

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

**19 NOVEMBER 2023**

**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIMES**

*The Lord said; I think thoughts of peace & not of  
affliction. You will call upon me, &  
I will answer you, & I will lead back your captives  
from every place.*

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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  
Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

*Dear Parishioners, dear friends,*

The writer of the Book of Proverbs poses a question which is guaranteed to irritate some and amuse others. 'A perfect wife – who can find her?

It irritates because it sounds sexist, it amuses because such questions always seem to be underpinned by a sense of irony. One assumes that the writer was a man and probably a married one. Moreover, he seems to have high expectations and expresses not just his confidence in such a person but also lists her talents and attributes. I think it unlikely that the reading will be chosen for the celebration of a wedding and yet there is a growing seriousness in the passage so that a picture is built up of a truly heroic individual who is not just busy around the home but making a huge difference to the lot of those most in need.

The context of our lives is our commitment and the relationships which express them. Husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, friends and carers – we find in these committed choices the call

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**The Parish Office** Tuesday – Friday 9.15 am-12.15pm

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to step up and be the best that we can, for the sake of the other and for our own sake too. The passage could easily begin 'The perfect husband –who can find him? The perfect friend - who can find her? The perfect brother or sister –who can find them?' But there is a further exercise too which could simply be our homework for the week. Could we perhaps ask the question of ourselves? Or at the very least a question like, How could I be a better wife, husband, brother, sister, friend, carer?

I shall have a little space to reflect on these things myself with a time of rest and recuperation after some routine surgery at the end of the month. I hope I will be quickly fit, but I do need to be attentive to the process of recovery and so I ask you to bear with me for as long as it takes. Say a little prayer too.

Our dear friend and fellow parishioner Felicity Phelps died this last week strengthened by the sacraments and with a heart full of love and faith. One of our number wrote to me to say that Felicity, for her, had always been the perfect Christian role model. May she rest in peace.

God bless you all. *Fr Richard*

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY** for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

### **THE LIVE STREAM**

**AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed**  
Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am,  
Thursday at 6pm, Sunday 11am & 6pm.

**AT HERSHAM: All live streamed**  
Wednesday at 9.30am, Friday at 9.30am,  
Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 5.30pm & 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.

### **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.**

### **AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM**

**Friday 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, David Morgan, John O'Reilly, Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, Patricia Malcolm, Rose Collins, Maureen Lloyd, Ann Livingston, Dina Yates, 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:*

*David Johnson, Anthony Leonard, Oscar Prince, Edwin Jones, David Nigel, Giuseppe Grizzanti, Julian Varadi, Manuel Campello Barro, Danny*

Boyle, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Tim Haines, Nora Tierney, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Obi, Paul O'Brien, 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:*

Mgr. Clement Constable, Canon Dennis Corbishley, Fr Cyril Webber, Canon John Sullivan, Fr Michael Fahey.

### **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 (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.

**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.

### **INVITED ADVENT 2023**

You are all invited to join the Diocesan-wide series called Invited, this season taking place during Advent. We are hosting a series of sessions to help everyone get ready for Christmas and we would love for you to join us.

There will be four sessions taking place each **Wednesday** of Advent starting at **6:30pm – 8pm** at **St Barnabas Parish Hall, Vine Road**. We will gather to watch the weekly film featuring speakers from across the Diocese, and have a time of conversation about what we have heard and seen in each episode. The dates are as follows:

- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Episode 1: Incarnation – Who is Jesus? An exploration of the historical person of Christ
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Episode 2: Desire – Who am I? What is this longing in my heart?
- 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Episode 3: Joy – What is joy? And how do we find it in suffering?
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Episode 4: Home – What next? How do I make a home for Christ in my heart?

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024**

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confession & First Holy Communion will be enrolled at Mass on **Sunday 17 December at Hersham at 9am & 11am at Molesey**. At coffee after Mass there will be doughnuts.

