

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

1 JANUARY 2023

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,  
who rules heaven and earth for ever.*

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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  
Mary, Mother of God, Year A.

*Dear Parishioners, dear friends,*

I estimated that almost 1300 people passed  
through the Masses of Christmas this year.  
In no small part this is due to the warm  
welcome regular parishioners and friends  
give to those who visit our churches  
occasionally. Ours are warm and friendly  
parishes where people speak well of each  
other and are concerned for each other. The  
exceptions are few and far between!

I would like to express, on behalf of us all,  
those who made the churches so beautiful  
and warm and welcoming, who assisted  
musically and liturgically. I would like to  
express, on my own behalf, those who were  
so generous to me personally; your cards,  
gifts, good wishes and generosity are  
sustaining and deeply encouraging. Thank  
you.

Now we look forward to this Friday's  
Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord.  
There are only two Mass for this holy day  
of obligation, at 9.30am at Hersham and  
7pm at Molesey. The journey of the magi to

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the Christ child is a beautiful and  
mysterious feast of His manifestation to all  
nations.

At the time of writing, we hear news of the  
increasing frailty of the Pope Emeritus,  
Benedict. He preached these words, ten  
years ago, on this Feast:

*The wise men followed the star. Through the  
language of creation, they discovered the God of  
history. To be sure – the language of creation alone  
is not enough. Only God's word, which we  
encounter in sacred Scripture, was able to mark out  
their path definitively. Creation and Scripture,  
reason and faith, must come together, so as to lead  
us forward to the living God. There has been much  
discussion over what kind of star it was that the  
wise men were following. Some suggest a planetary  
constellation, or a supernova, that is to say one of  
those stars that is initially quite weak, in which an  
inner explosion releases a brilliant light for a certain  
time, or a comet, etc. This debate we may leave to  
the experts. The great star, the true supernova that  
leads us on, is Christ himself. He is as it were the  
explosion of God's love, which causes the great white  
light of his heart to shine upon the world.*

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes  
*Fr Richard*

## THE LIVE STREAM

### AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am,  
Thursday at 9.30am, Friday at 7pm,  
Saturday 10am (*Latin Mass*) & Sunday at  
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](http://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](http://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 Andrew Convey, Canon John Stapleton, Fr Edward O'Connor, Fr Gordon Simmons, Mgr Canon Paul Clark, Canon Dennis Barry, Fr Richard Wilson, Fr Charles Borelli.

### **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.

**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 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 5pm staying on for the Mass at 6pm.**

**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 2023**

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confession & First Holy Communion continue at HERSHAM 9am Mass & MOLESEY 11am Mass on **Sunday 22 January 2023**

### **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)

### **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. ContactE: [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. Term time only.

### **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. Term time only.

### **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. Pasta Sauce
2. Tinned Canned Carrots
3. Tinned Peas
4. Christmas selection boxes
5. Custard
6. Long life sponge puddings
7. Hot chocolate
8. Kitchen Roll
9. Cleaning Products
10. Washing machine Pods
11. Deodrant

**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 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)).

### **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.*