

Newsletter for the Parishes of:
St Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, London Colney (LC)
St Anthony of Padua (RA) &
The Good Shepherd, Shenley (SH)



Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st January — 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: **Saturday** 4.30-4.50pm @SH
Sunday 9.30-9.50am @RA & 11.10-11.25am @LC

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 20th Jan
SH @ 5:00pm**
Patrick Cooney
R.I.P.

**Sun 21st Jan
RA @ 10:00am**
Pro Populo

**Sun 21st Jan
LC @ 11:30am**
Joe Fernandes
R.I.P.

**Mon 22nd Jan
LC @ 10:00am**
Funeral Mass for
Connie Fernandes
R.I.P.

**Tues 23rd Jan
RA @ 9.30am**
Private Intention

Weds 24th Jan
No Mass

Thurs 25th Jan
No Mass

Fri 26th Jan
No Mass

First Holy Communion News

This weekend we welcome our 2024 First Holy Communion Candidates for **Radlett** as we celebrate our First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass at Radlett, 10.00am on Sunday 21st January.

Fr Stuart Gullan Steel R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Fr Stuart Gullan Steel will be celebrated on Thursday 25th January at 11.30am in the Chapel of Nazareth House, 169-175 Hammersmith Road, London W6 6DB. Please be aware that no car parking is available and the nearest tube is Hammersmith or Ravenscourt Park.

Sherva Cooray R.I.P.

It is with sadness that I announce that Sherva Cooray passed away on Wednesday 17th January. Please pray for the repose of Sherva's soul. We offer our sympathy to Sherva's family and promise them our prayers. Details of Sherva's Funeral Mass will be published as soon as they are known.

Tombola @ London Colney

As we continue our London Colney hall fundraising efforts into 2024, if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts you would like to donate for the tombola, then please either drop them to the parish office, or leave them in the box beneath the fundraising board at London Colney. Thank you.

Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 10th February at 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend as this is a ticketed event. Tickets are free of charge but must be prebooked.

Mary's Meals Appeal

This weekend we have a visit from Mary's Meals who work with some of the world's poorest children to attract them into the classroom where they can gain an education and a brighter future. As always thank you for your generosity in advance.

LITURGY

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

Responsorial Psalm

24(25):4-6,7b-9

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians
7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

Gospel Acclamation

Mk1:15

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19–21).

As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus' promise—to make them "fishers of men"—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14–16).

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12–13; Matthew 12:46–50).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle. The first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have "something greater than Jonah" (Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 13/14 January:

LC: £401.65 SH: £176.03 RA: £218.37 + Contactless RA & LC: £97.84

Thank you for your generosity. You can donate at LC & RA via contactless or visit our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/radlett/donate>



PARISH REMINDERS



COVID 19

PREVENTATIVE PRACTICES

To continue to create a safe environment in our churches:

- ◆ Hand sanitisers will be available at the entrances and exits of the churches, use of which whilst optional, is encouraged.
- ◆ Wearing of face masks in the churches is optional.
- ◆ Ministers of Communion will continue to use hand sanitisers

FOOD BANK

The Churches Together Food Bank is grateful for all donations. We would welcome the following items (soups / big soups, toilet rolls, tinned sweetcorn, peas, carrots, potatoes, jelly / sponge puddings, long life milk, biscuits, flour, sugar)

MASS OFFERINGS

Please use either your own envelope, the mass intentions envelope or telephone the parish office stating if it is "RIP" or "Intentions of". Place in collection basket or send to the Radlett postal address. Please remember to include your contact details.

EMAIL

If you know someone who doesn't receive this newsletter, please encourage them to contact the parish office with their email details in order that we can add them to the distribution list

VOLUNTEERS

We continue to require volunteers to assist with the stewarding, counting and banking cash, arranging flowers, assisting with the foodbank etc. If you can devote some of your free time, please contact the parish office

DONATIONS

Since the pandemic began, the income for our parishes has been severely hit and collections during Sunday Mass have commenced again. Your offerings allow us to run our parishes, pay the heating, lighting, maintenance costs etc. In addition to the Sunday collection, the various additional donation methods are outlined below. ***It would really help the parish if you would make your regular offering via standing order*** as this reduces the need for volunteers to count and bank the monies (time consuming) and employing a carrier to transport the cash to the Bank (expensive)

Standing Orders - you remain in complete control and can cancel / decrease / increase your offering at any time. Please contact the parish office for a standing order form

Gift Aid - By adding Gift Aid (if you are a UK tax payer) to your regular offering, for every £1.00 you donate, the Government gives us 25p at no extra cost to you. Please contact the parish office for a gift aid form

Digital Collection Plates (LC & RA) - similar to paying for your groceries. All you need is your debit / credit card or phone and you can tap and donate whatever amount you wish to. Stewards will be available to assist in case of need and you can also use this facility to make candle donations and for some second collections

Planned Giving Envelopes - whilst we continue to provide this option, please help us to reduce the very expensive parish costs of printing & providing envelopes and employing a carrier to transport the cash by switching to standing order. Please contact the Parish Office, Fr Kevin or the Deacons for a form

Thank you to everyone who has donated and continues to donate to the parish funds. Your support and generosity is never taken for granted and your offerings are truly appreciated