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

#### 3 DECEMBER 2023

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; & let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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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 First Sunday of Advent.

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

Part of our Christian duty is to live in the hope of the coming of the Lord.

-We do this from day to day, perhaps just gently aware of the Lord's presence and His promise to come to us.

-We do this too, more explicitly, during the season of Advent, that most beautiful and yet daunting season which begins today.

We treasure every day and resist the temptation to wish time away; and as we pray 'Come Lord Jesus' so we realise again that the gift of our lives is from God Himself who wills each one of us to know and love His Son, Jesus Christ and to live every day in the hope of the Lord's coming.

The beginning of the season of Advent marks a new liturgical year. In these four weeks we prepare for the Coming of Christ, in history, mystery and majesty. He comes as a child born of the Virgin, to be Saviour of the world. He comes in the sacraments, and especially as we receive Him in the Sacred **The Parish Office** Tuesday – Friday 9.15 am-12.15pm Tel: 020 8941 8400 Email: <a href="mailto:stbarnabaseastmolesev@btconnect.com">stbarnabaseastmolesev@btconnect.com</a> Parishes' Website: www.stbarnabasmolesey.org Church Hall Hire Molesey Theresa D'Burrage Tel: 07453 174 354 Email: theresa.dsouza852@btinternet.com Church Hall Hire Hersham Paul Fields Tel: 07713 476 107 Email: paul fields@ntlworld.com Kiltegan Fathers 20 Beauchamp Road Molesey Sisters of Christian Retreat 35 Seymour Road Molesey Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary Hersham Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Burnham Tel: 01932 222 536 Email: office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk Website: www.cardinalnewman.surrey.sch.uk St Alban's Catholic Primary Molesey Headteacher: Mr Martin Brannigan

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Mystery of His Body and Blood. He will come in glory, at the end of time. We treasure these holy days and restrain ourselves from wishing them away in a haze of tinsel and baubles and trivia.

The new liturgical year is the Year of Mark and the scene is set. Towards the end of the gospel we find the Lord telling His disciples to 'Be on your guard, because you never know when the time will come'. There is an urgency in the gospel of Mark.

Today's excerpt concludes with the advice to 'stay awake', traditionally translated as 'Watch'. Like those who watch for the coming of the dawn, we are to watch for the coming of the Lord, 'the Dawn from on high'.

Thank you for your good wishes after my surgery. All goes well, thank God, and I am very grateful for your prayers and support.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes Fr Richard

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY** is for CHRISTMAS FLOWERS CHRISTMAS MASSES AT HERSHAM CHRISTMAS EVE at 7pm CHRISTMAS DAY at 9.15am

AT MOLESEY CHRISTMAS EVE at 5pm & 9pm CHRISTMAS DAY at 8am (Latin) & 11am

#### **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK Holy Ones of Encouragement** For regular updates, news and devotions

Access the page by going to <u>www.stbarnabasmolesey.org</u> and click on the Facebook icon. You do not have to join Facebook to see this.

## THE LIVE STREAM

## AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 9.30am, Friday at 7pm, Sunday 11am & 6pm.

#### AT HERSHAM: All live streamed

Wednesday at 9.30am, Friday at 9.30am, Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 5.30pm & Sunday at 9am.

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

#### AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM Friday 10am-11am BOTH CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 9am to dusk

## **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: Maureen & Bill Dodds, Carol, Rosa Saccente, Peter Kissinger, Sonia Chenery, David Morgan, John O'Reilly, Kevin O'Connor, Eptisam Yusef, Peter Weeks, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, Patricia Malcolm, Rose Collins, Maureen Lloyd, Ann Livingston, Dina Yates, 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:

Felicity Phelps, David Johnson, Anthony Leonard, Oscar Prince, Edwin Jones, David Nigel, Giuseppe Grizzanti, Julian Varadi, Manuel Campello Barro, Danny Boyle, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Tim Haines, Nora Tierney, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Obi, Paul O'Brien, Therese Ayres, Judith Carratu, 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 Philip de Putron, Fr Edward Dilger, Fr Edward Bell.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers The readings from daily Mass: <u>http://universalis.com/mass.h</u> **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.

**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.

THECOLLECTIONONCHRISTMAS DAY will be for Fr Richard.Priests of this diocese receive no salary, soyour generosity at Christmas & Easter formsthe bulk of a priest's personal income.

## **INVITED ADVENT 2023**

You are all invited to join the Diocesan-wide series called Invited, this season taking place during Advent. We are hosting a series of sessions to help everyone get ready for Christmas and we would love for you to join us.

There will be four sessions taking place each Wednesday of Advent starting at 6:30pm – 8pm at St Barnabas Parish Hall, Vine Road. We will gather to watch the weekly film featuring speakers from across the Diocese, and have a time of conversation about what we have heard and seen in each episode. The dates are as follows:

- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Episode 1: Incarnation – Who is Jesus? An exploration of the historical person of Christ
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Episode 2: Desire – Who am I? What is this longing in my heart?

- 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Episode 3: Joy
  What is joy? And how do we find it in suffering?
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Episode 4: Home – What next? How do I make a home for Christ in my heart?

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FLOWER ROTA AT ST BARNABAS

Is there anyone in the parish of Hersham or Molesey who would like to arrange flowers at St Barnabas, and sign up to the Flower Rota? If so, **please contact Anny Cheung through the Parish Office.** Full training and help with be given.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confession & First Holy Communion will be enrolled at Mass on **Sunday 17 December at Hersham at 9am & 11am at Molesey**. At coffee after Mass there will be doughnuts.

