

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

14 February 2021

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.*

For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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Confessions *By appointment and before and after Saturday Masses*

This week Bishop Richard has prepared a pastoral letter for the faithful of the diocese

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
The great season of Lent is approaching. Lent is a time of repentance, of renewal and of healing. Perhaps, like me, you look forward to this time. These coming forty days are a great gift to us, for Lent invites us to engage more deeply with the Gospel message as we prepare to celebrate the events of our Salvation - the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The account of the healing of the leper that we hear in today's Gospel is a very good preparation for Lent. The leper had to overcome the stigma that went along with the disease. He had to find the courage that enabled him to step back into the company of others, conscious that the society of his day would not welcome him. Not only did Jesus welcome him, He touched him. This physical contact, of which he had been deprived - perhaps for many years - brought healing of his sickness and the social and psychological burdens that went along with the disease. This was healing beyond measure. This account in the Gospel calls us to stand before the Lord just as we are,

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with our ills and failings. Like the sick man in the Gospel, we must place our trust totally in the person of Jesus Christ. The joy that this trust engenders in us is beyond our description and, even in these difficult times, is a wonderful consolation.

This coming Lent, therefore, let us stand before the Lord as we truly are. This will demand a little courage, but the Lord wishes to reach out to us, to touch us with his healing and forgiveness that we may be truly at one with Him. This Lent, we can all be assisted on this journey through a new initiative for our Diocese - 'Invited'. This is more than an event. It is a journey, a pilgrimage through the weeks of Lent. It is something in which every one of us can take part and it will call us to a renewed experience of Jesus' call to us. This last year has been a difficult one for us all, as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our lives have been touched in different ways: sickness and the deep sadness of bereavement, isolation and uncertainty, financial challenges, additional demands on our school communities, closure of churches and different demands for priests and deacons, the immense responsibilities

that have come to healthcare professionals and others 'in the front line' of care for the sick. 'Invited' is, therefore, timely - for it is for every person. It can nourish us as individuals, as parish and deanery communities and as a Diocese.

'Invited' is a mission experience prepared and given by our Diocesan Formation team. Thanks go to them for all the preparation that is going on for the benefit of us all. Information has already been circulated to parishes. Further information will be available through newsletters, Diocesan e-news and the website. Each Monday of Lent, there will be a gathering that can be accessed 'virtually'. This will continue to be accessible afterwards. At the end of this gathering, some questions will be offered for reflection, in preparation for a second meeting each Thursday that will help us to prepare for the coming Sunday. In the coming years, we shall have opportunities for similar mission experiences, with a focus on a different liturgical season each year. These will lead us to the 60th Anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese in 2025. Let us all be open to be 'Invited' afresh by the Lord this Lent. He invites us to be His each and every day of our lives.

With the sick man in today's Gospel, let us rely on the gift of His mercy that we may accept His love for us and grow ever closer to Him who suffered and died for us. In this way, our celebration of Easter will be an experience of His new life, enabling us to proclaim his Resurrection to the world.

With every Blessing,
Richard, Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

The Masses of Ash Wednesday 17 February

At 9.30am in Molesey

At 12noon in Hersham

At 7pm in Molesey.

There will be a Children's liturgy on the live stream at 10.30am from Molesey.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

At Molesey at 6pm on Fridays

At Hersham at 3pm on Sundays

Details of the Lent diocesan mission and other Lenten observances follow next week.

Tuesday Talk: Five talks for Lent

6pm Tuesdays with Fr Richard

On the Live Stream only from Molesey

23 February, 2, 9, 16 & 23 March

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 10am (*Requiem Mass Bette Reed*), Tuesday at 9.30, Ash Wednesday at 9.30am & 7pm, Thursday at 9.30am & Latin Mass on Saturday at 10am.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Ash Wednesday at 12noon & Friday at 9.30am.

To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to 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

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, 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 Jerome O'Sullivan, Fr John Proctor, Fr Patrick Chick, Fr John Sewell, Fr Henry Minter.

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. for more information, including financial donations.

Thank you for your support!

HERE TO HELP -ELMBRIDGE

One of our parishioners, David Bone, 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 get in contact with David on **07714 683090** or via **Facebook** via the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/732010290666981/>

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

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

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 11th February to 25th March

To register please email johngerard@talktalk.net or 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 8th of February, until the 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. Those interested, please email 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.

EVENTS AT THE OPEN CLOISTER AT WORTHY ABBEY

Finding Silence 2: The Prayer of Meditation (online day retreat)

Saturday 20th February – 9am-4:30pm

Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB (a monk of Worth Abbey)

The Lent Journey: (online weekend retreat)

26th-28th February

Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

Places can be booked online at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats> If you need anything else then please contact Katrina Doran Email address: Ruth.Gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

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

CARDINAL NEWMAN FUNRAISING

Cardinal Newman is extending their school hall, and the work started on the 3rd 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. 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

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.*