**OUR PARISHES**

**St Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham (LC)**

Haseldine Road, London Colney, AL2 1RR

**\*St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (RA)**

**Radlett Presbytery, 22 The Crosspath**

**Radlett, WD7 8HN\***

**\*(Postal address for all parishes)\***

**The Good Shepherd, (SH)**

Black Lion Hill, Shenley, WD7 9DH

**MASS OFFERINGS**

**FOR MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR USE THE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH or your own envelope with all the details on. Please State if it is a RIP or “intentions of”** and either put it in the collection basket, or drop it into the **Radlett** **Presbytery** at the address above.*(Mass Intentions may change if there is a funeral, & moved to the next available date).* ***If you want to know the date please write your e-mail address or phone number clearly on the envelope, thank you. Please do not use the envelopes for any other purpose.***

**MASS Intentions – 15th November**

*Some Mass Intentions will be rescheduled.*

**Sunday**

**(RA)10.00am:** Pro Populo *(For the people of the parishes)*

***(RA) 2.00pm – 2.45pm: Private Prayer***

***(LC) 11.30am – 12.30pm: Private Prayer***

**WEEKDAY MASS Intentions**

**(SH) 10.00am: The Funeral of Mrs Mary Lerwill**

***(Covid restrictions apply)***

**(** **(RA) Tue 11.30am:**

**(RA) Wed 10.00am**:

***(LC) 6.30pm – 7.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

**(RA) Thu 10.00am**:

***(SH) 5.00pm – 6.00pm: Private Prayer***

**MASS Intentions – 22nd November**

**Sunday**

**(RA)10.00am:** Pro Populo

**Mass live streamed from St Anthony of Padua Church:**

<https://www.churchservices.tv/radlett>

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**Shenley Church**

Saturday from 5.00pm until 6.00pm

**London Colney Church**

Sunday 11.30am until 12.30pm

Wednesday from 6.30pm until 7.30pm

**Radlett Church**

Sunday 2.00pm – 2.45pm

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**PARISH OFFICE (01923 635541,option 3)**

Mon - Wed 8.00am – 11.00am

**Closed on all other days**

Parish Administrator: Mrs Catherine King

**Gospel Matthew 25:14-30**

**You have been faithful in small things:**

**come and join in your master's happiness.**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.”

‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”’

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**Pope’s Prayer Intention: Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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If we understand the word ‘talent’ in the way that we use the word it refers to an aptitude or skill that a person possesses, then the Gospel Reading for today is about putting the talents that God has given us to good use. If we do, we will grow in our skills and perhaps discover additional talents. In that light, the parable seems to be a motivational talk.

If we understand the word talent in the way that Jesus would have understood, then the word refers to a unit of currency, the Gospel Reading takes on another meaning. A talent was the largest unit of currency at the time and was a huge amount of money, more than a person could earn in a year. With this understanding, the parable teaches us that wise investments will make us rich, while doing nothing with our money will gain us nothing and it may even lead to a loss since money loses its purchasing power over time.

While using our talents and making wise investments may be important, Jesus had another reason in mind for his story. Just before telling the parable Jesus says, ‘The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man who was going on a journey ...’ So what was Jesus teaching us? Jesus is teaching us that those who will be rewarded with a place in the kingdom of heaven are those who imitate the master. The master of the parable was a man of initiative, drive, and energy. He expected the servants, to whom he had entrusted his possessions, to follow his example. Two servants did, the third did not.

The real lesson is not what we do with money or talents but rather what we do with the faith we have been given. Faith is entrusted to us so that like Jesus we might take the initiative to confidently announce the good news to others and that we might be good news by our acts of mercy, kindness, and compassion, in short, to be what Pope Francis calls, ‘Missionary Disciples’.

If we put the faith they received into action one day, please God, we will hear the Lord say,’ Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come share your master’s joy.’ Those who do nothing will be judged useless servants.

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**Thank you to NHS Staff and all key workers.**



**The Cardinal and** **Bishops** have asked that we join together in prayer at 6.00pm each evening. Perhaps this week we could say together The Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ’s side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be [separated](https://www.beautysoancient.com/stay-with-me-lord-padre-pio/) from Thee
From the [malicious](https://www.beautysoancient.com/prayer-every-evil-exorcist-father-gabriele-amorth/) enemy defend me
In the [hour](https://www.beautysoancient.com/recommendation-to-ones-guardian-angel-for-a-happy-hour-of-death/) of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever.
Amen

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**Please note: The Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Lerwill will be on on Monday 16th November at 10.00am Given that there are restrictions on the number of people allowed to attend funerals please wait to be invited to attend by the family**.Please keep Mary and her family and friends in your prayers.

**If you wish to watch the webcasts** from Radlett, then please click on this link (or copy and paste it into your browser): <https://www.churchservices.tv/radlett>

There is no webcast on Monday.

Mass on Tuesday will be webcast at 11.30am.

**If you are visiting the church** for private prayer, you might like to bring with you something to help with the **Christmas Hamper Scheme**. Thank you

**The Good Shepherd Shenley** will be open on a Saturday for private prayer from 5.00pm until 6.00pm

**S. Anthony of Padua** will be open for private prayer on a Sunday from 2.00pm until 2.45pm.

**S. Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham** will be open for private prayer on a Sunday from 11.30am until 12.30pm and on a Wednesday from 6.30pm until 7.30pm with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament.

**Thank you to the Stewards** who make it possible for our churches to be open. If you could help with the stewarding then please speak to one of the Stewards, leave a message at the Parish Office or speak to Fr Kevin. If we had more Stewards then our churches could be open more often.