## 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: <u>www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod</u> For any questions, please email E: <u>synod@abdiocese.org.uk</u>

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

Many people within our parish community are unable to attend Mass due to sickness or are housebound, and so they require Holy Communion to be taken to them at home. A team of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion are needed for this to take place. If you can help with this ministry, please contact the parish office 02089418400. Diocesan DBS and safeguarding training is required, and training for this ministry will be provided.

**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.

#### 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/73201 0290666981/

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

Items urgently required:

- 1. UHT Semi skimmed milk
- 2. Tinned meat hotdogs, meatballs, ham
- 3. Kitchen Roll
- 4. Long life juice / Squash
- 5. Christmas chocolate, selections boxes
- 6. Chocolate / sweets
- 7. Christmas savoury snacks/ crisps
- 8. Family size biscuit boxes
- 9. Multi-purpose spray cleaners
- 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 <u>waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk</u>

#### **BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

Want to try new things, make a difference and have exciting adventures? Then DofE Bronze is the award for you! If you have missed the opportunity at your School, we are happy for you to take a place! It is open to Year 9 students and above. For more information or to sign up please contact Jean Casha 07960 654 813 or email jean@cashaonline.de

## 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 <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. Term time only.

THE JUNIORS FROM ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL hold their Christmas Carol concert on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in the Church, everyone is warmly invited.

#### NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES at St Barnabas, Molesey on Saturday 23 December at 3pm. If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813. This service will be live streamed for extended family to watch.

The rehearsal will be on that Saturday 23 December at 1.45pm in the Hall.

**THE NEXT UCM MEETING** is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

#### 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 or email 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

# **CAFOD URGENT APPEAL** - Turkey – Syria Earthquake disaster

CAFOD is of the 15 UK charities that form The Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). They have launched an emergency appeal to help the survivors of the earthquake in

Turkey and Syria. The UK government has agreed to match the appeal pound for pound, up to  $\pounds$ 5 million, so any received donations will be doubled to this amount.

These charities are well aware of the financial constraints that all of us now have. In the past you have been **very generous** for which CAFOD and other charities thank you. If you can donate, then please either go onto the CAFOD website

cafod.org.uk

or write a cheque and hand it to the office at St Barnabas or All Saints churches or post it to CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB Thank you for your prayers, your support and your generosity.

#### 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 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

#### HOUSE OF PRAYER East Molesey – Programme or Autumn – Winter 2023 Canon, Community and handing on the Faith

Advent: Lectio Divina

Tuesday 5 December, 12 December, 19 December, 2pm – 3pm

Led by Helen Healy

An opportunity to join a small group meeting at the House of Prayer during Advent. Lectio Divina is divine reading, listening to Scripture with the ear of the heart. A short passage of scripture is read slowly and meditatively. There are periods of silence, letting the words penetrate deeper in our hearts, and listening to God and to each other. Places are limited and given on a firstcome, first-served basis. Donations welcome

**Helen** is a spiritual director and a member of the Lay Community of Saint Benedict and is deeply attracted to Benedictine spirituality.

Please visit <u>https://www.christian-</u> <u>retreat.org/our-programme</u> for more details or to book. **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

**ADMISSIONS** Consultation on Admission Arrangements for **Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School for 2025-2026 Academic Year.** Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation that the governing body as the admission authority for Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2025-26.

The six-week (minimum) consultation will begin on 30/10/2023 with the closing date for submitting comments being 10/12/2023. The proposed arrangements (admissions policy and supplementary information form (SIF) can be viewed on the school

website: <u>www.cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk</u>. Alternatively, if you do not have access to the Internet and you wish to request a printed copy of the admissions arrangements and a response form, please contact Claire Madden at Cardinal Newman School. 01932 222 536.

## VACANCY AT CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL- Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor starting January 2024. Hours 11.30am-1.00pm, term time only. Salary  $\pounds$ 3,620. If you would like to apply for this job, please complete the Support Staff application form on the website <u>Cardinal</u> <u>Newman Catholic Primary School - Vacancies (cardinalnewman.surrey.sch.uk)</u>.

## 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-

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> 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.

HERSHAMDAYCENTREPROGRAMMEPlease pick up the latestactivity programme.There are a range ofactivities every day in the Centre.Plus, somespecial events including an evening ballroomdance.There are some programmes at AllSaints, Hersham or pop into the day centrebetween 9.30 and 4pm or telephone Amy01932 246267.

#### **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 <u>marion.dawes@gmail.com</u>.

#### DIOCESAN RUN EVENTS

• MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Mental Health training courses. Would you like to understand more about the challenges and reality of mental health on those around you? We continue to run courses focused on raising awareness of symptoms and the impact on people's lives along with ways to signpost those who are struggling. For more details see the Diocesan website or email Simon Advisor Formation South. E٠ simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit their website events calendar W: <u>https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/di</u> <u>ocese/events</u>

**VACANCY AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL PLAYWORKER** St Alban's School is looking for an enthusiastic and reliable Playworker to join their Breakfast and Afterschool club.

No experience needed, just a desire to work with children. (Term time only)

https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbanssurrey/job/breakfast-and-after-school-clubplayworker-1368204/?lang=en-GB LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR St Alban's School is looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to supervise children in the dining and play areas during lunchtime breaks. Term Time Only. Contracted Hours Total 5 hours per week (Monday to Friday from 12pm to 1pm) https://www.eteach.com/careers/stalbanssurrey/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1368912/?lang=en-GB

If you are interested in any of the vacancies above, please contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk

#### GIFT 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 <u>no extra cost to you</u>! 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  $\pounds$ 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.

**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

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