

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

12 JANUARY 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, & the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, & the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Preface of today's Mass offers us a clear reminder that the Lord Jesus has been sent by the Father to bring good news to the poor. Jesus, the Word made Flesh, God-with-us, was born among us so that all may have life. The good news of Salvation is, therefore, the message that the Church is tasked to bring to the whole world.

Just as the Holy Spirit was present at Jesus' baptism by John, "declaring Him" the Son of the Father, so the Holy Spirit dwells in those who are baptised, guiding the mission that is given to us all through our baptism – our sharing in the mission of the whole Church.

We are called to nothing less than living every moment of life caught up, as it were, in the love that exists between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism brings us to life lived in the love of the Blessed Trinity. It opens for us the way to a relationship with God, in and through Christ, so close that nothing, as St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, can separate us from this love. Just as Isaiah states in the first reading today, the Lord gathers us in His arms, carries us close to Him and cares for us with the greatest gentleness.

Baptism opens for us the way to the other Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist. Let us not forget that there is nothing more wonderful in this life than our meeting with the Lord in the

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Eucharist, as he nourishes us with Himself – He who is the Bread of Life.

All is gift: life in the love of the Blessed Trinity, closeness to the person of Jesus, the abiding presence in our lives of the Holy Spirit who prompts our actions and prays within us when we cannot find the words. So much is given that we cannot fully describe its wonder. As Jesus reminds us, to those who are given much, much is expected. How, then, are we called to respond to God's gift? As Christ offered Himself, must we not offer ourselves to be the Lord's instruments in bringing good news to the poor?

As the Church we must witness to the good news in an ever-changing world and each and every living stone in the spiritual house that is the Church must take their place in this mission.

In this Jubilee Year, the Holy Father has called us to be Pilgrims of Hope. Our Hope is the Kingdom to which we look forward and it is this Hope, grounded in Faith and expressed also in Love, that is the Christian's Mission – our gift to the world. It is nothing less than the proclamation of the Kingdom of Christ Himself.

This year is also the 60th Anniversary of our Diocese – surely a favourable time for us all to pray for increased openness to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our commitment to share the Good News of the Kingdom.

This call to mission is at the very heart of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Please click the following link to view Bishop Richard Moth's Pastoral Letter in its entirety
<https://vimeo.com/1044366315>

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT
Sunday for Pax Christi.

THE LIVE STREAM

AT MOLESEY: All Live streamed
Thursday at 9.30am, Sunday 11am & 6pm.

AT HERSHAM: All live streamed
Wednesday 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.

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 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 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, Salvatore Messini, Rui Da Silva, Maria Camara.

Those who anniversaries fall this week:

Fr Cecil Cranford, Fr Patrick Leahy, Canon Walter Smith, Fr Thomas Scott, Fr Oswald Bussy, Fr Thomas Ruane.

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 19 January.

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. Long life sponge puddings
4. Long life juice or squash
5. Sanitary towels

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.

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 .

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 Joesph'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 Joesph'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

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

• **DAY OF REFLECTION - MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

On Saturday 25 January the diocese will be holding a day of reflection, led by Bishop Richard, for Ministers of the Word from 11am-4pm at St Wilfrid's parish centre in Burgess Hill.

- **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>

HOUSE OF PRAYER WINTER PROGRAMME -WINTER 2025

The House of Prayer, East Molesey
www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme

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

‘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

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