

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

16 MAY 2021

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

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**Confessions** *By appointment and before and after Saturday Masses*

**My dear parishioners,**

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of St Matthias. In the Acts of the Apostles we hear how the number of the apostolic college needed to be made up and that there were two candidates. The lot, we are told, fell to Matthias.

I often wonder what happened to the other candidate. Both were qualified to fulfil the role, they had been with the Lord since the beginning and now just one is chosen.

At the heart of the gospel we hear about God's choice of us, each one of us, in His Son. 'You did not choose me, no I choose you', we hear. But we would also want confidence to know that our choices through life have God in them, directing them and guiding them.

Sometimes we think that we have made the wrong choices or even have experienced rejection from something we want very much to do. Even in these circumstances, God is very much with us.

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**The God who chooses us in His Son was rejected and despised and written off and dismissed. The God who accepts us in His Son speaks words of unconditional and affirming love to us. And there is always a way back to Him when our choices have taken us in a radically wrong direction.**

Many of our choices seem out of our hands, but we invite the Lord to guide us through them and reveal something of His plan in them. Few of us will be able to look back on life and say we always got it right, indeed part of the challenge of Christian living is freely and confidently to say that we often get it wrong.

As we are taken to Jerusalem and to the account of the deliberations of the apostles at the beginning of the life of the Church, let us intensify our prayer for peace in the Lord's own Holy Land. We choose to offer this prayer, and the Lord Himself will reward our faithful prayers.

*With my prayers and affectionate good wishes for all that this week brings.*

*Fr Richard*

**Fr Richard's Silver Jubilee  
of Ordination to the Priesthood**

**Pentecost Sunday 23 May**

5.30pm Vigil Mass at Hersham

9am Mass at Hersham

11am Solemn Mass at Molesey

6pm Mass at Molesey

**Thursday 27 May**

6pm Solemn Mass

of Christ the Eternal High Priest  
at Molesey

*with Bishop Richard &  
Fr Stephen Morrison preaching*

*It is necessary to book for the Mass  
on 27 May by e mailing*

[stbarnabaseastmolesey@btconnect.com](mailto:stbarnabaseastmolesey@btconnect.com)

**THE OPENING OF CHURCHES  
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER & PUBLIC  
MASSES**

The churches are open for private prayer during the day. The churches are also open for Mass.

Bear in mind that the doors of the churches will be open, so it will be possible to be outside the building itself but have a reasonable connection with the celebration of the liturgy.

We need to be attentive to safety and social distancing requirements. There will be limited space in the churches, but the doors will be open, and those who don't mind standing can participate in the Mass from outside the church as long as social distance is observed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

- The obligation to be at Sunday Mass continues to be suspended until further notice.

- We are not permitted to sing together.
- Holy Communion will now be distributed in the usual place. Please remove your face coverings in preparation for the reverent reception of Holy Communion.
- Every effort will be made to avoid any possible transmission of the virus.
- The celebrant's hands will be thoroughly cleansed before the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Take advantage of the weekday Masses to spread the numbers and assist safe space.
- Please wear face coverings.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF  
WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY**

**AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed**

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am,  
Thursday at 9.30am & Saturday at 10am  
Latin Mass.

**AT HERSHAM: All live streamed**

Wednesday at 9.30am & Friday 9.30am

*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.*

***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.***

**PARISHIONERS LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER** from the parishes have joined together to provide mutual help and support during these days of lockdown and isolation by means of telephone calls, email and social media groups.

Contact Fr Richard Tel: 07803 197 840.

**THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** We have two groups running in our parishes at All Saints and St Barnabas. Please contact Fr Richard, Veronica at Hershams or Yvonne Foster at Molesey.

### **CONFIRMATION 2021**

**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.**

### **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:* Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, Eileen Firth, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, Patricia Malcolm, Rose Collins, Maureen Lloyd, Therese Ayres, Ann Livingston, Dina Yates, Sheila Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Richard D'Alton, Nedra Gilson, the Superville and McComb family, Mark.

