

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

21 March 2021

**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

*Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.*

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Confessions *By appointment and before and after Saturday Masses*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

I spent the evening of St Patrick's Day watching the old film, *The Quiet Man* and drinking something very cold and green. No prizes for guessing the green drink, but it was delicious. The film was great too and mixed those wonderful qualities of fine scenery, great characters, romance and rocky relationships, fun and faith.

There is great moment when it is considered bold and inappropriate for John Wayne to pass holy water to Maureen O'Hara at the door of the church. How the world has changed, not least because we have been without holy water in our churches' stoups for a whole year!

In ordinary circumstances the holy water would be removed from our church stoups for the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday night. There's a feeling a getting back to basics. We have that same feeling this Sunday when statues and crucifixes are veiled and we recall that Jesus hid himself and left the Temple (St John 8.59).

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The liturgy from this Sunday marks that intense time of preparation for the Passion. The final act of St Mark's gospel is Jesus going up to Jerusalem. Indeed, St Mark's Gospel has been described as a Passion narrative with a long introduction. Now we focus on the Passion of the Lord. If we have been fasting, our eyes are now called upon to fast from the consoling images of the saints; if we have been stripping ourselves of sin, we are now preparing to clothe ourselves again with Christ.

John Wayne's Sean Thornton had experienced the most disturbing of moments. As a boxer in Pittsburgh he had killed a man in the ring. Returning to Ireland and Innisfree, the village of his forbears, he finds love and peace, forgiveness and faith. These experiences are both subtle and dramatic and we are absorbed by his unfolding story.

The story of our own lives is told at the foot of the Cross of Christ. Here we recognise, with the centurion, Jesus as the Son of God and here we face the truth that we are also sons and daughters of the God who sent His Son to share our life and our

death, so that we might share with Him eternal life.

I commend *The Quiet Man* to you, but more importantly I encourage you to read St Mark's Passion, chapter 14 and 15 of the gospel. Perhaps do it instead of watching a favourite soap, after all TV and film isn't what it was.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

At Molesey at 6pm on Fridays

At Hershams at 3pm on Sundays

TUESDAY EVENING FIFTH & FINAL TALK: For Lent on Women in

St Mark's Gospel: the Women of the Resurrection 6pm with Fr Richard.

On the Live Stream only from Molesey.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30,
Thursday at 7pm & Latin Mass on Saturday at 10am.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Wednesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am
& Friday at 9.30am.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

will be celebrated at both

All Saints Hershams

&

St Barnabas Molesey

at the following times

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 8pm

Good Friday Solemn Liturgy at 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil & Mass at 8pm

Masses on Easter Sunday

will be

8am Molesey Latin Mass

9.15am Hershams

11am Molesey

6pm Molesey

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: Eileen Creede, 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 Hugh Raynham, Fr Jeremy Lear, Fr Cyril Cravos, Fr Edmund Daly, Canon Thomas Lynch, Fr Edward Holloway, Fr Hugh Donaghy.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:
<http://universalis.com/mass.h>

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/>

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

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 at the back of our churches.

Items urgently needed.

Long life milk, tinned meat, sponge puddings, custard, crisps & snacks, low sugar items, gluten free food, lavatory paper, soup, tinned tomatoes. At the moment there is plenty of pasta & pasta sauces & baked beans, tea, coffee & biscuits.

Food bank Warehouse, Faulkers Road, Hersham (opposite Lilliput children's

centre.) Open Wednesday 10am-12noon to donate food. Please see the website waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk. for more information, including financial donations.

Thank you for your support!

MISSIO (red boxes) and CAFOD - A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Both international charities are supported by Pope Francis and help local communities to thrive. CAFOD works with local partners in 165 countries to challenge climate change, especially water poverty, 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 parishes are very generous in their prayers and donations to 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.

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 All Saints, Hershams: Angela Hudson on 01932 882717 or 07970 860394.

To donate to CAFOD. UK registered charity 1160384 and company by guarantee number 09387398

1. Directly by online payment www.cafod.org.uk/give
2. Send a cheque written to CAFOD with your name and address and parish on the back and post to Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.
3. By text **LENT 5, LENT 10, or LENT 20 to 70460 to give £5, £10 or £20 (plus**

standard message rate). If you want to donate but not receive any marketing communications, text **LENTNOINFO to 70460**

4. Telephone 0300 303 3030 for donations by telephone.
5. Contact All Saints Hershams Parish representative, Marion Dawes. 01932 231317

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. Mary's Mantle Consecration in our Deanery continues until 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. **Mass will be celebrated on that day at 9.30am at Hershams and at 7pm a Solemn Mass at Molesey with an act of consecration to Our Lady.**

Information available by emailing weybridgemarysmantle@gmail.com

GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP

The charity provides emotional and practical support to asylum seekers and other migrants held in immigration detention at Gatwick. In normal times we support about 1,000 people each year through our staff and volunteer visitors. We are looking for a new Treasurer, a qualified Accountant, to replace George Fitzsimons who is retiring from the post. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested. For more information and without any obligation, please contact George Fitzsimons: Email gfitz62246@aol.com

PETITION: That the Government Does Not Reduce Overseas Aid:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/561068>

There are suggestions that the Government is planning to reduce its commitment to giving 0.7% of GDP as overseas aid. We want to keep this foreign aid and help the world's poor.

Please sign the petition. At 10,000 signatures the Government will respond to the petition. At 100,00 the petition will be considered for debate. Thank you.

THE OPEN CLOISTER @ WORTH ABBEY

Online Easter Triduum Retreat: Maundy Thurs 1st-Easter Sun 4th April.

Join with the monks of Worth Abbey, in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. With a mixture of prayer, small groups and talks this is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Including participation in the monastic daily office and Easter liturgy, live streamed from the Abbey Church.

Book your place online at www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

(In collaboration with The Wellspring Community, Brighton. **NOTE:** This is a separate event to the Wellspring Young Adults' Easter Retreat. If are looking to book a place for the Young Adults' Easter retreat, go to: www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk/the-virtual-easter-retreat/)

Does your parish have room for an apple tree or two?

An orchard in Sussex has kindly offered to give away some top-quality apple trees to our parishes of Arundel and Brighton! These trees are bare-root, 6-ft and ready for planting (before end of March), so please do get in touch with us ASAP at parish_rep@journeyto2030.org if you are interested. Please speak with your Parish Priest before applying.

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,
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