

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

**4 DECEMBER 2022**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.*

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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  
Second Sunday of Advent, Year A.

*Dear Parishioners, dear friends,*

The season of Advent has begun and on this Second Sunday we focus our attention on St John the Baptist. What an extraordinary man he is. I often wonder whether his parents were tempted to disappointment as he grew. It wouldn't be the first time such an experience is felt by parents in a family.

Zechariah and Elizabeth had hoped for a child for so long and eventually their prayers were answered. Perhaps they could see some security for their old age, loving companionship, even the thought of grandchildren, but none of these things happen. Instead John takes off as soon as he can and lives a nomadic and intensely solitary existence. He takes vows against the norms of everyday living and dresses like one on the fringes of society. Suddenly he is to be found stirring up trouble, proclaiming a new king, a messiah who will establish a new order and speak to the depths of men's hearts.

**The Parish Office** Tuesday – Friday 9.15 am-12.15pm  
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I wonder if Elizabeth and Zechariah would ever have seen him again. And yet this boy of theirs has become a gift to humanity for all time. His call to repentance and conversion signals a new experience of God and what it is to live as a child of God. John is the greatest prophet, none greater is born of woman. His call to change and preparation for the coming of the Lord is timeless. We are in a constant state of growth and refinement if we are serious about a life which flourishes and a life that helps others to flourish. Often we will need prophets to stand on the sidelines, cheering us on or calling us back. John the Baptist is the archetype of such man.

Now the family for which Elizabeth and Zechariah is beautifully and perfectly united in the life of Heaven, and from their heavenly place John and his holy parents encourage us with their protection and their prayers. Let us listen again attentively to the Baptist's words to us this Advent.

May God bless us all in these Advent Days of waiting, expectation, hope and consolation. *With my prayers and affectionate good wishes* Fr Richard

Next Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm at Molesey there is an Advent Service of beautiful music and readings and Benediction.

**MONDAY MOLESEY MASSES IN ADVENT** will be at 7am. These will be candlelit celebrations as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Please bring lanterns or candle jars. Please make a note of the Advent Mondays 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**MISSION MONDAYS OF ADVENT AT HERSHAM** will take place this Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December with a 7pm Mass followed by a talk on Mary and Joseph. I will offer these talks as we contemplate these key and beautiful figures in the mystery of Christmas.

Be assured of my continued prayers for all your departed loved ones at all the Masses in our churches, especially in these last days of November.

#### **THE LIVE STREAM**

**AT MOLESEY:** All Live streamed Monday at 7am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 7pm (*Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception*), Saturday 10am (*Latin Mass*), Sunday 11am & 6pm.

**AT HERSHAM:** All live streamed Monday at 7pm, Wednesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am (*Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception*), 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.**

#### **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

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##### **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.***

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 Philip de Putron, Fr Edward Dilger, Fr Edward Bell, Fr Frank McHugh.

### **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.

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| <p><b>THE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY</b> will be for Fr Richard. Priests of this diocese receive no salary, so your generosity at Christmas &amp; Easter forms the bulk of a priest's personal income.</p> |
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**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 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm staying on for the Mass at 6pm.

**THE JUNIORS FROM ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL** hold their Christmas Carol concert on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in the Church, everyone is warmly invited.

**NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES** at St Barnabas, Molesey on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm.** If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813.

**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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/2023

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

## 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)

**THE NEXT UCM MEETING** is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

## 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)

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS** by purchasing their Christmas cards you can help them to provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for families when they have nowhere else to turn.



Website: [cathchild.org.uk](http://cathchild.org.uk) or telephone 01948 831 046 or there are brochures placed at the back of the church.

## 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. Contact E: [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.

## 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.

## 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@stalbens.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbens.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. Family size Christmas chocolates
2. Family size boxes of Biscuits
3. Chocolates and sweets
4. Christmas selection boxes
5. Mince pies / Christmas pudding
6. Long life sponge puddings
7. Tinned meat (not corned beef)
8. Christmas Savoury snack, crackers, ritz

**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

## **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)).

## **NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR FOR ST THEODORE'S, HAMPTON:**

We are currently advertising for a new part time Church Administrator. The role is being advertised on the Diocesan website:

<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-hampton-on-thames-parish/>

The closing date for applications to the Diocese is Monday 5th December 2022 at noon.

## **DATES FOR OUR DIARIES and COMMUNITY NEWS - 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.*