

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

8 DECEMBER 2024

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 C*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,
This Sunday happens to be the 8th of the
month. We celebrate the birthday of Mary
on the 8th, but that's September. Generally
speaking a life grows in the mother's womb
for 9 months. On December 8 we celebrate
the conception of Mary.

This moment is common for us all. That
mysterious moment when our lives begin.
On the day of our conception we were not
simply a collection of cells, we have our
beginnings as a life. *Get a life* they say, when
we are told to wake up and face reality. Well
our reality began on the day of our
conception. This is not amateur biology, this
is the mystery of life which we hold as
sacred. Mary's conception we call
immaculate.

Let us be clear. From the first moment of
her existence she is radically holy. Free from
sin we say, and perfectly in tune with the
divine will. So this mystery of life and its
beginnings (her beginnings and our
beginnings) means that our personhood

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begins there, so that we might even listen to
God as the tinniest life. Whilst sometimes I
might struggle to believe this, more often I
struggle to believe that this is not true.
Simply put, if the life within is precious and
wanted that can never be a subjective
principle: It is, because it is!

The purpose of Mary's life (so obvious even
to those who sing carols in the shopping
centre!) is to receive Christ, and that is our
purpose too. Our lives, our very existence,
is brought into being by God to receive
God.

Mary's is the womb equipped so that in her
God's Son will grow. Ours are the bodies
and the souls equipped to look for the
coming of God's Son, at the end of time, in
that moment of the history of our salvation
at Bethlehem and every day and especially at
every Mass. Let us ask the prayers of the
sinless Virgin Mother of God, and prepare
now to celebrate the coming of her Son.

God bless you all.
With my prayers and affectionate good wishes.
Fr Richard

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS
Sunday is for the Christmas flowers**

MONDAY MOLESEY MASSES IN ADVENT will be at 6.30am. These will be candlelit celebrations as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Please bring lanterns or candle jars. Coffee and croissants available afterwards. Please make a note of the Advent Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MONDAY 9 DECEMBER** Mass at St Barnabas, Molesey at 6.30am & All Saints, Hersham at 6.30pm followed by a 45 minute talk from Bethan Townsend and I on Aspects of the New Lectionary.

On Sunday 15 December Emma Daly, new St Alban's head, will be inducted at Molesey at 11am by Bishop Richard.

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www.stbarnabasmolesey.org

and click on the Facebook icon.

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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.

ST BARNABAS ADVENT CAROLS AND BENEDICTION on Sunday 15 December at 3.30pm.

A service of beautiful music and readings in preparation for Christmas.

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**CONFESSIONS ALL DAY**

Saturday 21 December.

Fr Richard will be available from  
11am – 4pm.

Please come to the church or house at  
Molesey.

At Hersham he will be available before or  
after Mass.

You are most welcome to make an  
appointment on 07803 197 840.

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**SAFEGUARDING**

Are you a volunteer or thinking about  
volunteering? Please contact

- **Sheila Broome Safeguarding Rep at All Saints, Hersham, mobile: 07875-373-333**
- **Michael Healy Safeguarding Rep at St Barnabas, Molesey**  
**Email: [sg1.molesey@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.molesey@abdiocese.org.uk)**

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.

**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**

*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: Angela Widdup (Saccente), Pepita Searle, Maureen & Bill Dodds, Carol, Rosa Saccente, Peter Kissinger, Sonia Chenery, David & Anne 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:*

*Margaret Shrimpton, Ghislaine Infield, Jonathan Griffin, 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 Slings, 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 Szekwirko, Harry O'Sullivan, William Ritchie, Teresa Redmond, Rosanna Hilling, Helena Wallis, John Knowles, Kathleen Kelly (Lambert), Gerry Firth, Glen Adderley, Salvatore Messini, Rui Da Silva, Maria Camara.*

*Those who anniversaries fall this week:*

*Fr Edward Bell, Fr Thomas Quinn, Fr Joseph Rowland.*

### **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.

### **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.

**NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES** at St Barnabas, Molesey on **Monday 23 December at 3pm.** Everyone welcome! Please come dressed as an angel or shepherd.

If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813.

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

**THE JUNIORS FROM ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL** will be performing their **Christmas Carol concert in St Barnabas Church** everyone is warmly invited

- Year 3 and Year 4 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.
- Year 5 and Year 6 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm

**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.

### **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.

**THE NEXT UCM MEETING** is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/2025**

The children preparing for the Sacraments of Confession & First Holy Communion will be enrolled at Mass this **Sunday 15 December at Hersham at 9am & 11am at Molesey.** At coffee after Mass there will be doughnuts.

