

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

5 SEPTEMBER 2021

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
Treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

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Confessions *By appointment and before and after Saturday
Masses*

My dear parishioners,

In the movie 'My Best Friend's Wedding' the groom complains to his best friend, Julia Roberts, that he always feels uncomfortable around rich people. He goes on to say that his bride's wealthy family don't have this effect on him. His easiness around his new rich in laws must be a sign that it is a good match.

Such discomfort is as old as the hills, and in the new church in Jerusalem, St James addresses the problem. In Christ there is no distinction between classes of people. Certainly, he goes on to say, the follower of Christ is called to put all people caught up in such distinctions at their ease.

Sometimes we perversely believe that good fortune, good health, strength and looks, charm and connections are a sign of God's favour. Whilst we would always want to be thankful for these things, we do not take them for granted and remember that those who suffer are very close to Our Lord. Indeed, when we enjoy security and plenty our prayer for

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those who do not enjoy these things should be intensified.

This is perhaps especially the case when we contemplate the needs of the world. Those whose basic right to life is trumped by a warped sense of constitutional right; those whose security and peace is threatened by a perverse parody of religion and behaviour; those whose dignity as a human being is ignored by a crazy lie about superiority; those who go hungry because of other's greed. From Texas to Kabul, from Budapest to Haiti our prayers and our good works are demanded. *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.....*

Two of my young best friends are Marc & Maria. I have the privilege of marrying them this coming week, in Spain. The celebration of such moments is an extraordinary gift for all those present and for the whole Church. It is my joy to be present. Let us remember before God our own thanksgivings too, and say God is good. My affectionate good wishes and my prayers for you all. *Fr Richard*

I AM FOR CHRIST

-Please take a blank card with my name and address.

-I invite you to use this card to consider offering one or two things you might do in the life of the parish.

-Use the card for your suggestions and remember that your comments and ideas will be shared by the family of the parish.

-Return the card to me at Masses over the next couple of weeks. You can email your response (my email address and phone number is on the card) if that's easier.

-Use the e mail and phone number to be in touch whenever you like.

-With help, I will draw up a profile of tasks and priorities and we can then take things further as we, please God, emerge from a life of restrictions and learn to live again more normally.

-Remember that the life of the Church is not just about the maintenance of things (jobs around the building and tasks centred on the liturgy) it is also about the mission of the Church and how we reach out to the lapsed and the searching.

-I have left the card blank and without suggestion so as to make it as free and creative a response as possible but hope for specific suggestions as to what you could offer rather than what somebody else should be doing.

OUR CHURCHES AFTER 19 JULY

The churches are open for private prayer during the day and are also open for Mass. All Saints is open every day from 9am to 4pm.

We need to be attentive to the lessons of safety and consideration we have lived

with over the last 18 months. Things are now changing, but this needs to a gentle process. Be assured that the churches are regularly cleaned and always well ventilated as we return to capacity and are no longer required to socially distance.

PLEASE NOTE

- The obligation to be at Sunday Mass continues to be suspended until further notice.
- Every effort will be made to avoid any possible transmission of the virus and to this end those who have any concerns about their own health and contacts should stay at home.
- Sanitisers will continue to be provided but the system of stewarding will cease.
- Be assured that the celebrant's hands will be thoroughly cleansed before the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Please continue to come to Holy Communion in an orderly manner.
- The wearing of face coverings continues to be encouraged.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

AT MOLESEY:

All Live streamed

Sunday 11am & 6pm. Monday at 7am

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am.

To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to 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

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.

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 Hersham or Yvonne Foster at Molesey.

ST BARNABAS PARISH PARTY

Sunday 5 September

After the 11am Solemn Mass

The First Holy Communion Children will receive their certificates.

Please bring food to share and drinks will be provided.

ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB FOR YEAR 3 & UPWARDS

New rules -

- 1. Children must be registered.**
- 2. There will be no cost.**
- 3. Times 6pm to 7.30pm**
- 4. 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.

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:* Lucian, John O'Reilly, 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 of those names and intentions you would like added to our list for our prayers.

Those who have died: 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 Donald Wilkins, Fr Richard Leeming.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:
<http://universalis.com/mass.h>

DAY FOR CATECHISTS Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

ASK YOUR MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please see the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion

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, Hersham - 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 waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk or, at All Saints, in the form of a cheque, made payable to 'Walton and Hersham 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 - Are you aged 18-30? CAFOD offers a gap year programme called Step into the Gap. As part of the 10-month programme, you will be based in either a youth retreat centre, university chaplaincy or a secondary school chaplaincy team gaining new skills, developing as a leader and gaining work experience. Accommodation and travel expenses are included. Full time placements include stipends. Find out more information including how to apply at www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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.

ANNIVERSARIES MASS: Taking place at St Joseph's Guildford, on Saturday 9th October, at 11.30 am, with Bishop Richard. For couples and their families celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Numbers limited to 150. Parking off site.

To sign up please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

NEW GROUP FOR CATHOLIC Young Adults Please anyone between the ages of 18-35 years old get in touch with lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment.

For more information or to register your place please contact our Formation Adviser
Email: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

THE GATWICK DETAINEES Welfare Group in Crawley have issued the following request.

