

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

5 MAY 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Proclaim a joyful sound & let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

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WELCOME TO MASS *Readings and prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B*

My dear Parishioners, dear friends

This Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ, after His Resurrection, ascends into the heavens. The disciples witness His disappearance, and yet He promises to be with them, yes, even until the end of time.

As I ponder the mystery I ask myself lots of questions about the separation of the life of this world and the life of Heaven. I pray for the grace to see the connection, in terms of Our Lord's abiding presence here, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. God continues to be involved in our lives, He does not leave us comfortless, but sends the Spirit, our Helper and our Guide.

I also think about that time between the Resurrection and Ascension, those forty days in which Our Lord strengthened the disciples so that they would truly become the Body of Christ on earth.

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This mystery of Christ's presence through the Church is best expressed in the gift of love and today's readings focus us on this supreme gift.

-Through Peter in the Acts of the Apostles we learn that God does not have favourites, He loves us all equally.

-Through John in his first letter we learn that we are to love because love comes from God.

-Through Our Lord Himself in St John's Gospel we learn that our joy is to remain in the love we have been taught.

The joy of these Easter Days is crowned with the mystery of Our Lord's Ascension. Thursday is a holy day of obligation and I hope that you will make every effort to be at Holy Mass on that day and make the most of the three opportunities in our churches, or at the other churches of the deanery.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes

Fr Richard

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT
SUNDAY for World Communications
Sunday.

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.

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

*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:

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, Salvator Messini, Rui Da Silva, Maria Camara.

Those who anniversaries fall this week:

Fr Douglas Perkins.

An On Line Link for Mass Prayers

The readings from daily Mass:

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

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.

Invitation – Consecration Mass of Bethan Townsend

Dear all, it is with great joy to share with you all the news of my up-and-coming consecration to the Ordo Virginum. As some of you will be aware, I have been on a journey of discernment and formation over the last few years, preparing for a life of consecration living within the world. You are all invited to join me for what I hope will be a great day of celebration! The details are as follows:

6th September 2024

6:30pm

Arundel Cathedral, Parson hill, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9AY

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or phone: 01903 882297

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.

ST BARNABAS YOUTH CLUB IS CHANGING!

This term the **Junior Club** for Year 3 and above will be on Fridays from 5.30pm until 7pm. There will be games, craft, refreshments, fun and friendship. Cost £1 per week.

Then a **Senior club** will follow each Friday for Year 6 and above from 7-8pm.

This will be free and will have a small tuck shop.

YOUNGSTER WILL BE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH CLUBS IF THEY WISH.

No Youth club on Friday 10th May as Jean's D of E Group are visiting Buckingham Palace.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN Preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion continue at

HERSHAM 9am Mass & MOLESEY 11am Mass this Sunday 5 May.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 22nd May at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

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. Instant/ Pot noodles
2. Tinned vegetables
3. Hot chocolate/ Instant coffee
4. Jam / Peanut butter
5. Mayonnaise
6. Long life juice/Squash
7. Long life sponge puddings/ Custard
8. Shampoo
9. Kitchen roll
10. Non-Bio washing pods
11. Washing up liquid
12. Cleaning sprays

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

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.

RED BOX 2023: THANK YOU

In 2023, All Saints, Hersham raised £2,834.42 through our Red Boxes and donations to MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at All Saints, Hersham is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

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

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 been working in this ministry for a long time or are new – be enthused by Lucy and meet others who share your passion, so please sign up via the Diocesan website.

- **YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING - 20 18 May at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**

Do you want to see more young people in your Parish? Sign up for the Diocesan two-day Youth Ministry Training course. Be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY Saturday 18 May**

Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. This will take place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\)](#) . [ChurchSuite Events](#) *Poster attached for display in your parish.*

- **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SEMINAR – A Saturday 15 June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese)**

Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the

UK. The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached link or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\)](#) . [ChurchSuite Events](#)

If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

- **GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June**

A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\)](#) . [ChurchSuite Events](#) *Poster attached for display in your Parish.*

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>

VACANCY AT CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL Cardinal Newman School Office Administrator currently have a vacancy for a School Office Administrator. Required from September 2024 to join our friendly office team. Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 4.00pm – term time only. Please go to the website for more details: <https://www.cardinal-newman.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies>

VACANCY AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St Alban's School is looking for an Administrative Assistant with exceptional written and verbal English with strong people skills. Works hours: Monday to Friday, 10am to 3.30pm Term time only. For more details please contact MS Mullins, Office Manager on 20 8979 5893.

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

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.

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.

HERSHAM DAY CENTRE PROGRAMME

Day Centres for the Community - All 6 centres in Elmbridge are now open for some days per week. **Hersham and Molesey are open Tuesdays and Fridays; Walton is open every day, Times are 10am to 3pm.** Weekly updates are on the Website- Elmbridge Borough Council - elmbridge.gov.uk.

Telephone Hersham: 01932 246 247
Molesey: 020 8979 2773

CAFOD

Please send any donations to CAFOD. The envelopes give details using direct bank methods, postal or giving a cash donation via the parish. A donation of £1.00 to CAFOD goes a long way in helping people reach their potential. CAFOD gives emergency relief to war zones and disasters, but it has long term projects which help those suffering from climate change have the opportunity to succeed. **Thank you again for your prayers and support.**

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.

WELCOME and A SPECIAL HELLO FROM ALLSAINTS, HERSHAM.

- to our visitors and new parishioners - you are all welcome, especially at Coffee after morning Mass. Since Covid we have not had regular meetings after Mass. It will be lovely to catch up with our regulars and meet new parishioners, visitors and the families of our children in the First Communion programme. Please stay for refreshments and a chat after Mass. Can you offer to help provide drinks? Ideally, enough volunteers will mean helping once a month. **Help is desperately needed during May.** If you can help please contact Marion Dawes. 07713 161262; 01932 231317 marion.dawes@gmail.com

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

children (in small groups) will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass at **HERSHAM** & 11am Mass at **MOLESEY**.

Let us keep the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families in our prayers over the coming weeks.

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 Hershams with St Barnabas Molesey.