*Please advise the parish offices know of those names and intentions you would like added to our list for our prayers.*

*Those who have died:* Fr Kevin Alban, 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 Gerald Thornton, Canon Desmond McCarthy, Fr Charles McNamara, Dc James Lawler, Mgr Canon Tim Rice VG.

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

The readings from daily Mass:

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

### **PARISH FINANCES**

*With the 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.*

**MARRIAGE WEEK:** 10-16 May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it is enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and

so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey."

[Pope Francis, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015](#)

Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage.

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

Items urgently required:

1. Tinned meat
2. Fray Bentos pies
3. Tinned potatoes
4. Tinned vegetables
5. Tinned spaghetti / spaghetti hoops
6. Long life sponge puddings
7. Tinned custard
8. Tinned rice pudding
9. Long life milk.

**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. Open on Wednesday 10.00-12.00 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 [waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk](http://waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk) or, at All Saints, in the form of a cheque, made payable to 'Walton and Hershams 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.

### **HERE TO HELP -ELMBRIDGE**

One of our parishioners, David Bone, 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 get in contact with David on **07714 683090** or via **Facebook** via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/732010290666981/>

### **CAFOD – Climate Change Petition:**

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the ‘COP26’ climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680. Thank you.

### **MISSIO (red boxes) and CAFOD - A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Both international charities are supported by Pope Francis and help local communities to thrive. CAFOD works with local partners in 165 countries to challenge climate change, especially water poverty, teach new skills, develop good health care, education and justice. Missio works with local Bishops and communities including some countries where Christianity is not encouraged.

These times are hard for everybody, and our parishes are very generous in their prayers and donations to both charities. Please continue to pray for both charities and if possible, donate a little money to continue their good work to improve lives and reduce the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. More information is on their websites.

**To donate to Missio** - UK Registered charity 1056651

1. Direct by online payment at [mission.org.uk/redbox](http://mission.org.uk/redbox)
2. By text, sending REDBOX 5 or REDBOX 10 to 70085 to donate £5 or £10 (plus standard message rate)
3. Send a cheque payable to Missio-Mill Hill and post to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU
4. Contact All Saints, Hersham: Angela Hudson on 01932 882717 or 07970 860394.

**To donate to CAFOD.** UK registered charity 1160384 and company by guarantee number 09387398

1. Directly by online payment [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)
2. Send a cheque written to CAFOD with your name and address and parish on the back and post to Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB.
3. By **text LENT 5, LENT 10, or LENT 20 to 70460 to give £5, £10 or £20 (plus standard message rate).** **If you want to donate but not receive any marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460**
4. Telephone 0300 303 3030 for donations by telephone.
5. Contact All Saints Hersham Parish representative, Marion Dawes. 01932 231317

**ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB FOR YEAR 3 & UPWARDS runs every Friday evening in term times.**

**New rules for this term**

1. **Children must be registered.**
2. **There will be no cost.**
3. **Times 6pm to 7.30pm**
4. **We will only take 15 children.**
5. **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.

**2021 - A year of opportunity**  
**An online talk with Christine Allen,**  
**Director of CAFOD** 26th May at 7.30 pm,  
Cost £5. This year the UK will host two  
major international gatherings: the G7 and  
the Climate Conference (COP26). Christine  
Allen will explore ways in which these  
events could make a difference to our  
world, especially to the lives of people who  
live in poverty. She will reflect on the  
impact of COVID-19 and draw lessons for  
the future for our interdependence with one  
another and with our natural world as we  
seek to recover and heal after the  
pandemic. You can [book online](#) or T: 01428  
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**PETITION: That the Government  
Does Not Reduce Overseas Aid:**

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/561068>

There are suggestions that the Government  
is planning to reduce its commitment to  
giving 0.7% of GDP as overseas aid. We  
want to keep this foreign aid and help the  
world's poor.

Please sign the petition. At 10,000  
signatures the Government will respond to  
the petition. At 100,00 the petition will be  
considered for debate. Deadline 26 May  
2021. Thank you.

**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  
during these strange times.

*Fr Richard Biggerstaff,  
Parish Priest of All Saints Hersham with St  
Barnabas Molesey.*