

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

26 FEBRUARY 2023

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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Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham*

WELCOME TO MASS Readings and
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for *The
First Sunday of Lent Year A.*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

Forty days and forty nights is the sum of Lent.
We mark time with the Lord who fasted and
prayed and was strengthened for the
temptations which would assail Him. He was
strong and victorious, we are often weak and
defeated.

The grace of God is a free gift to us all to get
through life, rejoicing in life's consolations and
coping with its challenges. We receive this
grace especially in the sacraments, and it helps
us to live as God would want and for us to be
the best of who we can be, before God and
each other. This is especially the grace given to
us in the sacrament of confession.

Sometimes we priests feel we need to persuade
people to come to confession, gently coaxing
them back to a confidence in the celebration of
the sacrament. Actually the truth is we need to
feel this call for ourselves and experience its
power. Most people in our parish don't go to
confession. I would simply ask you to ask
yourself the question why? When I go I'm in
the habit of asking myself that question, almost

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separately from my examination of conscience.
In fact, it's a good habit to ask, before every
action or decision or spoken word: why am I
doing this, or deciding this, or saying this?
Sometimes the full, frank and honest answer
can open up some important truths. Meanwhile
I wish you well as the Lenten Fast gains
momentum.

Listening to a radio review of the events of the
last year in Ukraine, I found myself unable to
listen any more. The horrific accounts and
events described just seemed too much. This
sort of thing puts all our little efforts and
meagre motives into perspective. But one thing
we can surely do is offer our penances,
however big or small, as part of our prayer for
peace. May the prayers of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary melt even the hardest hearts.

Our personal holiness is also crucial for a better
world as well as our own journey to Heaven
and that's a pretty good motivation in itself to
get to confession.

With the assurance of my prayers, especially in
the Sacrifice of the Mass, and my affectionate
good wishes.

Fr Richard

The Prayer & Life Workshops in our two parishes continue in Molesey on Mondays from 6.30pm - 8.30pm and in Hersham on Tuesdays from 7pm - 9pm. You are warmly invited to join whichever is most convenient for you.

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

Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am, Saturday 10am (*Latin Mass*), Sunday at 11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Friday at 12noon, 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.

FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS AT

ST BARNABAS The Prayer group have invited Fr John Horn to say Mass at St Barnabas on Thursday 2nd March. The Mass allows us to pray for living and deceased members of our families going back to our great grandparents. This is an opportunity to place any wounds or hurts from the past in The Lord's hands some of which can still be having an effect in our lives today. There is a simple genealogy form to fill in at the back of the church which is only for your personal use. **Please fill in beforehand and bring to the Mass. Please arrive for 7.15pm.**

**AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
WITH EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM
Wednesdays during Lent 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, 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, 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:

Nora Tierney (Funeral 11am 8 March), Elizabeth (Lizzie) Obi (Funeral 12 noon 9 March), Paul O'Brien (Funeral 6 March), 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, 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 Richard Veal, Canon Peter Humfrey, Fr David Sutcliffe, Fr Ken Freeman, Fr Edward Stuart Bell, Fr Tom O'Driscoll, Fr David Maskell.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

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

Prayer and Life Workshops

You are warmly invited to The Prayer and Life Workshops. This a wonderful opportunity to work with a very gifted and inspired visiting team who will guide us and nurture us through a transformative experience in prayer.

There are leaflets at the back of the church and you can contact me for more information email: johngerard@talktalk.net

We would love to see you as we journey together on this path to holiness imitating Christ through Lent and Eastertide finishing in May...bring a friend too! The sessions will be held at

St Barnabas Hall on Monday evenings 6.30pm -8.30pm and in Hersham on Tuesday evenings 7pm – 9pm.

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.*

BIBLE STUDY - Starting 15th March

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

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

CONFIRMATION 2023

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The next meeting for the Confirmation candidates is at **MOLESEY** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm staying on for the Mass at 6pm.

### **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 5 March 2023.**

### **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) For any questions, please email E: [synod@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **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.

### **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. Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

### **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.

## 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 DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 3 MARCH**

- **10.30am St Paul's Church, East Molesey**, followed by refreshments.

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.

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

## **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

**A GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY:** Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: [cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)

**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](http://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.

### **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. Juice or Squash
  2. Ketchup or Mayonnaise
  3. Tinned tomatoes
  4. Jam/ Peanut Butter/ Marmite
  5. Washing up liquid
  6. Crisps/Savoury snacks – family size
- 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](http://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

## **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.

## **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.

**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)).

**DATES FOR OUR DIARIES – more details in the newsletter and on display in the Narthex at All Saints Church, Hersham**

- **FRIDAY 3 March WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – St Mark's, Whiteley Village, 11am Refreshments afterwards. Lifts are

available for parishioners from All Saints.

- **FRIDAY 3 March – FAMILY FAST DAY, Major fundraiser for CAFOD.**

**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.*