

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
MOLESEY, HERSHAM & WALTON
On THAMES

St Barnabas, All Saints & St Erconwald

15 December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

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Confessions on Saturday Walton 10am, Molesey
10.45am, Hersham 5pm & by appointment

WELCOME TO MASS Readings and prayers are found in the Parish Missals for the Third Sunday of Advent. May God bless us all as we wait for the coming of the Lord on this Gaudete Sunday. The introit of the Mass reads: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near. Let us pray for the nation at this time of transition. Let us hold firm to Our Lord Jesus Christ whose coming is the cause of our deepest joy. Asking the prayers of Mary, Mother of our Redeemer, our lives are renewed by the coming of the Lord.*

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Monday 23 December
ALL DAY
at St Barnabas Molesey

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 24th December

Molesey 5pm Vigil Mass

Walton 6pm

Hersham 7pm

Molesey 9pm Midnight Mass

Walton 10pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December

Molesey 8am Latin Mass of the Dawn

Hersham 9.15am Mass of the Day

Walton 9.15am

Molesey 11am

Walton 11.15am

Walton 12.45pm Italian Christmas Mass

THE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY will be for Fr Richard & Fr Bill. Priests of this diocese receive no salary, so your generosity at Christmas & Easter forms the bulk of a priest's personal income.

LET US PRAY FOR: *Those who are sick in our parishes:* Eileen Firth, Patrick Russell, Ann Griffin, Andy Hanges, Patricia Malcolm, Patrick Duggan, Rose Collins, Maureen Lloyd, Therese Ayres, Mary Hales, Bonnard (Bleu) Allen, Peggy Fitzgerald, Ann Livingston, Jayne Collins, Maureen Murphy, Dina Yates, Sheila & Kenneth Day, Nicoletta Lanzisera, Richard & Jackie D'Alton, Nellie Widdup, Ben Adderley, Glen Adderley, Nedra Gilson, Hannah Feltham, the Superville and McComb family, and Mark.

Please advise the parish offices know of those names and intentions you would like added to our list for our prayers.

Those who have died: Maureen Morey (Requiem Friday 3rd January 2020 at All Saints, Hersham)

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Fr Robert Bogan, Fr Bernard McGrath, Fr Thomas Purcell.

And the intentions of parishioners, friends and benefactors.

DURING ADVENT the rosary will be prayed at St Barnabas at 6pm on Tuesdays & 10am on Thursdays. At St Erconwald on Wednesday at 10am.

INFANT BAPTISM at St Barnabas, Molesey on Friday 17 January at 7pm in the church. Please contact the Parish Office

COFFEE AFTER MASS ON MONDAYS at St Erconwald.

ADORATION AT ST ERCONWALD on Fridays starting at 10.15am until just before Mass at 12noon.

SATURDAY EVENING ITALIAN MASS AT ST ERCONWALD'S at 6pm. Just a reminder that everyone is, of course, welcome to attend.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? We have two groups running in our parishes at All Saints and St Barnabas. Please contact Fr. Richard, Fr. Bill or Veronica at Hersham and Yvonne Foster at Molesey.

MONDAY MOLESEY MASSES IN ADVENT at St Barnabas will be at 6.30am. They will be candlelit celebrations as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Please bring lanterns or candles in jars. Croissants will follow in the hall. There are two more on Monday 16 & 23 December.

IGNATION CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY every Wednesday, at 7.30pm in the Narthex at All Saints Hersham. We are a group of Catholics who meet each week to study our Bible, discuss our Faith and Pray together.

ST ERCONWALD'S 1/2HOUR PRAYER GROUP meets at The Company of Mary House, 48 Churchfield Rd, Walton. KT12 2SY. All meetings begin at 6.30pm, the next meeting is **on Monday 13th January and then 27th January**. Come join us, all are very welcome. For more information please contact Nicky on 07921 227 293.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 1pm in St Barnabas church hall for lunch.

NO YOUTH CLUB at St Barnabas until the New Year.

ENROLMENT FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN HERSHAM 9am Mass & MOLESEY 11am Mass this Sunday 15 December.

THE NEXT DEANERY CARE MASS will be held at The Holy Family, Ongar Hill, Addlestone. KT15 1BP, **Sunday 5 January 2020 at 3pm.** Refreshments are served afterwards. All are welcome.

