

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

7 February 2021

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

*O Come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.*

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**Confessions** *By appointment and before and after Saturday  
Masses*

*My dear Parishioners, my dear friends,*

This coming week we have three Requiem Masses for parishioners in our churches. The word 'requiem' comes from the introit of the Mass 'Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them'. All our Masses are offered for those who have died as well as for the intentions of the living. The Mass is the most powerful of prayers, for it is the prayer of Jesus Himself.

Prayer is at the heart of our lives of faith and over these last weeks I have tried, in my Sunday homilies, to concentrate on the simple aspects of prayer – finding time, finding space, appreciating the need for prayer, understanding something of its power. We can never leave the subject of prayer for long; the human heart has a yearning for this communion and contemplation.

Most good habits take about 6 weeks to acquire and half that time to lose! Lent begins on Wednesday 17 February, so now is the time to think about that holy season as a time to renew our lives of prayer and our lives of charity. In prayer we show that

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we love God, in charity we show that we want to love our neighbours.

Meanwhile, love of ourselves is to be taken seriously and the healthy life of prayer will reveal that to us. God loves us and calls us to love in ourselves His image and likeness.

I'm no expert in these things, but I recognise people around us whose lives of loving faith have much to teach us. May I commend a beautiful book called 'The Shattering of Loneliness' by Bishop Erik Varden. A good spiritual read, like a good holy conversation, can be hugely beneficial.

Meanwhile on Ash Wednesday 17 February we will have three Masses at 9.30am in Molesey at 12noon in Hersham and at 7pm in Molesey. There will be a Children's liturgy on the live stream at 10.30am from Molesey. Details of the Lent diocesan mission and other Lenten observances follow next week.

May I thank you for your prayers for me and for fellow parishioners. They are not taken for granted and they have a power which we should never underestimate. So, my love and my prayers. *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.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY

**AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed**  
Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Wednesday (*Requiem Mass Dennis Lackey*) at 9.30am, Friday at 11am (*Requiem Mass Bobbettie McColl*) & Latin Mass on Saturday at 10am.

**AT HERSHAM: All live streamed**  
Thursday at 11am (*Requiem Mass Beatrice Hammond*) & Friday at 9.30am.

*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. 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](http://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:* Nellie Widdup, Bette Reed (Requiem 15 Feb at 10am), Bobbette McColl (Requiem 12 Feb at 11am) , Beatrice Hammond (Requiem 11 Feb at 11am), Desmond Alphonso, Dennis Lackey (Requiem 10 Feb at 9.30am), 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 James Maguire, Fr Raymond Bryant, Dc James McEwan,

### **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 ST BARNABAS**

*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 back.

#### **Items urgently needed.**

Long life milk, tinned meat, sponge puddings, custard, crisps & snacks.

Not needed

Soup, toilet rolls, tinned tomatoes, pasta, sweetcorn & baked beans.

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](http://waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk). for more information, including financial donations. Thank you for your support!

### **MISSIO (red boxes) and CAFOD**

Both international charities are supported by Pope Francis and help local communities to thrive. CAFOD works with local partners in 165 countries to 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 community is very generous in our prayers and donations for 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.

Examples of expenditure £17.84 pays for a pack of nutritious food to feed four malnourished children or pregnant women. (CAFOD)

To donate to CAFOD. UK registered charity 1160384

1. Directly by online payment [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)
2. Pick up an envelope, write a cheque include details of gift aid if a UK taxpayer, and post free of postal charge.
3. Donate £10 by text CAFOD to 70085 (£10 + standard message rate)
4. Telephone 0300 303 3030
5. Contact Hersham Parish representative, Marion Dawes. 01932 231317

To donate to Missio - UK Registered charity 1056651

1. Direct by online payment at [mission.org.uk/redbox](http://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 Hersham: Angela Hudson on

01932 882717 or 07970 860394.

## 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 seven 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 FROM 11<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March To register please email [johngerard@talktalk.net](mailto:johngerard@talktalk.net) or [lalana.pang@gmail.com](mailto: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. We will start Mary's Mantle Consecration in our Deanery on the Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of February, until the 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Feast of the Annunciation.

Those interested, please email [weybridgemarysmantle@gmail.com](mailto:weybridgemarysmantle@gmail.com) for more information.

## INVITATION TO EXPLORE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- Are you a teacher who works in education, but may not currently work in a Catholic school?
- Are you interested in school leadership, but not sure whether you could be a leader in a Catholic school?

Registration: If you would like to be supported to move into leadership positions in our Catholic Schools, please complete the form on the link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/>.

The date and time of sessions 2 – 4 will be confirmed in due course.

**THE BENEDICT XVI** Centre at St. Mary's University, together with the Caritas Social Action Network and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, are hosting an evening discussion on Punishment and Prisons in the 21st Century Britain with Bishop Richard Moth and Rev Jonathan Aitken, chaired by Professor Philip Booth. Bishop Richard is chair of St. Mary's University Board of Governors and leads on this issue for the Bishops' Conference. Rev Jonathan is a former cabinet minister who spent time in prison and then was ordained in the Anglican church.

The event will take place on **Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 6.00pm-7.15pm by zoom.**

There is more information and a link to registration at:

<https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2021/02/punishment-prisons-in-21st-century-britain>

or you can register directly via: [https://stmarys.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-d2qmrsgSAuFch657JENdg](https://stmarys.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-d2qmrsgSAuFch657JENdg)

## ETHICAL PRESENTS FROM CAFOD

Looking for ethical presents that you can buy online? CAFOD offer a range of gifts to help those in the greatest need around

the world. You choose something that your loved one will relate to, they get a gift card showing what you have made possible in their honour. It could be a hygiene pack, a pair of goats, health care, education, seeds or many more. Follow this link to see the catalogue and place an order. [https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/products/world-gifts-catalogue2020?\\_pos=1&\\_sid=5b9089504&\\_ss=r](https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/products/world-gifts-catalogue2020?_pos=1&_sid=5b9089504&_ss=r)

### **CARDINAL NEWMAN FUNRAISING**

Cardinal Newman is extending their school hall, and the work started on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Our target is to raise £150,000, and our current balance stands at £93,439. We are delighted to let you know we continue with our 'buy a brick' at the cost of £50 per brick, where each brick has two lines, and each line consists of 16 characters including spaces. The brick can have your name inscribed or indeed words of wisdom for the current and new pupils that will continue their education through Cardinal Newman. We will then be creating a display board on which all bricks will be on display for all to view. This opportunity is open to both current and past families of Cardinal Newman. If you would like to make a donation or purchase bricks, please contact Tina O'Kelly [tokelly@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk](mailto:tokelly@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk). Forms can be emailed directly to Tina, and she can provide you with the Governor's account bank detail to make direct payments. We have attached a form below. Thank you for your continued support.

### **ASK YOUR MP TO SIGN A PARLIAMENTARY motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain**

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce

legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

**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,  
Parish Priest of All Saints Hersham with St Barnabas Molesey.*