

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 27th & Sunday 28th January — 4th 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 27th Jan
SH @ 5:00pm
Sarah Louise Smith
R.I.P.

Sun 28th Jan
RA @ 10:00am
Pro Populo

Sun 28th Jan
LC @ 11:30am
Sister Mary Pelagia
Luzardo R.I.P.

Mon 29th Jan
LC @ 10.00am
Bridget & John Laver
R.I.P.

Tues 30th Jan
RA @ 10.00am
"For The Bishop"
His Eminence
Cardinal Vincent
Nichols

Weds 31st Jan
SH @ 9.00am
Halina Teresa
Jankowska R.I.P.

Thurs 1st Feb
LC @ 10.00am
Ellen & Bartholomew
Murphy R.I.P.

Fri 2nd Feb
No Mass

Funeral Mass
Sherva Cooray R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Sherva Cooray will take place at 10.00am on Thursday 22nd February at Radlett. Our condolences and prayers are with Sherva's family and loved ones at this time.

First Holy Communion News

Next weekend we welcome our 2024 First Holy Communion Candidates for **London Colney** as we celebrate our First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass at London Colney at 11.30am on Sunday 4th February.

2nd Collection

Next weekend, 3rd/4th February we have been asked by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichol to hold an additional 2nd collection for Conflict in the Holy Land. Thank you again for your generosity.

Cake Sale at London Colney

There will be a cake sale immediately after 11.30am Mass at London Colney on Sunday 4th February. Any cake donations (homemade or bought) are gratefully received. Thank you in advance.

Divine Mercy Reflection

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday 10 February from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Georges R.C. Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Volunteer Appeal 2024

We have managed to recruit for the following volunteer positions:

	RA	LC	SH
Safeguarding	✗	✗	✗
First Aid	✗	✗	✓
Fire Warden	✓	✓	✓
Data Protection	✗	✓	✓
Health & Safety Monitor	✗	✓	✗

Red crosses indicate a vacancy. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help in any way. Thank you in advance.

London Colney Hall

We are looking to get a working party together to help move the tables and chairs currently stored at Shenley over to London Colney. Please contact the parish office if you are available on **Saturday 2nd March** and would be able to help in any way including providing transportation, cleaning etc. Thank you in advance.

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.

LITURGY

First Reading

Deuteronomy
18:15-20

I will raise up a prophet and put my words in his mouth

Responsorial Psalm

94(95):1-2,6-9

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians
7:32-35

Give your undivided attention to the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mt4:16

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

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Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Universalis

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–17), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12–15).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

"With an unclean spirit" is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22).

The demons' question: "What have you to do with us?" is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His Word "rebuked" the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10–12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalms 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14, 27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see Exodus 31:12). In this liturgy, we hear His voice and "see" His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 20/21 January:

LC: £849.27 SH: £372.23 RA: £348.90 + Contactless RA & LC: £166.65

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