We would be grateful to receive good quality second-hand clothes as follows:

- Jeans, waist 30", 32", 33", 34"
 - Joggers in all sizes
 - T-shirts in all sizes but especially Medium
 - Summer jackets in all sizes
 - Shoes in all sizes (apart from 45)
- People can bring clothes to the office (The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD) during office hours, but it is best to email Josie first to fix a time in case the staff member has to go out: josie@gdwg.org.uk

FIGHTING MODERN SLAVERY

The latest edition of the diocesan newsletter is now available. Parish modern slavery awareness ambassadors are still needed. Information on the role is contained in the newsletter or contact tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk for more details.

REDUNDANT IPADS AND LAPTOPS are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable

a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiewade@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER

Westminster Cathedral Saturday 25 September 2021, 12.30pm – 4.30pm. Divine Mercy for the salvation of souls & conversion of nations.

For more info please contact Antonia
Email: antonia@walsingham.org.uk

MISSIO APPEAL 2021 Today, Tomorrow, Together.

Missio. UK charity number: 1056651

Missio ignites God's love by helping missionaries to work alongside communities globally that are poor in need, regardless of their background or belief. It is Pope Francis's charity for world mission.

RED BOX – please consider having a red box in your home. We hope to start collecting the boxes twice a year. Donations are always welcomed. Please put your donation in a marked envelope stating **MISSIO** as you leave Mass in the offertory basket.

At ALL SAINTS parish Angie Hudson and her team will be in contact with red box holders after 12 September.

If you would like a red box, please contact Angie.

Other methods of donation -

1. Direct by online payment to missio.org.uk/redbox
2. Send a cheque (please put parish details on back of cheque) and post to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, SW1V 1NU
3. Contact Angie Hudson, 01932 882717 or 07970 860394

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

In September, we invite you to pray with Pope Francis that we might make

courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in those young people who are resolutely committed to protecting God's creation.

“Let us hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” (Source: *Missio*)

THE SEASON OF CREATION

September also marks the ecumenical season of Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October (The feast of St Francis of Assisi).

This season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is time to renew our relationships with God, our Creator and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

“We give thanks for all that God has made, repeat for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home” (Source: *CAFOD*)

A novena – is a commitment to say a prayer or several prayers every day for nine days. Could you say a prayer every day to help repair the effects of climate change in our world?

CAFOD has written a version of The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary for the care of Creation. It contains the story behind each decade of joyful mysteries, together with the prayers of the rosary and a short reflection of how decade is relevant to today's world. A fresh way to begin or return to prayer using the Rosary.

More resources about The Season of Creation are on the websites- Missio.org.uk; cafod.org.uk

CAFOD UPDATE TO RECENT EMERGENCIES - a huge thank you for

your support. CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this month. Please remember all the people affected I your prayers. Thank you.

The annual Harvest Day Fast Day is Friday 1 October. If you feel you can only support one appeal – the emergency fund or Harvest Fast Day, please choose the one you want to help. Thank you for your generosity.

Haiti We are working with local Church organizations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the recent catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm.

Update: Estimated loss of 10,000 buildings, over 6,000 injured and over 1,200 died. Over 4.4. million people need basic aid – food, clean water, shelter for their daily survival.

Afghanistan In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities.

Update: The UN estimated that 80% of Afghans are women and children now in desperate need of humanitarian aid. CAFOD started working in Afghanistan in 1980's and a core part of their work was to work with local organizations committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalized people, supporting them to earn a living.

Our local councils, including Elmbridge are accepting refugees from Afghanistan. We wish our new residents a happy life.

Other parts of the world CAFOD continues to support local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in **Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria.** Please remember **YEMEN.** **UPDATE:** £500,000 has already been committed. *This emergency is the direct result of the combination of Covid, climate change and protracted conflict.*

Please contact our MP – Rt Hon. Dominic Raab (Foreign Secretary) to request more overseas aid to each of these and other emergencies – also financial and other help to all our refugees.

dominic.raab.mp@parliament.uk
(all lower case)

You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these

emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times.

MISSIO AND CAFOD - PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

The representatives at All Saints Hersham are Marion Dawes (CAFOD) 01932 231317 marion.dawes@gmail.com and Angie Hudson (MISSIO). 01932 882717 or 07970 860 394 after 06 September.

If anyone at St Barnabas parish is interested in becoming a parish representative, please contact Marion or Angie.

CAFOD has a deanery meeting on Monday 13 September at 7.30pm. if you would like to attend and find out more information, please contact Marion.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL has been selected by Tesco for a grant of £1.5K to go towards the IT computer room project. Up until 30th September 2021, when you shop in local Tesco stores, please take a moment to vote for our school and put your blue token into the Cardinal Newman box. Please ask your friends and families to do this too, every little helps!

The following stores are supporting this:

Tesco Express, Hersham Rd

Tesco Express, Molesey Rd

Tesco Express, Queens Rd Weybridge

Tesco Extra Addlestone

Tesco Express, Esher High Street

Tesco Express, Chertsey

Tesco Metro, East Molesey

Tesco Superstore, Hurst Park

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 1 October 2021.

For full details of below events, please see the website for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Saturday 11 September - 11am – 4 pm

Faith in Action Day. Join CAFOD for an online day of talk and prayer to learn about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home.

9-10 October 2021 Rome – Pope Francis will open the first sessions of the Synodal process – The theme – For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission. It will run until October 2023. Every Catholic is invited to speak. Every

bishop will open the Synod in their diocese on 17 October.

Tuesday 09 November 7.30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton – Bishop Richard will be celebrating a Station Mass in each deanery during November for loved ones and friends who have died since February 2020.

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.