

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

13 OCTOBER 2024

**TWENTY EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is found
forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

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Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham.*

WELCOME TO MASS *Readings and
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*

My dear Parishioners, dear friends,

Devotions to Our Lady in the months of October and May take on many forms. Usually they are evidenced by more public recitations of the rosary in church, and often by pilgrimage. Shrines of Our Lady up and down the land are especially geared up for Spring and Autumn pilgrims.

This Sunday I have the honour to preach at the October devotion at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. According to tradition, Our Lady has for centuries graced this ancient site not only with her presence but also with a holy well which was deemed to possess miraculous properties and gave its very name to the place (Willessden probably means 'spring at the foot of the hill'). Little is known about the origins of this well, though it seems to have been connected to the church of St Mary, mentioned in a royal charter as early as 939. Likewise, little is known about the origins of the devotion to Our Lady of Willesden. A Visitation report of 1249 mentions the presence of two statues of Our Lady, one of which must have been the 'Black Madonna' (probably encrusted with gold, silver and precious jewels), which was burnt in 1538 by order of Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's Vicar General for Ecclesiastical Matters.

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By this time the shrine had become famous and pilgrims in their hundreds, if not thousands, journeyed to the sanctuary in the heart of leafy Middlesex. It reached its zenith at the turn of the sixteenth century, when the shrine was frequented by royalty (Queen Elizabeth of York) and future martyrs (St Thomas More), who confidently petitioned the Blessed Virgin under her title of 'Our Lady of Willesden'. According to a contemporary document, Our Lady appeared to a priest devotee of the shrine, a certain Dr Crewkehorne, in 1537 and said that she wished to be honoured at Willesden as she had in times past. Confounded by opposition, Dr Crewkehorne did not carry out his charge and the shrine did not return to Willesden until the close of the nineteenth century.

It was in 1885 that a Catholic Mission was established in Harlesden to meet the demands of the growing Irish population. The stirrings of the Blessed Virgin were felt once again and, with the help of the local Convent of Jesus and Mary, devotion was fostered to Our Lady of Willesden and a new statue blessed by Cardinal Vaughan in 1892. From humble beginnings with twelve parishioners in 1885 the parish began to flourish and a beautiful Romanesque church was opened in 1931 as both parish church and a National Shrine for the Catholics in England.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
Fr Richard

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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.

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THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

*Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am,
Thursday at 9.30am, Sunday 11am & 6pm.*

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

*Wednesday at 11am, 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 and click on the picture of the appropriate church.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY for World Missio Sunday

Third edition of his Pastoral Plan, 'The Word who is Life' at the beginning of this new year. The sub-title of this Plan is: The Call to Mission. That call to be missionary disciples is a consequence of our Baptism; a responsibility that is placed on every Christian. The plan is available on the diocesan website.

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

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

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: Pepita Searle, Maureen & Bill Dodds, Carol, Rosa Saccente, Peter Kissinger, Sonia Chenery, David & Anne Morgan, John O'Reilly, Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, 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:

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 (Lizette) 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 Szekwirko, 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:

Canon Dermot Fogarty, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Canon Gordon Albion, Fr Aidan White-Spunner. Canon Geoffrey Burke, Fr Jerome Bertram.

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.

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

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have two groups running in our parishes at All Saints and St Barnabas. Please contact Fr Richard.

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.

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.

BARNABAS MOLESEY CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF LIGHT

Thursday 31 October at 5pm. A positive alternative to Halloween. We invite all families with children to join us in a Children's Service of Light at 5pm in St Barnabas Church followed by fun in the Hall with fairground type stalls and treats to be won!!

Please do come along if you wish, dressed as a Saint there will be prizes for the best costume!!

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. Rice and plain noodles
2. Tinned sweetcorn
3. Long life sponge puddings & Custard
4. Ketchup / Mayonnaise
5. Instant coffee
6. Hot chocolate
7. Chocolate / Sweets
8. Toothpaste
9. Shaving gel/foam
10. Toilet roll
11. Kitchen towel

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

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 16th October at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

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

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.

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.

For more information please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813.

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

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>

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<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

AN INVITATION

ENGLISH WINE TASTING – Saturday 19 October, 7pm at Roman Catholic Church, of The Holy Name, Arbrook Lane, Claygate, KT10 9EE

Did you know that wine has been produced in the UK for over 2,000 years and that we now have a thriving industry including around 900 vineyards across the country?

Join us in the Parish Rooms at Holy Name on Saturday 19th October from 7pm to learn about English Wine including a tailored wine tasting, taking in some of the finest wines that England has to offer.

Hugh Rawlinson will be using his passion for English wine and his experience from working at Waitrose to guide us through a flight of some of the best examples that our island has to offer - many from within the geography of our Diocese!

Tickets are £25 to include snacks. Please email info@holyfamilylmbbridge.church to register your interest or pop in to the Holy Name Parish office. Payment for places in advance either in cash or online to the parish account using reference "wine tasting". The event will be raising crucial monies for our charity partners, including CAFOD.

VACANCY AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL

Breakfast and Afterschool Club Playworker.

Contract: Term Time only

Hours: 7.35am – 8.35am & 3pm – 6pm

Flexible shifts and hours available

For more details contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk

HOUSE OF PRAYER – AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2024

The House of Prayer, East Molesey

<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme>

- **Lectio Divina**

Tuesdays, 2pm – 3pm

Term: 8 October – 17 December

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.

Donations welcome.

Helen is a spiritual director and a member of the Lay Community of Saint Benedict,

and is deeply attracted to Benedictine spirituality.

- **Emptiness Dancing: A Meditation Retreat**

Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October

Led by Brijji Waterfield

<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/emptiness-dancing>

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

Cost: En-suite: £230. Standard: £210

Brijji is a spiritual director, leads retreats and has had a life-long interest in meditation and the Christian mystical tradition. Recently retired as the Director of Meditation for The World Community for Christian Meditation, she continues to participate in the life of the Community. She is also a Trustee of the Sisters of the Christian Retreat.

Enabling a better relationship with God

Saturday 26 October

Led by Merinda D'Aprano

<https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/enabling-a-better-relationship-with-god>

How understanding your unconscious bias can free you to find a richer, more authentic faith. Starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost: £30

Merinda has been a teacher and Headteacher in the Catholic Education sector, branching out after early retirement to work in Headteacher mentoring, educational leadership, church musicianship and spiritual direction. She has a particular interest in moral leadership, ecumenism, and inclusion. Merinda is the convenor of the Surrey Rainbow Service Network, and co-leader of Kairos227 Christian group. She is also a published poet, composer, and lyricist.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – details elsewhere in the newsletter

- 19 October – Wine tasting evening at Church of Holy Name , Esher/ Claygate parish) Profits to support CAFOD and other charities

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.

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