

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

**24 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIMES**

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for 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 The  
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Dear Parishioners, dear friends,*

The patron of the island of Corfu is St Spyridon. Like many 'national' patrons he was a native of elsewhere. A shepherd of Cyprus he was married before widowhood encouraged a monastic vocation for both him and his daughter, Irene. What a beautiful name (traditionally pronounced with all three syllables) this is, for it means peace.

Peace was far from the deliberations of Nicea in AD 325. Spyridon was present at the Council of Nicea and a close collaborator with St Nicholas as the orthodox fathers championed the divinity of Our Lord. For four months the tasks of the council were addressed but it was the Christological debate which dominated the agenda. As one commentator has put it, 'At Nicaea the Church had taken her first great step to define revealed doctrine more precisely in response to a challenge from a heretical theology.'

**The Parish Office** Tuesday – Friday 9.15 am-12.15pm  
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**Kiltegan Fathers** 20 Beauchamp Road Molesey

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Website: [www.cardinalnewman.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.cardinalnewman.surrey.sch.uk)

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Tel: 0208 8979 5893

Email: [admin@stalbins.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbins.surrey.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stalbans.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stalbans.surrey.sch.uk)

Corfu is Orthodox in its expression of Christianity. The Greek Christian describes himself as Orthodox in the same way as the western Christian describes herself as Catholic. Literally 'of the right opinion', orthodoxy in the east and the west stand against heresy and heterodoxy. These things are not to be taken lightly. It is a travesty to undermine truth by a half-baked notion of what might be right or wrong. Our search for truth is a deepening of our conforming to the truth of Jesus Christ rather than a feeling of a new personal take on things. For this reason, Orthodox and Catholic faith is always objective. Let us all embrace the truth of Jesus Christ in all its beautiful and objective truth and make it our own.

I enjoyed my time enormously and Orthodox piety particularly. Thank you for the many enquiries about my own personal wellbeing and the encouragement offered for the future. This last week I marked the sixth anniversary of my time as parish priest in these hallowed parts.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes.

Fr Richard

## THE LIVE STREAM

**AT MOLESEY:** All Live streamed  
Monday 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](http://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

## 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.***

## 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, 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, 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:*

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, 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 Peter Boulding, Fr Albert van der Most, Fr Alban Linton Shields, Fr Michael Walsh, Fr John O'Connor, Canon Desmond Leahy, Canon Michael Quinlan.

### **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.*

**WE WELCOME YEAR 6 FROM ST ALBAN'S** (St. Oscar & St Mother Teresa) to the 9.30am morning Mass on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**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.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED AT ST BARNABAS** The wonderful service of welcoming people in at Mass is a relatively easy and quite enjoyable way of contributing to the Parish life. We currently need help at the 11am & 6pm Mass. Full training and help will be given, please contact Anny through the parish email or phone the parish office or talk to her after mass on Sunday mornings.

### **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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod) For any questions, please email E: [synod@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@abdiocese.org.uk)

**THE NEXT UCM MEETING** is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

## **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. Tomato/ chicken or vegetable soup
2. Tinned meat – hotdogs, meatballs, ham
3. Tinned spaghetti
4. Long-life sponge pudding/ custard
5. Long-life juice or squash
6. Chocolate / sweets
7. Crisps/ savoury snacks- family size
8. Instant coffee
9. Ketchup/ Mayonnaise
10. Deodorant

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](http://waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk)

## **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.

## **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@cashaonline.de](mailto:jean@cashaonline.de)

## **CONFIRMATION 2023-2024**

The Confirmation programme for our young people (in school year 10) to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, will begin this term. Application packs are available at the back of both churches, and also on the parish website. All information including dates of sessions, can be found within the application pack.

Completed application forms must be returned to the Parish Office at Molesey or the sacristy at Hershams by **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION  
ENROLMENT FORMS FOR THE  
PARISHES**

**OF**

**HERSHAM & MOLESEY**

are available from the back of the parishes  
and to download from the parish website.

Please return to the parish office at Molesey  
by **Friday 13 October 2023**.

Children are generally prepared for the  
sacraments of confession and Holy  
Communion in School Year 3.

**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](http://www.cafod.org.uk) or email**

**[cafod@cafod.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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.

**FRIDAY 6 October 2023 is CAFOD's  
Family Fast Day.** Please pick up an  
envelope from the back of the churches and  
donate what you can. **There will be a  
second on Sunday 8 October for CAFOD.**

**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](http://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

## BIBLE STUDY

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

## 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*

*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.*

**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](mailto:margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk)

## VACANCY AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL

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.

If you are interested in becoming a Playworker (Term time only) please contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email [admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk)

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

### • **A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR GRAND PARENTS**

Tuesday 26 September 11am – 3.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. At a point of time in life when it might appear that we need to slow down it can be easy to dismiss the relevance of our contribution. To turn that on its head is to realise that we have time on our side; time, wisdom and experience, all of which enable us to be valuable witnesses to the faith. We don't know much about Sts Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, but we can be sure that their presence, their witness and their love sustained their family and their neighbours. We can ponder their relationship with the child Jesus. Life experience comes at the price of the hard knocks and joyful moments and Fr Stephen Ortiger will help us to explore those and how we can see the hand of God in our lives. Our Youth Adviser, Lizzie Wakeling, will offer some helpful hints and tips into communicating with young people and tuning into what they may find helpful as they navigate their way in life. Refreshments from 10.15am. Please bring a packed lunch.

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>

### **CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SESSIONS**

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. If you would like to sign up for one of the sessions please email [Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk) to register.

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10:00-11:30
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 14:00-15:30
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 19:00-20:30

### **EVENTS RUNNING AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER – EAST MOLESEY**

#### **CONTEMPLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Saturday 30 September, 10am-4pm. A new way of seeing and praying led by Berenice Chan. Spend time practising this new way of seeing and be guided in how to pray with your images. Please bring a smart phone or camera. Cost £30.

#### **GOING DEEPER IN SILENCE, STILLNESS AND SIMPLICITY**

Friday 13- Sunday 15 October, arrival time 7pm. As we sit in meditation, we put away our cares, expecting nothing, but simply attending and letting go of all that hinders us from being present in the now, led by Brijj Waterfield.

For more information or to book please contact the House of Prayer: <https://www.christian-retreat.org> or email [admin@christian-retreat.org](mailto:admin@christian-retreat.org) or Telephone 0208 941 2313.

**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,*

*Parish Priest of All Saints Hersham with St Barnabas Molesey*