HOUSE OF PRAYER CENTERING PRAYER GROUP you are warmly invited to join the Centering prayer group which meets on Mondays at 7.30pm at the House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, Molesey. KT8 0PB. We will be showing a DVD of Thomas Keating at the end of our period of silent meditation. Thomas Keating is one of the founders of Centering prayer, speaks from his deep personal experience about the simplicity of Centering prayer. It's a way of prayer for anyone who wants to grow in relationship with God.

ALL SAINTS, HERSHAM ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUPS Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join one of the Advent Groups – usually Tues or Wed evening at 8pm or Tuesdays 2.30pm. We would love to have some new parishioners (from all parishes) in the groups. It doesn't matter if you can't make all sessions. The groups will meet once a week, for about an hour, for the 4 weeks of Advent with a group leader and discussion material is provided. If you are not sure and want to find out more about the groups, please contact Sarah Rice. There is a sign up sheet in the porch at All Saints, Hersham where you can leave contact details and preferred day/time, or alternatively contact Sarah Rice: ricesl@airproducts.com mobile: 07968 941086 evenings.

ST ERCONWALD'S PARENT TODDLER GROUP meet every Wednesday during *term time only* at St. Erconwald's Parish Hall. 10am to 11.45am. For more information please contact Ola on 07449 519 701. *This group will restart on Wednesday 8 January 2020.*

ST ERCONWALD'S ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP 18th December at 2pm in the Priest's House in St Erconwald, Walton. All are most welcome.

URGENT DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate the following items:

♦**Tinned meat** ♦Tinned Soup ♦long life fruit juices ♦long life milk ♦tinned tomatoes/passata ♦pasta sauces ♦hot chocolate ♦sponge puddings ♦custard ♦tomato ketchup ♦mayonnaise ♦biscuits ♦**DEODRANT AND SHOWER GEL.**

There are baskets for donation in our three churches.

MASS INTENTIONS are gladly received. The clergy can be approached directly. Please fill out a Mass Intention envelope. Hershams Masses can be organised in the sacristy after Mass there and Molesey and Walton Masses through the parish offices. *When requesting a Mass Intention, please indicate whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or another reason. Many thanks.*

CAFOD - World Gifts are CAFOD's alternative charity - these gifts can transform lives. You choose a unique, virtual gift that will make a difference to a family living in poverty. These are not just gifts for Christmas but can be used for birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms and other special days. There are a range of different gifts and ideas starting from under £10.00; more on the website. Please consider them for a secret Santa gift or a stocking filler. The catalogue is thinner this year but there is more choice on the website - CAFOD.org.uk. or **World gifts CAFOD.** Depending on the gift you buy, you are choosing which area(s) of

CAFOD's work you wish to support - Farming, Health, Education, general Water supplies, Emergency and Rehabilitation or the General Fund. **LAST DAY FOR FREE CHRISTMAS ONLINE ORDERS** is midnight on Monday 16 December. Full details are in the World Gifts catalogue; please pick up one from our parishes. Thank you for your support in your prayers and generosity.

CHRISTMAS AND CAROL CONCERTS FOR GOOD CAUSES

We are very lucky to have several choirs in our area and over the next two weeks. Several of our parishioners from our three parishes will be singing in these concerts. Most tickets include seasonal refreshments.

- **THURSDAY 19th December.**
Elmbridge U3A choir - *The Joy of Christmas.* 2.30pm. St Peter's Church, Hershams FREE. Retiring collection for shooting Stars and Chase - our local children's hospice.
- **FRIDAY 20th December.**
The Treble Clef choir. St James Church, Church Street, Weybridge 7.30pm. Tickets £10.00 contact. 01252 326514

If you are free and can come, your support will be much appreciated. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS AT ALL SAINTS If you can spare an hour to help prepare All Saints church for Christmas, or provide some garden greenery, please join us on Saturday, 21 December at 1:30pm. If you can provide any garden greenery, it can be left by the back door of the church on the Friday or bring it with you on the Saturday. Garden bags will be returned to you, if let us have your contact details. Everyone is welcome and hot refreshments will be available. Please speak to a member of the Choir for more details.