**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.

**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.

### **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)

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED**

Many people within our parish community are unable to attend Mass due to sickness or are housebound, and so they require Holy Communion to be taken to them at home. A team of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion are needed for this to take place. If you can help with this ministry, please contact the parish office 02089418400. Diocesan DBS and safeguarding training is required, and training for this ministry will be provided.

### **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. UHT Semi skimmed milk
  2. Tinned meat – hotdogs, meatballs, ham
  3. Tinned rice pudding
  4. Long life juice / Squash
  5. Christmas chocolate, selections boxes
  6. Chocolate / sweets
  7. Christmas savoury snacks/ crisps
  8. Kitchen Roll
  9. Multi-purpose spray cleaners
  10. Deodorant
  11. Family size biscuit boxes
- NO FRESH FOOD, PLEASE.

#### Collection points:

1. At the back of All Saints and St. Barnabas churches.
  2. The Food Bank Warehouse, Faulkners Road, Hershams - 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 [waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk](http://waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk)

### **BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

Want to try new things, make a difference and have exciting adventures? Then DofE Bronze is the award for you! If you have missed the opportunity at your School, we are happy for you to take a place! It is open to Year 9 students and above. For more information or to sign up please contact Jean Casha 07960 654 813 or email [jean@cashaonline.de](mailto:jean@cashaonline.de)

## 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.

### BIBLE STUDY

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

### 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*

**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.

### 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*

**HOUSE OF PRAYER East Molesey –  
Programme or Autumn – Winter 2023  
Canon, Community and handing on the  
Faith**

**Advent: Lectio Divina**

Tuesday 28 November, 5 December, 12  
December, 19 December, 2pm – 3pm

Led by Helen Healy

An opportunity to join a small group meeting  
at the House of Prayer during Advent. Lectio  
Divina is divine reading, listening to  
Scripture with the ear of the heart. A short  
passage of scripture is read slowly and  
meditatively. There are periods of silence,  
letting the words penetrate deeper in our  
hearts, and listening to God and to each  
other. Places are limited and given on a first-  
come, first-served basis. Donations welcome

*Helen is a spiritual director and a member of the  
Lay Community of Saint Benedict and is deeply  
attracted to Benedictine spirituality.*

Please visit [https://www.christian-  
retreat.org/our-programme](https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme) for more details  
or to book.

**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)

**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](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.*

**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).)

## **DIOCESAN RUN EVENTS**

### • **MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS**

Mental Health training courses. Would you like to understand more about the challenges and reality of mental health on those around you? We continue to run courses focused on raising awareness of symptoms and the impact on people's lives along with ways to signpost those who are struggling. For more details see the Diocesan website or email Simon South, Formation Advisor E: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

*To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit their website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>*

**VACANCY AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL PLAYWORKER** St Alban's School is looking for an enthusiastic and reliable Playworker to join their Breakfast and Afterschool club.

No experience needed, just a desire to work with children. (Term time only)

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbans-surrey/job/breakfast-and-after-school-club-playworker-1368204/?lang=en-GB>

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR** St Alban's School is looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to supervise children in the dining and play areas during lunchtime breaks. Term Time Only. Contracted Hours Total 5 hours per week (Monday to Friday from 12pm to 1pm)

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbans-surrey/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1368912/?lang=en-GB>

If you are interested in any of the vacancies above, please contact the School office on

020 8979 5893 or email [admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk)

**ADMISSIONS** Consultation on Admission Arrangements for **Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School for 2025-2026 Academic Year**. Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation that the governing body as the admission authority for Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2025-26.

The six-week (minimum) consultation will begin on 30/10/2023 with the closing date for submitting comments being 10/12/2023.

The proposed arrangements (admissions policy and supplementary information form (SIF)) can be viewed on the school website: [www.cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk](http://www.cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk).

Alternatively, if you do not have access to the Internet and you wish to request a printed copy of the admissions arrangements and a response form, please contact Claire Madden at Cardinal Newman School. 01932 222 536.

## **GIFT 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.

**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.