

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

4 FEBRUARY 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME

*O come, let us worship God  
& bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.*

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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  
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B*

*Dear Parishioners, dear friends,*

Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February and now is the time to make the decision about how we are to keep the Holy Fast.

There seems to be an urgency about so many aspects of our lives: bills to pay, moves to be made, schools to be chosen, proposals to be made. Sometimes we think of Lent as an urgent time.

I often reflected that I've not kept a good Lent and perhaps lacked the sense of its urgency. This year I'm trying a different approach. This year I plan to relax into the season and take each day as it comes. This year I plan to wake up every morning with a sense that this new day is another Lenten Day. This year I plan to rely less on the company of others and more on the company of Almighty God. The days actually lengthen during the season of Lent and I plan to mark them in a very different way from the way I normally live.

I say this, not because I feel I need to be held to account (although I surely do!), or even because

**The Parish Office** Tuesday – Friday 9.15 am-12.15pm

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I have a sense of being a Lenten aficionado (which I'm certainly not!), but rather to encourage us all to make some radical decisions this Lent.

To what end do we keep the Fast? Well first, that we might feast and feast well at Easter. Secondly, that we might master, with God's help, some particular flaw in our character and nature which holds us back and makes us feel lousy. We want to live in the freedom of the children of God. Thirdly, that we might grow closer to God and renew a living relationship with Jesus Christ, our friend and our brother, and know the benefits of all that flows for us.

So let us pray, fast and give! The form is age old and mirrors Our Lord's own fast in the wilderness. Meanwhile there's lots to pray for, not least peace in the world, a peace which surely begins with you and me.

With my prayers, gratitude and affectionate good wishes. Fr Richard

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT  
Sunday is for the LOURDES  
PILGRIMAGE FUND (GIFTAID).**

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  
[www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://www.stbarnabasmolesey.org)  
and click on the Facebook icon.*

***You do not have to join Facebook  
to see this.***

**THE LIVE STREAM**

**AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed**

*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  
[www.stbarnabasmolesey.org](http://www.stbarnabasmolesey.org) and click on the picture  
of the appropriate church.*

**The Masses of Ash Wednesday 14**

**February**

**At 9.30am Hersham**

**At 7pm in Molesey.**

**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 James Maguire,

### **An On Line Link for Mass Prayers**

The readings from daily Mass:

<http://universalis.com/mass.b>

### **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 will be given.

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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/732010290666981/>

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

Items urgently required:

1. UHT Semi skimmed milk
2. Tinned meat – hotdogs, meatballs, ham
3. Tinned spaghetti
4. Long life juice / Squash
5. Pasta sauce/ Pesto
6. Ketchup / Mayonnaise
7. Long-life sponge puddings/ Custard
8. Tea bags/Instant coffee/ hot chocolate
9. Deodorant
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, Hershams - 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 [waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk](http://waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk)

### **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.

**THE NEXT UCM MEETING** is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

### **HERSHAM & WALTON ST PATRICK'S NIGHT**

The annual Hershams & Walton St Patrick's Night will take place on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of 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 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb at 8pm [Click here for tickets!](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/hershamspatricksnight) [www.tickettailor.com/events/hershamspatricksnight](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/hershamspatricksnight)

Ticket prices are adult £10 and children £2.50. Looking forward to seeing you there

### **CAFOD**

*(CAFOD is The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and is the official aid 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*

**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 £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](http://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](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*

***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.*

## **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 [marion.dawes@gmail.com](mailto:marion.dawes@gmail.com)).

## **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: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

- **Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist – Saturday 10 February. Free of charge**

Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington, Worthing 11-4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and mass. Please register using the link [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(10-Feb-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

- **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 [Baptism Catechists Day \(02-Mar-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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

## **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/stalbans-surrey/job/breakfast-and-after-school-club-playworker-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/stalbans-surrey/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@stalbands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbands.surrey.sch.uk)

**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)

**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 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.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024**

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**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.*