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

## **2 JANUARY 2022**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

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**Confessions:** By appointment and before and after the

Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham

My dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a happy new year of Our Lord 2022.

May the Lord bless us and keep us and let His face shine upon us.

Thursday 6 January is the solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord.

There are the usual three Masses for important solemnities.

As the magi offer gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, so we think of the git we can give to the Lord. As He gave His life for us, incarnate amongst us, born for our salvation, so we give our lives again to Him. All that this new year brings (even the heartache and the challenges) can be an offering in union with Christ.

May the peace of Christ and the certainty of His eternal love for us keep our hearts and minds in union with Him.

Thank you for all your kindness and generosity to me. I am deeply touched and appreciate it very much.

My prayers and affectionate good wishes to you all Fr Richard

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# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

#### AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am & 7pm, Saturday at 12noon & Sunday 11am & 6pm.

#### AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Wednesday at 9.30am, Thursday 12noon, Friday at 9.30am, Saturday at 5.30pm (vigil Mass) & Sunday 9am

To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to <u>www.stbarnabasmolesey.org</u> and click on the picture of the appropriate church.

# 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: Antony Leonard, David Morgan, John O'Reilly, 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, Nedra Gilson, 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: Fr Desmond Baker, Fr Dominic Byrne, Ann Daly, Tina Cruz Riquet, Eddie Murphy, 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 Edward O'Connor, Mgr Canon Paul Clark, Fr Gordon Simmons, Canon Dennis Barry, Fr Richard Wilson, Fr Charles Borelli.

# An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass: <a href="http://universalis.com/mass.h">http://universalis.com/mass.h</a>

THE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY will be for Fr Richard.

Priests of this diocese receive no salary, so your generosity at Christmas & Easter forms the bulk of a priest's personal income.

MASS INTENTIONS are gladly received. Please fill out a Mass Intention envelope. Hersham Masses can be organised in the sacristy after Mass there and Molesey through the parish offices. When requesting a Mass Intention, please indicate whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or another reason.

**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 trough the parish office.

**INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION** at St Barnabas, Molesey on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January in the church. Please contact the Parish Office.

### **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

#### **CONFIRMATION 2022**

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.

#### ST BARNABAS TEEN SPACE YOUR

**SPACE** every Friday evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm for Year 7 and above just turn up! A space to meet with friends, table tennis, snooker, tuck. There will be adults present but its up to you to organise your own activities of just hang out together! For more details, please contact Jean Casha 07960-654-813. Re-starting in January

# 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 in order to be COVID compliant.

**Registration:** If your child would like to attend you <u>must</u> 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. **Re-starting in January.** 

# FOODBANK DONATIONS AT 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/73201">https://www.facebook.com/groups/73201</a>
0290666981/

Alongside Here to Help Elmbridge

David is running a campaign to provide Christmas gifts (new only) for the Afghanistan refugee children currently in hotels in Elmbridge (130+)

- 1- All gifts MUST be new. This is for health and safety reasons, as well as those relating to dignity. The price should be no more than £10.

  2- As the majority of families are still in hotel accommodation, nothing messy. Please, no slime, glitter, glue or paints.
  - 3 No edibles (allergy and religious considerations).
  - 4 Nothing with religious content or symbolism
  - 5- Nothing overly complicated. Simple English books are ok though.
- 2- 6- No 'war toys' eg plastic guns, swords and so forth.
  7 Gift bags would be much preferred over gift wrapping

Also I am aiming to provide to the 50 families food hampers again suitable for hotel living such as tins of sweets biscuits crisps soft drinks etc.

## ALL SAINTS HERSHAM & ST BARNABAS MOLESEY FOOD BANK DONATIONS.

Items urgently required:

- 1. Tinned macaroni cheese
- 2. Pasta Sauce
- 3. Instant noodles
- 4. Shaving razors
- 5. Laundry tablets
- 6. Long life sponge puddings
- 7. Tinned custard
- 8. Hot chocolate
- 9. Jam/ honey
- 10. Shower gel

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. Open on Wednesday 10.00-12.00 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 either online at <u>waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk</u> or, at All Saints, in the form of a cheque, made payable to 'Walton and Hersham Foodbank' and put into an envelope labelled Food Bank. This may be placed into the weekly offertory collection plate and it will then be forwarded.

#### **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

# <u>www.cafod.org.uk</u> or email <u>cafod@cafod.org.uk</u> 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

#### ST ALBAN'S OPENING MORNINGS

for School entry September 2022. We welcome prospective parents to visit St Alban's Catholic Primary School and learn more about our wonderful School. Please

email at <u>admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk</u> or call the School office on 020 8979 5893 to arrange a tour.

# BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR at St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Governors make a significant contribution to the success of our Catholic schools. Our Diocese requires that Local Governing Committees must have a majority of foundation governors, appointed by the Bishop. Foundation governors must be practising Catholics, with appropriate professional experience to contribute to the strategic leadership of the school. In order for each committee to keep a balanced and representative membership, it helps to have a register of potential suitable candidates. If you believe that you or someone you know, has the appropriate credentials to be a governor at St Alban's or any other school in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust and are interested in being put forward for future vacancies, please register your with school interest the office: admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk.

# DATES FOR OUR DIARIES and COMMUNITY NEWS

1 December to 06 January. ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL, organised by Churches Together, Hersham . A new window is open every day to 24 December. Details of where to find the Advent Windows are in the foyer at All Saints Church. Our Advent window is at Hersham Day Centre. Enjoy walking the trail and please support the local business who are participating.

MOLESEY CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER. This local venture is open until the end of March 2022. They provide their guests with a bed with hot meals at breakfast and evenings plus access to support services. They still need volunteers to provide meals, and / or a friendly face to chat with guests. Financial contributions are also needed. For more information, contact nightshelter@spwm.org.uk or see their website moleseycns.org.

HERSHAM DAY CENTRE The Day Centre is opened Monday- Friday from 9am - 4pm. Social groups and activities are available each day, with hairdressing and other treatments, plus access to other services. Amy and her team are looking forward to meeting you. Contact them on 01932 246 267. Some information is available at All Saints Church.

MARY'S MEALS Join our <u>Big Family</u> <u>Christmas</u> and help to feed even more hungry children with Mary's Meals.

For just £15.90 you can set a place for yourself or a loved one at our virtual Christmas dinner table. Your name will appear online and you'll receive a beautiful digital placemat to pass on. And thanks to Double The Love, your donation will be matched by a group of generous supporters – with up to £1.6 million available.

This means each place set will give two children the gift of life-changing school meals for a whole year – bringing them food, joy and hope this festive season. For more details or to donate please go email <a href="mainto:info@marysmeals.org">info@marysmeals.org</a> or to the main website.

Lastly, please remember our young children and their families who are beginning their journey for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Also, our families who are preparing for the baptism of their babies.

**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.