

**LITURGIES FOR  
THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**8pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*& watch at the altar of repose until  
Midnight in both churches*

**GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**9am Office of Readings & Morning  
Prayer in Molesey**

**10am Stations of the Cross at Hersham**

**10am Molesey Children's Stations of  
the Cross** *followed by coffee and hot cross buns in  
the Hall.*

**3pm THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S  
PASSION & DEATH** *in both churches*

**6pm Molesey Stations of the Cross**

**HOLY SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**9am Office of Readings & Morning  
Prayer in Molesey**

**8pm THE EASTER VIGIL & FIRST  
MASS OF THE RESURRECTION** *in  
both churches*

**EASTER SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**8am Latin Mass at Molesey**

**9.15am Mass at Hersham**

**11am Mass at Molesey**

**6pm Mass at Molesey**

**THE CATHOLIC  
PARISHES OF  
HERSHAM &  
MOLESEY**

**LENT  
HOLY  
WEEK  
&  
EASTER  
2024**



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*My dear Parishioners, dear friends*

*Our Lenten observance begins this Wednesday, 14 February, on a day the Church calls Ash. Remember that you are dust, we hear as ashes are sprinkled on our heads, and to dust you shall return. It's sobering stuff, especially because most of us have a fear of death.*

*Last week I found myself in a church in northern Italy, in the beautiful town of Lodi. The church, a former Oratory community of St Philip Neri, had been closed down by Napoleon and the fathers expelled. My fellow retreatants have custody of the church and have spent lots of time and energy cleaning and ordering. The church is now open every day and the Blessed Sacrament has been restored. I had the privilege of offering Mass at the high altar and prayed for our own parishes.*

*One of the first great tasks was to clear out the crypt where oratorians, before the dissolution (if we can call it that), had been buried. Shortly after the labour intensive project a Mass of Requiem was offered for the deceased fathers and brothers at the newly restored crypt altar. My visit there and our prayers for the dead made a deep impression and I started to think a little bit more seriously about this year's Lent. It seems to me that Lent is about living the season each day and trying to be more consciously in the presence of Almighty God, not least through regular visits to the Blessed Sacrament. But Lent is also that time when we face our mortality and allow the grace of God to calm any fear and help us see our lives as eternal.*

*Those of us who think about these things have giggled about Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day. Not everybody has to endure an overpriced dinner with their heart's desire, but all of us know that the love of God is at the heart of who we are as human beings, and everything else flows from that.*

*May our Lent be loving, calming, thoughtful; and may it be marked by generous prayer, fasting in all its forms and sacrificial almsgiving.*

*May God bless us all  
Fr Richard*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

### ***Confession***

***Every Saturday from 11am at Molesey***

***Every Saturday from 5pm at Hersham***

### **AND ALL DAY**

***HOLY SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March***

***With Holy Saturday Blessing of Food  
at 10am & 12noon***

## **STATIONS of the CROSS**

***Fridays at Hersham at 12.30pm  
with Mass at 12noon & Soup Lunch  
following Stations***

***Sundays at Molesey at 4pm  
with Benediction***

## **LENT BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesday Evenings at 6.30pm**

Bible Study – Wednesday evenings 6:30pm  
at St Barnabas Parish Hall

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