

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

11 DECEMBER 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

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Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham*

WELCOME TO MASS Readings and
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The
Third Sunday of Advent, Year A.

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

This Sunday the Church asks us to see our
expectancy of Christ's second coming, as
we prepare to celebrate the feast of his
first coming, as the foundation of faith and
the bedrock of all that we do. Christ will
be all in all and that we shall be so deeply
be 'in Christ' is the key to happiness.

For me that is a giant leap. When life is
disappointing I find I need all of my
spiritual energy to find happiness in God.
It sounds a bit dramatic, but I suspect its
true for many of us. There are of course
many who never try any leap to look for
God centred happiness, that's just a fact.
How can true happiness be found?

There is a stature, a dignity in just
knowing that 'God is'. 'Be patient' says
Paul. Whether we can feel Him or not,
whether we are cosily happy or not, the
knowledge that God is there, that God is
love, that God is forgiving roots in us a
deeper sense of happiness, a blessedness,

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real joy. And then the all too fragile
passing happiness becomes dispensable
and the disappointments become bearable.
For me that is faith

In this Faith we approach the sacraments
and especially the Sacrament of
Confession. We confess our love for God,
our belief in His mercy and His for love
for us, we confess our sins, knowing that
the burden of them is often intolerable.
We offer false expectancy, false hopes of
ourselves, fragile ways in which we've
encouraged others to regard us. We
receive forgiveness of these things
knowing that God's will for us is the
purest and most uncomplicated form of
happiness. The grace of the Sacrament of
Confession ensures that this joy is more
and more part of us and a vision of lasting
happiness becomes the firm foundation on
which our lives are built. This then is the
peace of God which passes our
understanding, this is what it is to have
faith 'in Christ'. I invite you all to get to
confession before Christmas.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
Fr Richard

This Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm at Molesey there is an Advent Service of beautiful music and readings concluding with Benediction.

MONDAY MOLESEY MASSES IN ADVENT will be at 7am. These will be candlelit celebrations as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Please bring lanterns or candle jars.

MISSION MONDAY OF ADVENT AT HERSHAM will take place this Monday 12th December with a 7pm Mass followed by a talk on St Joseph. I will offer this talk as we contemplate this key and beautiful figure in the mystery of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

ALL SAINTS

7pm Eve & 9.15am Day

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ST BARNABAS

**5pm & 9pm Eve,
8am Latin & 11am Day**

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 7am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am, Saturday 10am (*Latin Mass*), Sunday 11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Monday at 7pm, Wednesday at 9.30am, Friday at 9.30am, Saturday at 5.30pm (*Vigil Mass*) & Sunday at 9am.

To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to 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
Every Friday morning 10am-11am**

**BOTH CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 9am to
dusk every day.**

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.***

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:* Judith Carratu, 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, Therese Ayres, Ann Livingston, Dina Yates, Nicoletta Lanzisera, 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:

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, Bobbettie 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 Thomas Quinn, Fr Joseph Rowland, Fr Robert Bogan,

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.

<p>THE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY will be for Fr Richard. Priests of this diocese receive no salary, so your generosity at Christmas & Easter forms the bulk of a priest's personal income.</p>

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.

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.*

CONFIRMATION 2023

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.

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The next meeting for the Confirmation candidates is at MOLESEY this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm staying on for the Mass at 6pm.

**THE JUNIORS FROM ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL** hold their Christmas Carol concert on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in St Barnabas Church.

**THE JUNIORS FROM CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL** hold their Christmas Carol concert on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in All Saints Church.

**NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES** at St Barnabas, Molesey on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm**. If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813.

**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.

**THE NEXT UCM MEETING** is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2022/2023

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confession & First Holy Communion will be enrolled at Mass **THIS Sunday 11 December at Hersham at 9am & 11am at Molesey.**

### GIFT AID 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.

### 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)

### 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) (from Monday 14 November.) For any questions, please email E: [synod@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@abdiocese.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS** by purchasing their Christmas cards you can help them to provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for families when they have nowhere else to turn.  
Website: [cathchild.org.uk](http://cathchild.org.uk) or telephone 01948 831 046 or there are brochures placed at the back of the church.

### **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*

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023**

Bookings are open for World Youth Day! Journey to Lisbon with a group of 18-35 years olds from across the Diocese to meet with the Holy Father and celebrate our joyous faith with millions of others from across the world. 31 July to 7 August 2023.  
Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

### **ST BARNABAS TEEN SPACE YOUR SPACE** every Friday evening from 7.30pm-9pm for Year 7 and above just turn up!

A space to meet with friends, table tennis, snooker, tuck. There will be adults present but it's up to you to organise your own activities or just hang out together! For more details, please contact Jean Casha 07960-654-813.

### **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.

### **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/>

## VACANCY FOR A CLEANER

St Alban's Catholic Primary School (East Molesey) is looking for an enthusiastic and reliable cleaner to join our facilities team. If you are interested in this position, please contact the School Office on 020 8979 5893 or [admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk).

**SCHOOL OFFICE VACANCY** St Alban's Catholic Primary School is looking for an enthusiastic and organised Finance Assistant and Administrator to support the School office – we are looking to make an appointment as soon as possible. For further information about the role please contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email [admin@Stalbans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@Stalbans.surrey.sch.uk).

## 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

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

### Items urgently required:

1. Family size Christmas chocolates
2. Family size boxes of Biscuits
3. Chocolates and sweets
4. Christmas selection boxes
5. Mince pies / Christmas pudding
6. Long life sponge puddings

7. Tinned meat (not corned beef)
  8. Christmas Savoury snack, crackers, ritz
- 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)

## 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

**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)).

**DATES FOR OUR DIARIES and  
COMMUNITY NEWS -  
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.

**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.*