

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

**4 MAY 2025**

### **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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**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  
Third Sunday of Easter, Year C*

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

In the aftermath of the death of Pope Francis we realise again something of the history of the Church and also her geographical breadth. She straddles the centuries and crosses the continents and her rich diversity is found in time and in space. We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of the late Holy Father and for the cardinal electors who prepare to go into conclave to elect Peter's successor.

This weekend we have the joy of welcoming Fr Justin Seba of the Missionaries of Africa. Fr Justin will make the mission appeal and our minds will be broadened by the story of the Church's work amongst the poorest. Where the Church is poor she is often rich with a sense of the treasure of the faith, that pearl of great price. Our hearts will also be expanded as we hear of the commitment of our brothers and sisters, in Africa, to the faith. Please pray generously for this work and give generously too, if you can.

I shall be in Lourdes this weekend and will celebrate Mass at the Grotto at 8.30am on Sunday. My prayers for you all, but especially the sick and housebound and those who are living with tough medical news, as well as those who care for them. Please feel free to message me any particular intentions you might have, but be assured that you have my prayers in the Masses and devotions of the pilgrimage.

**The Parish Office** Tuesday – Friday 9.30am-12.30pm  
**Tel:** 020 8941 8400  
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Our pilgrimage is organised by the Order of Malta of which I have the honour to be a chaplain. I wasn't able to make the pilgrimage last year, so its a real joy to be able to travel this year, especially at the beginning of Our Lady's month of May.

Pope Francis has been laid to rest in the beautiful Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. The great hero pope of the counter reformation, Pope St Pius V, is also buried in that basilica. The late Holy Father's decision to be buried there was connected with his great love of the Blessed Virgin and to the ancient image of *Salus Populi Romani*, before which he prayed at every opportunity. Let us emulate the love of the late Holy Father for Our Blessed Lady.

The Church's history turns another page as the city of Rome prepares for a new bishop and the Universal Church prepares for a new pope. This is a wonderful time as we hear again the words of the Lord *Tu es petrus*, You are Peter, and on this rock I shall build my Church. Please be generous in your prayers for the cardinals and especially for those in the sacred college who are considered and have to face the possibility that they themselves might be the next pope.

***With my prayers and affectionate good wishes,  
especially for the sick, the suffering and the  
housebound***

***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  
[www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://www.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***

*Sunday 11am & 6pm.*

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

*Friday at 9.30am, 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.*

## **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***

***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, 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 Douglas Perkins, Dc Robert Mason.*

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

*The readings from daily Mass:*

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

**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)**
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### **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.

**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 4 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.

### **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*

*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 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/diocese/events>

**To Sign-up for the A&B weekly newsletter please visit**  
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

## **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. Tinned meat
2. Instant noodles
3. Pasta sauce
4. Squash or cordial
5. Biscuits/ chocolate/sweets
6. Instant coffee
7. Crisps or savoury snacks
8. Long life sponge puddings
9. Custard
10. Kitchen Roll
11. Nappies – size 6, size 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:

• 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3, 10 June

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

- **Ordering Desire**

**Friday 16 – Sunday 18 May**

**Led by Maria Manuela Silva**

This weekend is an invitation to join us in exploring desire through the lens of the Lord's Prayer: those few short lines Christians have prayed across centuries and traditions. There will be led reflections and time for individual reflection, sharing, and creative activities. This is not a silent retreat, but the House will be quiet from Evening to Morning Prayer.

Arrive in time for supper at 7pm on Friday and depart by 4pm on Sunday.

Cost:

En-suite: £240

Standard: £220

Day guest: £110

- **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**

- **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

**VACANCIES AT CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hersham**

Part time School Office Administrator

We currently have a vacancy for a Part time School Office Administrator.

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/cardinal-newman-surrey/job/part-time-school-office-administrator-1480159/?lang=en-GB>

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**

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