

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

7 March 2021

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

*My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.*

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Confessions *By appointment and before and after Saturday Masses*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

I like to present a very neat front but there are parts of my little world which are chaos. I think of an unsorted drawer, a dusty file, a lost sock. How different we all are! For some tidiness is a sign of efficiency and order, for others it is a needless burden stifling creativity.

The gospel of the cleansing of the Temple sees Our Lord causing a mess. As he overturns tables and chases people away we can almost sense the chaos. He is provoked to do this because we hear he is angry and his gripe is that the Temple has been corrupted from house of prayer to den of thieves. Its dramatic stuff and clearly Our Lord is quite certain about both his accusation and his remedy.

Mess comes in many guises. Some mess is tolerable and even attractive, other mess has a serious, even sinister side. The mess of religious observance, which had tainted the Temple and provided an opportunity for the opportunist to make a fast buck, is a very grave matter. This was because the commerce rather than the devotion had

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become the focus. In the clamorous noise it had become impossible to think, let alone pray and Jesus was having none of it.

We are used to thinking of our individual body and soul as temples of the Holy Spirit. We recognise that our God dwells within and that we become a dwelling place for Him, especially when he comes to us in the gift of Holy Communion, that Most Blessed of Sacraments, in which we receive Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity.

Cleanse O Lord our consciences we pray, by thy visitation, that Our Lord Jesus Christ, when He comes, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself.

Gently, through the Sacrament of our good Easter Confession, the temples of our bodies and souls will be cleansed by the grace which comes to us through this sacrament. Sometimes, let's face it, a good clean out is required. Sometimes the mess of our lives has become a burden.

I encourage you to take advantage of making a good confession before Easter. Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you'd like to come to confession at a time to suit

you. Please don't think I'm too busy, or your sins are too trivial or too embarrassing, or too complicated. Please don't think you don't know what to say and please don't believe that openness to the sacrament will cause anyone to think badly of you, after all this really will be a moment of pardon and of peace.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
Fr Richard

THE OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER & PUBLIC MASSES

The churches are open for private prayer during the day. The churches are also open for Mass.

Bear in mind that the doors of the churches will be open, so it will be possible to be outside the building itself but have a reasonable connection with the celebration of the liturgy.

We need to be attentive to safety and social distancing requirements. There will be limited space in the churches, but the doors will be open, and those who don't mind standing can participate in the Mass from outside the church as long as social distance is observed.

PLEASE NOTE

- The obligation to be at Sunday Mass continues to be suspended until further notice.
- The homily will be short!
- We are not permitted to sing together.
- Holy Communion will now be distributed in the usual place. Please remove your face coverings in preparation for the reverent reception of Holy Communion.

- Every effort will be made to avoid any possible transmission of the virus.
- The celebrant's hands will be thoroughly cleansed before the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Take advantage of the weekday Masses to spread the numbers and assist safe space.
- Please wear face coverings.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

At Molesey at 6pm on Fridays

At Hersham at 3pm on Sundays

TUESDAY TALK: Talks for Lent on Women in St Mark's Gospel: Herodias & Salome

6pm Tuesdays with Fr Richard

On the Live Stream only from Molesey

9, 16 & 23 March

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30,
Thursday at 9.30am & Latin Mass on
Saturday at 10am.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Wednesday at 9.30am & Friday at 9.30am.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

will be celebrated at both

All Saints Hersham &

St Barnabas Molesey

at the following times

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 8pm

Good Friday Solemn Liturgy at 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil & Mass at 8pm

Masses on Easter Sunday

will be

8am Molesey Latin Mass

9.15am Hersham

11am Molesey

6pm Molesey

To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to www.stbarnabasmolesey.org and click on the picture of the appropriate church. Make sure your device's sound is turned up.

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.

Contact Fr Richard Tel: 07803 197 840.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2021

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.

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

The Memorare to Our Lady

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help,
or sought your intercession was left
unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful
and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy,
hear and answer me.

LET US PRAY FOR: *For those who are sick
in our parishes:* 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, Ben Adderley, Nedra Gilson, the
Superville and McComb family, Mark.

*Please advise the parish offices know of those names
and intentions you would like added to our list for
our prayers.*

Those who have died: 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 Denis Tuohy, Canon Richard Incledon,
Fr Albert Hadshar, Canon Daniel Moriarty.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

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.*

A NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

will begin this Wednesday 10th at 5.30pm
at St Barnabas Molesey and will take place
every evening until the Feast of St Joseph
on Friday 19th March when there will be a
Solemn Mass at 7pm.

On Saturday the Novenna will be at
9.45am, after rosary.

ST BARNABAS ALTAR SERVERS

There is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for
the Masses during Holy Week and Easter.
If you wish to serve at any of these Masses,
please put your name down so we have an
idea of numbers.

We hope to have a practice nearer the time
with a date to follow.

If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Richard or Justin Taylor after Mass on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Thank you.

