

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

2 MAY 2021

**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

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Confessions *By appointment and before and after Saturday Masses*

My dear parishioners,

Last week we heard Jesus describe Himself as the good shepherd who knows His sheep and looks after them. This week he speaks of Himself as the 'true vine'. These descriptions Our Lord uses (and there are many of them) are known as the *I am* sayings. I am the Good Shepherd, I am the True Vine, I am the Bread of Life. It is consoling to hear of Our Lord speak in this way; we have a handle on His identity and concerns in these beautiful metaphors.

These sayings are often depicted in art and there are beautiful examples, but it is perhaps in our own experience, reflected on by our prayer, that they begin to make sense. Try sitting with the phrases from St John's gospel and see what happens. Pray in silence and from time to time gently speak the phrase, I am the Good Shepherd, I am the True Vine, I am the Bread of Life.

Praying with the scriptures, often called *Lectio Divina*, is tried and tested and deeply part of our tradition. Usually a longer piece of scripture would be used,

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but it is often a good idea to take these small phrases, especially when preparing to hear the longer gospel proclaimed at Sunday Mass. Can we imagine Jesus declaring to His followers that He is Good Shepherd, True Vine, Bread of Life? And speaking with the same emphasis and love to us, today?

Every word of Our Lord in the gospels is for us. His words direct and inspire and assist us as we seek to understand the mystery of our being and God's love for us all. He asks us to remain in Him, abide in Him, stay with Him and the way we begin to do this, He counsels, is to 'remain' with His words as we pray and then our lives, He says, will be fruitful.

God bless us and keep us as we seek to make progress in our prayer and find peace and happiness and fruitfulness as we pray.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes for all that this week brings.

Fr R

**Fr Richard's Silver Jubilee
of Ordination to the Priesthood**

Pentecost Sunday 23 May

5.30pm Vigil Mass at Hersham

9am Mass at Hersham

11am Solemn Mass at Molesey

6pm Mass at Molesey

Thursday 27 May

6pm Solemn Mass

of Christ the Eternal High Priest
at Molesey

*with Bishop Richard &
Fr Stephen Morrison preaching*

*It is necessary to book for this Mass
by e mailing*

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**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.

- 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,
Thursday at 9.30am & Saturday at 10am
Latin Mass.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed
Wednesday at 9.30am & 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.*

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

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, 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: Jose Odackal Joseph, Ben Adderley, Eileen Creed, Sandrine Atkins, Charles Alexander, Nellie Widdup, Bette Reed, 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 Christopher Sexton, Fr Douglas Perkins.

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

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.

MARRIAGE WEEK: 10-16 May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it is enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey."

[Pope Francis, 21st December 2015](#)

Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage.

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/>

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.

- TINNED POTATOES
 - TINNED SPAGHETTI HOOPS
 - SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
 - TINNED MEAT: MEATBALLS, SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE, FRAY BENTOS PIES, HOT DOGS, CHICKEN IN SAUCE ETC.
 - LOW SUGAR ITEMS FOR DIABETICS (PASTA SAUCES, BISCUITS, SOUP
 - TINNED VEGETABLES
 - LONG LIFE (UHT) MILK
 - TOILET ROLL
 - SMALL PACKETS (500G) OF GRANULATED SUGAR
 - INSTANT PACKETS SOUP/NOODLES
 - TINNED VEGAN/VEGETARIAN MEALS
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- **PLEASE NOTE, WE'VE GOT LOTS OF TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS AND TREATS, PASTA, PASTA SAUCES, BAKED BEANS AND SOUP AT THE MOMENT - THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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!

CAFOD – Climate Change Petition:

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](https://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)
For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680. Thank you.

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, Hersham: 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, 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 Hersham Parish representative, Marion Dawes. 01932 231317

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. Deadline 26 May 2021. Thank you.

ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB FOR YEAR 3 & UPWARDS runs every Friday evening in term times.

New rules for this term

1. **Children must be registered.**
2. **There will be no cost.**
3. **Times 6pm to 7.30pm**
4. **We will only take 15 children.**
5. **Parents are not to come into the hall in order to be COVID compliant.**

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.

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.