

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

18 FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him & give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

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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
First Sunday of Lent, Year B*

My dear Parishioners, dear friends

The Forty Days of Lent mark time with the Forty Days Our Lord spent in the wilderness. The experience is that of hunger and temptation. *You're not yourself when you're hungry*, we hear in the famous TV ad, but the truth is that our passions and cravings often make us parodies of ourselves so that we are all too easily prey to every whim and selfish fancy.

Our Lord lives in total integrity and this is highlighted when He endures these temptations of the Devil in the wilderness. They are three in number and like most temptations are dressed up to look plausible and even expedient.

St Mark has an interesting detail. At the beginning of the gospel we hear that the Spirit 'drove' Jesus into the wilderness. *Spiritus expellit Jesum in desertum*. There is the sense here of something Our Lord had to do, and surely this is the same for us. We need to face temptation and deal with it, because it is

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a serious drain on our humanity and the happiness of human living.

I suggest a little Lenten exercise. Make a short list of say, three temptations which afflict you. I've thought of my three, but you'll understand if I keep them to myself. Having thought deeply and identified these things spend a little time each day in prayer, reflecting on how they have burdened you and asking the good Lord to effect a change in your life. Take the occasions of sin which spring from these temptations to the confessional.

One last thing. If you have a tendency to be hard on yourself allow the Lord to calm your fears and anxieties. If you give yourself an easy ride, ask Him to challenge you. Never forget that Lent is not a big long marathon, but can begin anew each day with the question *How shall I live my life today?*

May our Lent be loving, calming, thoughtful; and may it be marked by generous prayer, fasting in all its forms and sacrificial almsgiving.

May God bless us all

Fr Richard

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT
Sunday is for CAFOD (Lent Fast day).**

Bishop Richard has launched the 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 and I will address its details and challenges over the season of Lent.

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.***

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

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

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

*Wednesday at 9.30am, 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.*

**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: Maureen & Bill Dodds, Carol,
Rosa Saccente, Peter Kissinger, Sonia Chenery,*

David 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:

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, 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 Henry Minter, Fr Michael Albon,

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

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

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 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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FLOWER ROTA AT ST BARNABAS

Is there anyone in the parish of Hersham or Molesey who would like to arrange flowers at St Barnabas, and sign up to the Flower Rota? If so, **please contact Anny Cheung through the Parish Office.** Full training and help will be given.

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.

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. Instant noodles
2. Tinned/ Instant mash
3. Rice
4. Long life sponge puddings
5. Pasta sauce/ Pesto
6. Ketchup / Mayonnaise
7. Biscuits
8. Chocolate
9. Sweets

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. 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 waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk

ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB FOR YEAR 3 & UPWARDS

If you are in Year 3 and above, you are warmly invited to join us at St Barnabas Parish Youth Club on Friday evenings, for fun, friendship and crafts in a safe environment. Taster session is free, £1 per week after which covers a drink and cake.

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. Term time only.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER to be held on Friday 1st March, 10.30am at East Molesey Methodist Church, Manor Road. All are welcome, refreshments will available after the service.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 21st February at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

HERSHAM & WALTON ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

The annual Hershams & Walton St Patrick's Night will take place on Saturday the 16th of March at All Saints Church Hall. This is a family friendly event with profits raised going to local charities. Come along and enjoy the craic! Always a great night with a live band, licensed bar, Irish shop, kids disco, raffle and much more. Tickets go on sale on https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.tickettailor.com%2fevents%2fhershamspatricksnight&c=E,1,K49zTsNg7Or-Gnm7rltmU4NILsNavzzzBfw00tHM5mLfNdbR_WpTwTFC8Y_nxF9jPZBpnroilu4krhXmRfWE9pNi671DvB6lgmM3vMGe4qjB&typo=1

Ticket prices are adult £10 and children £2.50. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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.myдона.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.

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 or email

cafod@cafod.org.uk or telephone 0303 303 3030

Address: CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, LONDON, SE1 7JB

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Parish Representative (All Saints) Marion DAWES -01932 231317

CAFOD URGENT APPEAL - Turkey – Syria Earthquake disaster

CAFOD is of the 15 UK charities that form The Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). They have launched an emergency appeal to help the survivors of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The UK government has agreed to match the appeal pound for pound, up to £5 million, so any received donations will be doubled to this amount.

These charities are well aware of the financial constraints that all of us now have. In the past you have been very generous for which CAFOD and other charities thank you. If you can donate, then please either go onto the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

or write a cheque and hand it to the office at St Barnabas or All Saints churches or post it to CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB Thank you for your prayers, your support and your generosity.

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 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

HERSHAM DAY CENTRE

PROGRAMME Please pick up the latest activity programme. There are a range of activities every day in the Centre. 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.

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).

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

• Baptism Catechists' Day – Saturday 2 March. Free of charge

A Formation day for those who are already or who wish to, deliver baptism catechesis in their local area. Input from Bishop Richard on the theology of infant baptism and Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Advisor on the practicalities of building this into the parish community. The day is open to all clergy and laity involved in this area of catechesis. This event will take place at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley, 9.30am-1.30pm. Please register using the link [Baptism Catechists Day \(02-Mar-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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>

INVITED PROGRAMME AT ST ERCONWALD'S St Erconwald's Catholic Church is running the Invited programme on Thursday mornings starting 22 February at 9.45-11.45 in their parish hall. You are all warmly invited to come along. If you would like to attend, please register via the Churchsuite link:

<https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/vx0dheqj>

VACANCY at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. The role is for a Part Time Buildings Officer: School Buildings. Sadly Mark Brunet is retiring, some of you may have met Mark over the years, he will be missed! The details can be found on the Diocesan website, in the careers section <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers>. www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf

Along with the application form which should be returned to The Director of Catholic Education, Julie Oldroyd, julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk
Closing date: 16th February 2024

VACANCIES AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL

PLAYWORKER St Alban's School is looking for an enthusiastic and reliable Playworker to join their Breakfast and Afterschool club.

No experience needed, just a desire to work with children. (Term time only)

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbans-surrey/job/breakfast-and-after-school-club-playworker-1368204/?lang=en-GB>

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR St Alban's School is looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to supervise children in the dining and play areas during lunchtime breaks. Term Time Only. Contracted Hours Total 5 hours per week (Monday to Friday from 12pm to 1pm)

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbans-surrey/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1368912/?lang=en-GB>

AFTER SCHOOL CLEANER

Core hours: Monday-Friday 5pm-8pm
Start as soon as possible.

If you are interested in any of the vacancies above, please contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk

VACANCY Pastoral Coordinator – St Dunstan's Parish, Woking & St Hugh of Lincoln Parish, Knaphill

The Catholic parishes of Woking & Knaphill are seeking an energetic, committed worker with a good understanding of Catholic faith to join their pastoral team, to assume responsibility for coordinating and developing catechesis, developing lay leadership and promoting a culture of missionary discipleship across our twin parishes. The post is full-time but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be considered. Salary £32,000-35,000 depending on experience and qualifications. Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024. Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024. For job-description and application form see: W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphill-parishes>

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

GIFT 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.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 3rd March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.