

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

2 FEBRUARY 2025

**THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD**

*Behold, our Lord will come with power,
to enlighten the eyes of his servants,
alleluia.*

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Saturday Masses at Molesey & Hersham.*

WELCOME TO MASS *Readings and
prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The
Presentation of the Lord, Year C*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

Sunday 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, known as Candlemas, is celebrated forty days after Christmas. The Epiphany crib will finally be dismantled and the purists, who have kept their tress up for all these days, will finally be able to vacuum all those tedious needles. For most of us Christmas celebrations seems a distant memory, but the liturgy has transported us from the stable of Bethlehem to the Epiphany House and now to the Temple in Jerusalem.

This powerful and sacred sign, set in stone at the heart of Jerusalem, was the constant reminder of the presence of God and His covenant of old. Now Jesus, the fullness of God's presence (fully human and fully divine), lives amongst us and in the light of His face we see light. He fulfils the covenant symbolised by the Temple and is revealed as the light to enlighten all peoples, the glory of God's people Israel.

We gather to process with our own candle, for Jesus calls us to recognise His light and be a light for Him in the dark places of the world.

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We sing the song of Simeon (one of the three gospel canticles from Luke) and recognise that our destiny is to behold God face to face. We stand with Anna in old age and Mary and Joseph as young parents and we allow the glory of God to fill our being and especially our emptiness and sufferings and many disappointments. We light our candles again and listen to the gospel account as our hearts are moved by the tenderness of this scene.

-This weekend our confirmation candidates make their retreat. *Please pray for them.*

-The first Holy Communion children meet after the 9am & 11am Masses.

-At Eton I continue with the preparation of 37 boys for confirmation.

-I look forward to visiting Scott at the seminary at Allen Hall on Wednesday.

-Please pray for Joseph and Susanne and Canon Oliver Heaney.

-We pray for all those who are sick and suffering.

-On Monday 3rd February throats are blessed in the traditional manner, after the 9.30am Mass.

-On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday 11th February, there will be an opportunity to receive the sacrament of the sick, after 9.30am Mass at Molesey, if you are in serious need of this sacrament at this time.

With my prayers and affectionate good wishes
Fr Richard

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 11am, Friday at 9.30am, Saturday
(Vigil Mass) at 5.30pm & Sunday at 9am.

To access the live stream Molesey & Hershams go
to www.stbarnabasmolesey.org and click on the
picture of the appropriate church.

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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.**

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, Gilby 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:

Mgr Canon Jeffrey Haydn Scott, Fr Thomas Mulvey, Fr James Maguire.

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 this Sunday 2 February.

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.

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. Tinned sweetcorn
 3. Tinned vegetables
 4. Mayonnaise
 5. Ketchup
 6. Kitchen Roll
 7. Washing up liquid
 8. Long life sponge puddings
- 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-
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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.*

HEALING MINISTRY -

Saturday 15th 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 15th 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

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT – 15 MARCH

The annual Walton and Hersham Irish Society St Patrick's Night will take place on Saturday 15th March at All Saints Church Hall in Hersham. 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/thehershamwaltonstpaddysfamilyshindig/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.

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.

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>

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

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