

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

17 NOVEMBER 2024

**THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace & not affliction. You will call upon me, & I will answer you, & I will lead back your captives from every place.

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WELCOME TO MASS *Readings and prayers are found in the Parish Missals for The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

A young friend telephoned me a few weeks ago to pick my brains about how to make her voice heard on the appalling assisted suicide legislation. We talked about our own experience of being with the dying and shared moments of suffering as well as consolation. We agreed that the care with which our loved ones were surrounded was powerful and often heroic. We talked of the moment of death and how precious that was and how we coped with the aftermath of our respective loved ones dying.

All this is the essential background to any discussion of proposed legislation which permits two doctors and a judge to allow a terminally ill person to take their own life. They must not be coerced, they must have 'capacity' and presumably must be physically able to take the substance prescribed to end their life.

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

My young friend works for an organisation which promotes life in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church and the beliefs of many people who have a different faith or no formal faith. She and her colleagues have produced a card to help us contact our legislators, those members of parliament we have elected to serve the common good. Please take the card 'Assist us to Live'.

Meanwhile, our own bishop has prepared a pastoral letter on this issue which will be read at all Masses. These are chilling times and we must do what we can to ensure that, at least in this aspect of the dignity of human life, the United Kingdom sets an example to the world.

Much has been made of the *tight* proposed legislation; if passed this will be quickly amended so that assisted suicide will become a broad and accepted norm for how we ought to die. We must act and we must pray.

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT

Sunday for Arundel Cathedral
Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)

THE LIVE STREAM

AT 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 & Hersham go to www.stbarnabasmolesey.org and click on the picture of the appropriate church.

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.

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

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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.

***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: Margaret Shrimpton, 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:

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 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 James Kenny, Fr John Jeffries, Fr Michael Sewell, Fr Edmund O'Shea, Mgr Clement Constable, Canon Dennis Corbishley, Fr Cyril Webber, Canon John Sullivan.

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.

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.

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
- 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

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 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.

THE NEXT UCM MEETING is on Wednesday 20th November at 11am in St Barnabas, Hall. All are warmly invited; refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/2025

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

VACANCY AT ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL

Breakfast and Afterschool Club Playworker.

Contract: Term Time only

Hours: 7.35am – 8.35am & 3pm – 6pm

Flexible shifts and hours available

For more details contact the School office on 020 8979 5893 or email admin@stalbans.surrey.sch.uk

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

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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