

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

**11 DECEMBER 2022**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

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**Confessions:** *By appointment and before and after the  
Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham*

**WELCOME TO MASS** Readings and  
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The  
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A.

*Dear Parishioners, dear friends,*

There's something very neat, as well as very convenient, about Christmas Day falling on a Sunday. We have a whole week of the end of Advent and a very orderly Christmas Octave. There's no chance of Christmas always falling like this, the calendar day of 25th December is set in stone, but let's make the most of the convenience this year!

This Year of Matthew means that on Sunday we hear from the beginning of St Matthew's Gospel, 'This is how Jesus Christ came to be born....'. St Joseph features prominently. It is his dilemma, his doubt, which is the focus of the gospel for this Sunday's Mass. This is helpful for us in our proximate preparation for the Feasts. We can give our doubts as well as our distraction to the intercession of St Joseph, that most just and reverent man. In our churches we can turn our eyes to his shrine and ask him to accompany us in our prayerful dreams. As he experienced fear in his uncertainties, we can ask him to calm our fears. As he was called in the Father's

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divine plan to be the foster father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so we can ask him to show himself as a father to us.

There is a tradition that instead of being sceptical about Mary's circumstances Joseph was simply overwhelmed by his own sense of inadequacy and unworthiness at the call to be Mary's husband and the provider of a home for her Son. Our sincere prayer this week will surely lead us to feel overwhelmed at the coming of the Lord. We can only truly experience that sense of His coming when we invest the time which any meaningful relationship demands.

May Joseph, whose mind seemed so made up and resolute help us to change our minds so that we may have again the mind of Christ Jesus. St Paul, at the beginning of his own letter to the Romans, reminds us of the benefit, 'Through Him we receive grace....by His call we belong to Jesus Christ'.

I wish you all a happy and holy final week of Advent.

*With my prayers and affectionate good wishes*  
*Fr Richard*

**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.

**THE MONDAY MOLESEY MASS IN ADVENT** at 7am. This will be candlelit a celebration as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Please bring lanterns or candle jars.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

#### **ALL SAINTS**

**7pm Eve & 9.15am Day**

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#### **ST BARNABAS**

**5pm & 9pm Eve,  
8am Latin & 11am Day**

### **THE LIVE STREAM**

#### **AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed**

Monday at 7am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am, Saturday 10am (*Latin Mass*) & at 5pm & 9pm. Sunday 8am (*Latin Mass*) & 11am.

#### **AT HERSHAM: All live streamed**

Wednesday at 9.30am, Friday at 9.30am, Saturday at 7pm (*Vigil Mass*) & Sunday at 9.15am.

*To access the live stream Molesey & Hersham go to [www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://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](http://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:*

Fr Bernard McGrath, Fr Thomas Purcell, Fr James Martin, Canon Herbert Fincham.

### **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.*

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS** by purchasing their Christmas cards you can help them to provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for families when they have nowhere else to turn.

Website: [cathchild.org.uk](http://cathchild.org.uk) or telephone 01948 831 046 or there are brochures placed at the back of the church.

### **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.

**THE JUNIORS FROM CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL** hold their **Christmas Carol concert** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in All Saints Church.

**NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES** at St Barnabas, Molesey on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm**. If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813.

**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.

**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.

### **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**

### **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)

### **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) (from Monday 14 November.) For any questions, please email E: [synod@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:synod@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*

## 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. Contact E:

[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.

## **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/>

## **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).

**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

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

#### Items urgently required:

1. Pasta Sauce
2. Tinned Canned Carrots
3. Tinned Peas
4. Christmas selection boxes
5. Custard
6. Long life sponge puddings
7. Hot chocolate
8. Kitchen Roll
9. Cleaning Products
10. Washing machine Pods
11. Deodrant

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](http://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.*