FOODBANK DONATIONS AT ALL SAINTS HERSHAM & ST BARNABAS MOLESEY

The box for food bank donations is at the back of our churches.

Items urgently needed.

Long life milk, tinned meat, sponge puddings, custard, crisps & snacks, low sugar items, gluten free food, lavatory paper, soup, tinned tomatoes. At the moment there is plenty of pasta & pasta sauces & baked beans, tea, coffee & biscuits.

Food bank Warehouse, Faulkers Road, Hersham (opposite Lilliput children's centre.) Open Wednesday 10am-12noon to donate food. Please see the website waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk for more information, including financial donations.

Thank you for your support!

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/>

MISSIO (red boxes) and CAFOD - A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Both international charities are supported by Pope Francis and help local communities to thrive. CAFOD works with local partners in 165 countries to challenge climate change, especially water poverty, teach new skills, develop good health care, education and justice. Missio works with local Bishops and communities including

some countries where Christianity is not encouraged.

These times are hard for everybody, and our parishes are very generous in their prayers and donations to both charities. Please continue to pray for both charities and if possible, donate a little money to continue their good work to improve lives and reduce the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. More information is on their websites.

To donate to Missio - UK Registered charity 1056651

1. Direct by online payment at mission.org.uk/redbox
2. By text, sending REDBOX 5 or REDBOX 10 to 70085 to donate £5 or £10 (plus standard message rate)
3. Send a cheque payable to Missio-Mill Hill and post to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU
4. Contact All Saints, Hersham: Angela Hudson on 01932 882717 or 07970 860394.

To donate to CAFOD. UK registered charity 1160384 and company by guarantee number 09387398

1. Directly by online payment www.cafod.org.uk/give
2. Send a cheque written to CAFOD with your name and address and parish on the back and post to Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.
3. By text **LENT 5, LENT 10, or LENT 20** to **70460** to give **£5, £10 or £20** (plus standard message rate). If you want to donate but not receive any marketing communications, text **LENTNOINFO** to **70460**
4. Telephone 0300 303 3030 for donations by telephone.
5. Contact All Saints Hersham Parish representative, Marion Dawes. 01932 231317

THE GIFT - A SHORT DVD COURSE

Do you know how much God loves you personally and wants you to know him better?

We know he loves us in our heads, but do we feel it in our hearts?

Have you ever given time to open up the gift you were given at baptism?

The prayer group which meets weekly on a Thursday evening warmly invites you to join them for the evenings following this short course that has been recommended by Pope Francis. We will journey through Lent to Easter together.

Each week we will listen to a speaker and share our reflections in a small group with an experienced leader.

At week six we will pray for The Holy Spirit to deepen our awareness of God's personal love for us and his dynamic Spirit within us. We will run the course on Zoom and we can help you access this if you have never used Zoom before. It has been new to most of us this year. Course runs Thursdays 7.15pm until the 25th March, you can join any Thursday. To register please email johngerard@talktalk.net or lalana.pang@gmail.com

To watch a three-minute preview trailer of the course please go to the link <https://www.thegiftofthespirit.org>

MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION

This self-directed spiritual retreat has resulted in miracles in the lives and hearts of those who have applied themselves to it. St. Pope John Paul II said that his consecration to Mary was a "decisive turning point in my life". It incorporates four models of prayer that have stood the test of time and truth in moving and melting the heart of God: The Rosary (daily), spiritual readings (daily), fasting (weekly) and consecration to Mary. It is suitable for busy individuals, families, and groups. Mary's Mantle Consecration in our Deanery continues until 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. **Mass will be celebrated on that day at 9.30am at Hersham and at 7pm a Solemn Mass at Molesey with an act of consecration to Our Lady.**

Information available by emailing weybridgemarysmantle@gmail.com

DIOCESAN MISSION INVITED
continues this Thursday Season One of this new mission programme will explore God's *invitation* to enter into relationship with Him, and what that means for our lives. It will be a wonderful journey of discovery that helps us to know more deeply who we are in the eyes of God our loving Father.

If you haven't registered for your free place yet, don't worry - there is still plenty of time. The first pre-recorded episode is available on our website. This will be followed on Thursdays with group meeting beginning at 7.30pm. *Invited is for everyone and all are very welcome!* To sign up for your free place [click here. www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)

EASTER RETREAT Join the Wellspring Community, Monks of Worth Abbey, and young people from across the country in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. With a mixture of prayer, small groups and talks there is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have created the timetable in such a way that you should be able to attend the liturgies in your local church and if this is not possible, we will offer guidance in how to create a prayerful liturgy at home. Should one of the sessions clash with your local liturgy you will have access later so you can catch up. Plenty of space will be given to allow for deep reflection and personal journeying with God."

<http://www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk/the-virtual-easter-retreat/>

The Facebook link for the retreat: <https://www.facebook.com/events/362373367740460/>

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 during these strange times.

*Fr Richard Biggerstaff,
Parish Priest of All Saints Hersham with St
Barnabas Molesey.*