

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

23 FEBRUARY 2025

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

*Be my O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.*

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Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham.*

WELCOME TO MASS *Readings and
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

Pope Francis concludes his Bull inaugurating this
jubilee year of hope

Hope finds its supreme witness in *the Mother of God*.
In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive
optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life.
Like every mother, whenever Mary looked at her Son,
she thought of his future. Surely she kept pondering
in her heart the words spoken to her in the Temple by
the elderly Simeon: "This child is destined for the
falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign
that will be opposed, so that the inner thoughts of
many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your
own soul too" (*Lk 2:34-35*). At the foot of the cross,
she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her
innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she
nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning
her hope and trust in God. In this way, Mary
cooperated for our sake in the fulfilment of all that
her Son had foretold in announcing that he would
have to "undergo great suffering, and be rejected by
the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be
killed, and after three days rise again" (*Mk 8:31*). In
the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary
became our Mother, the Mother of Hope. It is not by
chance that popular piety continues to invoke the
Blessed Virgin as *Stella Maris*, a title that bespeaks the
sure hope that, amid the tempests of this life, the
Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and
encourages us to persevere in hope and trust.

The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked
by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May
it help us to recover the confident trust that we

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require, in the Church and in society, in our
interpersonal relationships, in international
relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of
all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May
the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of
authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a
new earth (*cf. 2 Pet 3:13*), where men and women
will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful
expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our
witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously
seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in
so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take
heart and hope in the Lord!" (*Ps 27:14*). May the
power of hope fill our days, as we await with
confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to
whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

*Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 9 May, the
Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, in
the year 2024, the twelfth of my Pontificate.*

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PARISH QUIZ – SATURDAY 29

MARCH Saturday 29th March, 7pm St
Alban's School, Molesey Tickets £20 -
includes delicious Fish and Chips supper or
vegetarian alternative and a raffle. B.Y.O
Drinks and Glasses. Tickets Available at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-barnabas-catholic-church

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday at 9.30am,
Thursday at 8am, 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.

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.**

**NEW! COFFEE MORNING EVERY
THURSDAY** after the 9.30am Mass in
St Barnabas parish hall. All are warmly
invited for a cup of tea and a chat.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Weybridge Deanery

Bishop Richard shared his Pastoral Plan and vision for our diocese in January 2024. In time our deanery will become a single 'parish of communities.' A Steering Group was set up, with Canon Chris Spain of Egham as the Moderator, and is now meeting regularly to discern ways forward. The group, consisting of clergy and lay people, is looking at how we embed the principles and vision of the Pastoral Plan, recognising that the roles of clergy will evolve, also how we provide support for parish communities and mission.

Rooted in a vision of love and of a missionary church, please pray for the

steering group as it meets over the coming months.

AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM

Friday 11am-12noon

**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: Joseph Sequeira, 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 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 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 Michael Albon, Fr Bruce Keller, Fr Michael Reynolds, Fr Richard Veal, Canon Peter Humfrey, Fr David Sutcliffe.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN Preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion continue at HERSHAM 9am Mass & MOLESEY 11am Mass next Sunday 2 March.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? We have two groups running in our parishes at All Saints and St Barnabas. Please contact Fr Richard.

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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will take place on **Friday 7 March** at 10.30am at St Peter's Church, Molesey. All are most welcome!!

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

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.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 19th March at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT – 15 MARCH

The annual Walton and Hershaw Irish Society St Patrick's Night will take place on Saturday 15th March at All Saints Church Hall in Hershaw. 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, face painting, Photo Booth, raffle, pizza truck and much more.

Tickets go on sale on Sunday 2nd of Feb at 8pm. Click the link below for tickets! Ticket prices are adult £10 and children £2.50

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thehershawwaltonstpaddysfamilyshindig/1545561>

Looking forward to seeing you there and enjoying the craic!

If anyone would like to get involved on the night with helping out please contact Kieran Brennan on 07470491967.

PILGRIMAGE TO WESPORT, KNOCK & CO. MAYO Escorted Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 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, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@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

- **FLAME**

(<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>) is an inspiring biannual youth congress next held on 15 March 2025 for 10,000 young people at Wembley Arena, full of music, powerful speakers and a chance to meet other young Catholics from around the country.

- **JUBILEE FOR YOUTH - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - ROME 2025**

Young adults from all over the world aged 18-30 will be gathering in Rome from 28 July-4 August to celebrate the special Jubilee year of forgiveness and reconciliation. Join other like-minded people as part of the Diocesan group as we travel to Rome, with opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of hope. Full details are on the diocesan website

NOW to 31 MARCH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES (24 July - 01 August) Applications are opened for this year's pilgrimage. Sick pilgrims, adult and youth helpers and other pilgrims .

Please see website

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

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>

To Sign-up for the A&B weekly newsletter please visit

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

VACANCY AT CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

Class Teacher required from September 2025 to join our friendly staff team. Are you an enthusiastic and inspirational teacher, committed to helping children to achieve their best? If so, we would love to hear from you! For more information please click on the link <https://www.cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk/site/data/files/1B6EF479E7F072DE13759D265A361DF3.pdf>

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. Rice
3. Long life sponge puddings
4. Mayonnaise
5. Ketchup
6. Kitchen Roll
7. Washing up liquid
8. 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 waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **5 March ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 7 March WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM 1.30pm
- 7 March CELEBRATIONS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN preparing for First Communion
- 14 March CAFOD - LENT FAMILY FAST DAY
- 15 March ST PATRICK'S NIGHT ,CELEBRATION All Saints Church Hall- need pre - paid tickets
- 13 April - Holy week starts
- 14 APRIL TENEBRAE SERVICE - St Peters Church. Hersham
- 18 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF CROSS, WALK OF WITNESS, & ECUMENICAL SERVICE, HOT CROSS BUNS - Starting 10am at All Saints Church, Hersham
- 17-19 APRIL EASTER TRIDUUM
- 20 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY
- 10 MAY CONFIRMATION AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL
- JUNE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS at All Saints and St Barnabas Parishes
- 20 SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL OF HOPE to celebrate the HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

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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