

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

10 DECEMBER 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations, & the Lord
will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of
your heart.*

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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
Second Sunday of Advent, Year B*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

There's lots of Isaiah in the season of Advent. The prophecy of Isaiah is perhaps the most important foretelling the coming of the Messiah. He is known as the "Evangelist of the Old Testament."

Advent calls us to see the fulfilment of Isaiah's words: "A voice cries in the wilderness. Prepare a way for the Lord." St Mark makes the point by quoting Isaiah's prophecy and then stating very simply, "and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness."

St John the Baptist steps onto the stage of our Advent story as the herald of Jesus Christ. He comes to make people ready to greet the long-expected Messiah by calling them to celebrate a penitential rite so that they might be prepared for the baptism which they would receive from Christ.

At this Mass, we hear Isaiah's call to preparation and even John's in a different light. Christ has already come. The work of

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Isaiah and John is done. And so our response to their call to make ourselves ready is to prepare for Our Lord's return in glory.

Next Saturday (16th) and the Saturday after that (23rd) I shall make myself available for confessions in the churches so that the whole day is covered. I'll be at Molesey from 11am-4pm and at Hersham from 5pm and after the vigil Mass for as long as I'm needed. Feel free to contact me at other times too and remember there are opportunities for confession in neighbouring parishes. The sacramental preparation for the coming of the Lord is a good confession. The hallmark of Catholic life is to express heartfelt contrition and, with open hearts, receive the gift of the Lord's loving forgiveness.

*With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
Fr Richard*

CHRISTMAS MASSES

ALL SAINTS

7pm Eve & 9.15am Day

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ST BARNABAS

5pm & 9pm Eve,

8am Latin Dawn & 11am Day

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.

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.

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 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 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, 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 Thomas Quinn, Fr Joseph Rowland.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

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.

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:

- 29th November 2023 – Episode 1: Incarnation – Who is Jesus? An exploration of the historical person of Christ
- 6th December 2023 – Episode 2: Desire – Who am I? What is this longing in my heart?
- 13th December 2023 – Episode 3: Joy – What is joy? And how do we find it in suffering?

- 20th 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 will 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: www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod For any questions, please email E: synod@abdiocese.org.uk

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/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. 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
10. Washing up liquid

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

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@cashonline.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 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 JUNIORS FROM ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL hold their **Christmas Carol concert** on Wednesday 13th 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 13th 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 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 or email cafod@cafod.org.uk or telephone 0303 303 3030

Address: CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, LONDON, SE1 7JB

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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

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 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 first-come, 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 <https://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme> 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

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.

their website events calendar W:
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

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).

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

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit

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 £3,620. If you would like to apply for this job, please complete the Support Staff application form on the website [Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School - Vacancies \(cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://CardinalNewmanCatholicPrimarySchool-Vacancies(cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk)).

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/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>

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 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.

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.