

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

20 FEBRUARY 2022

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to
the Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

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My dear Parishioners

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 2 March and now is the time to make the decision about how we are to keep the Holy Fast.

There seems to be an urgency about so many aspects of our lives: bills to pay, moves to be made, schools to be chosen, proposals to be made. Sometimes we think of Lent as an urgent time.

I often reflected that I've not kept a good Lent and perhaps lacked the sense of its urgency. This year I'm trying a different approach. This year I plan to relax into the season and take each day as it comes. This year I plan to wake up every morning with a sense that this new day is another Lenten Day. This year I plan to rely less on the company of others and more on the company of Almighty God. The days actually lengthen during the season of Lent and I plan to mark them in a very different way from the way I normally live.

I say this, not because I feel I need to be held to account (although I surely do!), or

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even because I have a sense of being a Lenten aficionado (which I'm certainly not!), but rather to encourage us all to make some radical decisions this Lent.

To what end do we keep the Fast? Well first, that we might feast and feast well at Easter. Secondly, that we might master, with God's help, some particular flaw in our character and nature which holds us back and makes us feel lousy. We want to live in the freedom of the children of God. Thirdly, that we might grow closer to God and renew a living relationship with Jesus Christ, our friend and our brother, and know the benefits of all that flows for us.

So let us pray, fast and give! The form is age old and mirrors Our Lord's own fast in the wilderness. Meanwhile there's lots to pray for, not least peace in the world, a peace which surely begins with you and me.

*May God bless us all,
With my prayers and affectionate good wishes*

Fr Richard

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

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

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

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.

WE WELCOME YEAR 6 FROM ST ALBAN'S (St. Mother Teresa & St Oscar) to the 9.30am Mass on Thursday morning.

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:* Antony Leonard, David Morgan, 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: 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, 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, Fr Bruce Keller, Fr Michael Reynolds, Fr Richard Veal, Canon Peter Humfrey.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

MASS INTENTIONS are gladly received. Please fill out a Mass Intention envelope. Hershams 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.*

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.

CONFIRMATION 2022

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.

The programme will begin on Saturday 5th March 2022 at 4.30pm

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

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 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.

BEGINNING EXPERINCE

WEEKEND If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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. Long life milk
2. Tea bags
3. Tinned spaghetti
4. Tin hot dogs
5. Ketchup & Table sauces

6. Long life sponge puddings
 7. Rice pudding
 8. Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
 9. Crisps & savoury snacks
 10. Instant coffee – small & medium jars
- NO FRESH FOOD, PLEASE.

Collection points:

1. At the back of All Saints and St. Barnabas churches.
2. The Food Bank Warehouse, Faulknors 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 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.

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 UK charity number 1160384 company limited by guarantee number 09387398

Parish Representative (All Saints) Marion DAWES -01932 231317

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES and COMMUNITY NEWS -

MOLESEY CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER. This local venture is open until the end of March 2022. They provide their guests with a bed with hot meals at breakfast and evenings plus access to support services. They still need volunteers to provide meals, and / or a friendly face to chat with guests. Financial contributions are also needed. For more information, contact nightshelter@spwm.org.uk or see their website moleseycns.org.

HERSHAM DAY CENTRE The Day Centre is opened Monday- Friday from 9am - 4pm. Social groups and activities are available each day, with hairdressing and other treatments, plus access to other services. Amy and her team are looking forward to meeting you. Contact them on 01932 246 267. Some information is available at All Saints Church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 04 MARCH

- **10.30am St Barnabas, Molesey**, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall
- **2.30pm All Saints, Hersham**, followed by refreshments in the Narthex.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement lead by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is the largest ecumenical service in the world and is a special time for worship in our communities.

The theme is Jeremiah 29:11 “For surely I know the plans I have for you” *prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.*

If you are free, please do support this ecumenical event in Molesey or Hersham. EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOMED.

CAFOD is 60 years old in 2022. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

It was started by a team of volunteers from the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM). The Catholic Women’s League (CWL) and the National League of Catholic Women (NBCW). Many thanks to these dedicated and visionary women especially those from our local UCM.

CAFOD - LENT FAST DAY

11 MARCH - Appeal against Hunger
MANY THANKS for your continued prayers and financial support.

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food.

Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope (given out 5-6 March) or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/len).

LENT – 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. We did try to launch this

initiative in Lent 2020, but Covid -19 cancelled all our plans!

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 . Ideas preferred by 24 February, if possible.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE NEWS.....

Diocesan pilgrimage to LOURDES 28 July – 05 August 2022

Application forms are now available for this pilgrimage. See the diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk or Telephone no: 01403 740 110. The website also has details of the different categories of pilgrim -independent, assisted, helper, medical /religious; preparation days for redshirts and helpers; costs for travel and accommodation.

Please remember our young children and their families who are beginning their journey for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Also, our families who are preparing for the baptism of their babies. *Please pray for our young people who are starting their sacramental preparation for Confirmation. Also, for anyone who is seeking God.*

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.*