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

25 FEBRUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

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WELCOME TO MASS Readings and

prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The Second Sunday of Lent, Year B My dear Parishioners, dear friends

The other day I was sat in a Walsingham café in semi disguise. It was half term in Norfolk and the Lenten quietness of England's Nazareth was energised by little clusters of families making a visit, enjoying

the snowdrops and simply getting out of

their own family homes. I noticed one family engaged in one of those sweet overheard discussions as to what it was all about. They had bought rosaries but it was clear that they had little idea of what they were all about too! I noticed that they'd spotted a less disguised priest and it was clear they were mustering the courage to approach him. This they did, at least granny and grandson, and simply asked the question, how do you use the rosary? The priest looked up from his newspaper, invited the pair to sit down at his table, encouraged the boy to take the rosary from around his neck and proceeded to offer the most gentle and tender explanation of this prayer with Mary.

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I felt my own earwigging had taught me something!

Such an easy low key sort of encounter and yet who knows what seeds were planted, and how that little chap will perhaps reflect on that Walsingham day and his first tentative steps into prayer in the years to come. Who knows what his future holds and whether in the tough times this rosary will come to his assistance.

We none of us know the seeds we plant in the hearts and lives of others. Often these events are not planned and strategic enterprises; they are more to do with chance encounters, random conversations, surprising opportunities to do good.

Today we witness the drama of the Transfiguration of Jesus in company with Peter and James and John. What an event that must have been, and yet just as important for the followers of Jesus was surely the memory of the little things He said and did and how they had made a lasting impression on their lives. May our little things, those small seeds, planted in His name, be truly blessed by Him.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes. Fr Richard

SECONDCOLLECTIONTHISSunday is for CAFOD (Lent Fast day).

Bishop Richard has launched the third edition of his Pastoral Plan, 'The Word who is Life' at the beginning of this new year. The sub-title of this Plan is: The Call to Mission. That call to be missionary disciples is a consequence of our Baptism; a responsibility that is placed on every Christian. The plan is available on the diocesan website and I will address its details and challenges over the season of Lent.

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, Sunday 11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed Wednesday at 11 am (Requiem Mass), 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:

Alim Hassoun, Mary Brosnan, Giuseppe Grizzanti, Felicity Phelps, David Johnson, Anthony Leonard, Oscar Prince, Edwin Jones, David Nigel, , 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 Michael Reynolds, Fr Richard Veal, Canon Peter Humfrey, Fr David Sutcliffe, Fr Ken Freeman, Fr Charles Jeffries.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

http://universalis.com/mass.h

BIBLE STUDY – Every Wednesday

How well do you know your scripture? Why not take up the invitation to study the Bible. All you need is a Bible, a notebook and pen. All are welcome!

When: Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Where: St Barnabas Parish Hall

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Instant noodles/ Pot noodles
- 2. Tinned/ Instant mash
- 3. Rice
- 4. Long life sponge puddings
- 5. Pasta sauce/ Pesto
- 6. Vegetables / Tinned sweetcorn
- 7. Tinned carrots
- 8. Biscuits / Chocolate / Sweets
- 9. Tinned Peas
- 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>

ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB FOR YEAR 3 & UPWARDS

If you are in Year 3 and above, you are warmly invited to join us at St Barnabas Parish Youth Club on Friday evenings, for fun, friendship, and crafts in a safe environment. Taster session is free, $\pounds 1$ per week after which covers a drink and cake.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER to be held on Friday 1st March, 10.30am at East Molesey Methodist Church, Manor Road. All are welcome, refreshments will available after the service.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 20th March at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

HERSHAM & WALTON ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

The annual Hersham & Walton St Patrick's Night will take place on Saturday 16th March at All Saints Church Hall. This is a family friendly event with profits raised going to local charities. Come along and enjoy the craic! Always a great night with a live band, licensed bar, Irish shop, kids disco, raffle and much more. Tickets go on sale on

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Ticket prices are adult $\pounds 10$ and children $\pounds 2.50$. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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-churchhersham

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.

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

<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

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

HERSHAM DAY CENTRE

PROGRAMME Please pick up the latest activity programme. There are a range of activities every day in the Centre. 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.

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 South, Formation Advisor E: <u>simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk</u>

• Baptism Catechists' Day – Saturday 2 March. Free of charge

A Formation day for those who are already or who wish to, deliver baptism catechesis in their local area. Input from Bishop Richard on the theology of infant baptism and Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Advisor on the practicalities of building this into the parish community. The day is open to all clergy and laity involved in this area of catechesis. This event will take place at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley, 9.30am-1.30pm. Please register using the link <u>Baptism Catechists</u> Day (02-Mar-2024) · ChurchSuite Events

> 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>

INVITED PROGRAMME AT ST ERCONWALD'S St Erconwald's Catholic Church is running the Invited programme on Thursday mornings at 9.45-11.45 in their parish hall. You are all warmly invited to come along. If you would like to attend, please register via the Churchsuite link:

https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/even ts/vx0dheqj

VACANCIES 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

AFTER SCHOOL CLEANER

Core hours: Monday-Friday 5pm-8pm Start as soon as possible.

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

VACANCY Pastoral Coordinator – St Dunstan's Parish, Woking & St Hugh of Lincoln Parish, Knaphill

The Catholic parishes of Woking & Knaphill are seeking an energetic, committed worker with a good understanding of Catholic faith to join their pastoral team, to assume responsibility for coordinating and developing catechesis, developing lav leadership and promoting a culture of missionary discipleship across our twin parishes. The post is full-time but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be *£*,32,000-35,000 considered. Salary depending on experience and qualifications. Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024. Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024. For jobdescription and application form see: W: <u>https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/</u> pastoral-coordinator-woking-knaphillparishes

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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 3rd March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 £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.

GIFT AID SCHEME To all parishioners of Hersham and Molesey who are signed up for the Parish Gift Aid Scheme, could you please contact the parish office with your email address? The reason for this is to help the parishes save costs on envelopes and postage if you opt to post them. The system was set up a long time ago, and not everyone had an email address at that time. Many thanks in advance.

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.