### **WARM UP, CHAT AND ENJOY A FREE HOT DRINK**

Warm welcomes in Surrey are inclusive spaces open to everyone, offering a safe and warm place for all residents during this the colder months. No matter your age or situation, these venues provide a place to stay warm, enjoy a hot drink, and connect with the local community. All you have to

do is show up! Find your closet location  
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/health-and-welfare/support/welfare-support/everyday-living/warm-welcome-venues/list-of-warm-welcome-in-surrey>

### **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. Tinned meat
2. Long life Juice or Squash
3. Long life sponge puddings
4. Hot chocolate
5. Instant coffee
6. Toothbrushes
7. Crisps & Savoury snacks
8. Kitchen Roll
9. Shaving gel/foam
10. Washing machine capsules
11. Spray cleaners
12. Dog food

**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)

### **ST BARNABAS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB EVERY FRIDAY**

For Year 3 to Year 6. Fridays from 5.30pm until 7pm in the Church hall. Come and join us for fun and friendship. We play games. We do a craft project. We have a drink and a cake halfway through. All this is in a safe environment. Please sign in on arrival.

Cost £1 per session.

For more information please contact Jean Casha on 07960-654-813.

### ***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.myдона.com/all-saints-church-hersham>

#### ***FOR MOLESEY***

*Account Name:*

**Roman Catholic Diocese of  
Arundel and Brighton. St  
Barnabas, Molesey**  
Account Number 71077252

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The Sort Code for both accounts is 40-05-  
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*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.*

**VACANCY AT CARDINAL  
NEWMAN SCHOOL- Learning  
Support Assistant**

We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant. Starting as soon as possible.

If you would like to apply for this job, please Apply either via ETeach or use the application form on the school website

<https://www.cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk>

Closing date for applications – 8th December 2024. Interviews to take place 12th December

**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) .

**HEALING MINISTRY -**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 11am in St Barnabas Hall, Molesey.

Karen Connaughton has had the great pleasure of encountering Joseph Livingston and through this encounter felt compelled to invite Him to come down from Scotland!! To Molesey, to share His wonderful experiences and to have a healing session.

Joseph is a retired engineer who travelled the world extensively. He is now an international speaker and author. Joseph had a very powerful spiritual conversion in 1993 which changed His life dramatically. He now travels the world speaking about Jesus and Our Blessed Mother Mary. His talks recently centred on forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. Many conversions and healings have taken place through Joseph's ministry. Joseph will be in Molesey to give a talk and share His healing ministry with us on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in St Barnabas Church hall**, spaces are limited so advance notice is required please.

A small donation would be appreciated on the day to help pay towards Joseph's transportation and accommodation.

This day would be especially good for people who are struggling in their faith and need reassurance and also for people who are seeking to convert or recently converted to Catholicism and also those who are in need of healing. For those who wish to attend please contact either myself

Karen Connaughton 07713 927 097.

Or Lalana Pang 07903 719 336

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## DIOCESAN RUN EVENTS

- **MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION TRAINING**

(Wednesdays online), 8 January-12 February, 9.30am-1.30pm, (free). Would you like to support and accompany those who are grieving in our parish communities? Comprehensive training for the diocesan Ministry of Consolation begins in January 2025. To find out more please contact diocesan Marriage & Family Life Project Officer, Simon South [by email. simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

- **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)

*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>

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## HOUSE OF PRAYER WINTER PROGRAMME -WINTER 2025

The House of Prayer, East Molesey  
[www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme](http://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme)

- **Quiet Morning: A Time for Everything**

Friday 10 January

Led by Kerry Penson

A gentle and spacious morning to take time to listen to our lives and listen to God at the start of a new year. There will be led reflections and space for personal prayer.

Starts at 10am and finishes at 1pm.

Cost: £15

- **New Beginnings: Individually Guided Retreat**

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 January

Led by the House of Prayer Team

At the beginning of a new year, this silent retreat offers an opportunity to reflect on your life and find your bearings for the year ahead. A trained spiritual director will be available for daily individual meetings to accompany you through the retreat. Above all, this retreat is a time of listening to God who is present in the experiences of prayer and daily living.

Arrive in time for supper at 7pm on Friday and depart by 3pm on Sunday.

Cost:

Ensuite: £230

Standard: £210

Living Presence

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 January

Led by Jill Benet [www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/living-presence-1](http://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/living-presence-1)

‘Silence moves into stillness and stillness morphs into Presence.’ Thomas Keating  
Join a small community for a weekend of prayer and practice, and reconnect with the Presence which surpasses all understanding - a Presence that we find missing and yet, at the deepest root of our self, is always there and always new. This weekend is a time to refresh your practice of Centering Prayer and supporting practices and to find the place of stillness from which all movement arises. It will include extended periods of Centering Prayer and silence, some input and a chance to share and to ask questions

in the group or one to one with the retreat leader.

Arrive in time for supper at 7pm on Friday and depart by 4pm on Sunday.

Cost:

Ensuite: £240

Standard: £220

For more information on any of the events taking place at the House of Prayer please visit : <https://www.christian-retreat.org/individualretreat>

***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*

### **GIFT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO OUR PARISH**

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