

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

8 JANUARY 2023

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*After the Lord was Baptised, the heavens were opened,
& the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
& the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

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WELCOME TO MASS Readings and
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The
Baptism of the Lord, Year A.

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

The moving celebration of the Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict brings an era to an end. The late Holy Father will be remembered for years to come because of the freshness of his writings and his impact on the life of the Church, especially where she is young and searching for a more radical way of Christian living. The young disciples of this age of Benedict will be key figures in guiding us through the years ahead.

Benedict XVI delivered countless homilies in his long priestly life, he wrote over 60 books and gave thousands of lectures and seminars. As pope, Benedict prepared 4 apostolic exhortations and 3 encyclicals on the virtues of faith, hope and love. There is much to digest and ponder, to read and mark. Ultimately, only 4 words, so familiar to our late and beloved pope, really matter and they are, 'I love you, Jesus'.

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The Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday. As John baptises Our Lord to fulfil all righteousness he becomes aware that Jesus is the Chosen One of the Father, the Christ who is to come. Please God this has been our renewing experience this Christmastide. The season is for rest and celebration but principally to help us grow in holiness and love so that we too can say, with our late Holy Father, 'I love you, Jesus'.

I am off to the west country for 9 days and shall return on Wednesday 18 January. I keep you all in my prayers and Masses whilst away. I am grateful for these parishes and for the goodness and devotion of so many and for your Christmas generosity – may I reiterate my gratitude for your personal and many kindnesses to me. These final words from Pope Benedict's Spiritual Testament: *'When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life....'*

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
Fr Richard

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed
Sunday at 11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed
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.

**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.**

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.***

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:* 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:

Canon Maurice Byrne, Fr David Weston, Canon Brendan McCarthy, Fr Cecil Crawford, Fr Patrick Leahy, Canon Walter Smith.

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.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 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 22 January 2023**

**THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL ON SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023** for the White Flower Appeal, the Society for the protection of Unborn children please be as generous as you can to help.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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*

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

## 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. ContactE: [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. Term time only.

### **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.

### **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@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk).

**BURNS NIGHT FUNDRAISER EVENT** in aid of Molesey Churches night shelter. Come along on Friday 20th January from 7-10pm, for an evening of fun and dancing at St Peter's Community & Youth Hub, Ray Rd, West Molesey. KT8 2LG. And raise some money for Molesey Churches Night Shelter.

We'll have haggis, neaps and tatties, sausages for the kids and cranachan.

There will be a Cèilidh with a live band, a licensed bar and a raffle.

Suggested donations are £15 for an adult (and that includes a child too) and then £5 for every additional child.

To book your tickets please email [nightshelter@moleseycns.org](mailto:nightshelter@moleseycns.org).

**SCHOOL OFFICE VACANCY** St Alban's Catholic Primary School is looking for an enthusiastic and organised Finance Assistant and Administrator to support the School office – we are looking to make an appointment as soon as possible. For further information about the role please contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email [admin@Stalbans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@Stalbans.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

### **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. Tinned Potatoes/ Instant Mash
2. Tinned Carrots
3. Tinned Peas
4. Tinned Tuna
5. Custard
6. Long life sponge puddings
7. Cleaning Products
8. Washing machine Pods
9. Deodorant

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 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)).

## **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.*