

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

28 February 2021

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

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Confessions *By appointment and before and after Saturday Masses*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

That mystery of light *par excellence*, the Transfiguration, has always been a favourite for me. I was received into the Catholic Church, confirmed and received my first Holy Communion on the feast, which is celebrated on 6 August. Every Second Sunday of Lent we also revisit this mystery as we hear the gospel of the Transfiguration in either Matthew, Luke and this year Mark.

The mysteries of Our Lord never stand alone, they are beautifully connected and inform the whole mystery of His life, death and Resurrection. This mystery seems to have more to do with resurrection than anything, but its place in the gospels clearly prepares the disciples for all that Jesus will endure. In the light of His face, they find strength to journey with the Lord to His cross.

Years ago my friend Fr Dominic undertook a pilgrimage along a stretch of the Camino de Santiago. He had a wonderful time of profound prayer and happy meetings. He saw beautiful things and ate like a horse, he felt fit and exhilarated, although a little sore and stiff.

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Some months later, facing a terminal diagnosis he reflected that the powerful experience of the Camino had prepared him for all he was to face. Dominic had resolved to be useful in Edinburgh and knew he would die there. Relatively well, he stayed with me in Oxford and I organised fun things for us to do. He embraced them all, stayed up late, but was always the first in the chapel in the early morning. He made his plans to drop off his possessions as he journeyed north, giving his car away in Yorkshire and taking a train and a bag for his final stretch. In Edinburgh he sat in the cathedral confessional and said Mass in the evening until he could no longer do so. His *camino transfiguration* was a constant point of spiritual reference for him.

When we suffer and feel wretched, when life seems a burden and just too challenging, our climbing days of consolation and peace are a sort of reserve on which we draw. God has been powerfully present to us in such moments, but He is also there in the worst we have to face. That was the experience of His Son and His Son's disciples and dear Fr Dominic.

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: An old lady and a young girl

6pm Tuesdays with Fr Richard

On the Live Stream only from Molesey

2, 9, 16 & 23 March

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 6pm, 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.

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, Bobbette 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 Charles Jeffries, Fr Edward Stuart Bell, Fr Timothy O'Driscoll, Fr David Maskell, Fr Kevin Gaskin, Fr John Pearson.

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.

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

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is 5 March 2021 - 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 community.

2021 Theme: Build on a strong foundation written by the people of Vanuatu, in the South Pacific.

The Coronavirus crisis is preventing us from being able to hold the service in churches. The national organisers are going to provide us with a link for the service so that we can participate online. If you would like to view it, please let me know. I will make sure that you have the link and try to get you a copy of the service booklet.

For an e mailed copy of the booklet, please contact Marion Dawes 01932 231317
marion.dawes@gmail.com

Another link for a service at Salisbury for World Day of Prayer Service at 3pm. It is recommended people should join the link between 2.30pm and 2.50pm on the day so that we can all be settled before the service starts. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89501586685>
(Meeting ID: 895 0158 6685)

If you would like more information, please

contact Carole Bourne: cbeezles@me.com
Please keep in your prayers the people of Vanuatu, in the South Pacific

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/3623733677740460/>

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,
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