their relationship with God..

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

Cost: En-suite: £240, Standard: £220

Day Guest : £110.

For more information on any of the retreats or to book a place please visit the website

[www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme](http://www.christian-retreat.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**

- **JUNE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS**  
at All Saints and St Barnabas Parishes
- **20 SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL OF HOPE** to celebrate the HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

## **VACANCY AT CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hersham**

### Part time Class Teacher

We currently have a vacancy for Part time Class teacher required from September 3 days a week.

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/cardinal-newman-surrey/job/part-time-class-teacher-1480199/?lang=en-GB>

**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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