

**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 3rd & Sunday 4th February — 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Radlett-Mass Live Stream:** <https://www.churchservices.tv/radlett>  
**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 3rd Feb**  
**SH @ 5:00pm**  
Tommy Graven  
R.I.P.

**Sun 4th Feb**  
**RA @ 10:00am**  
Pro Populo

**Sun 4th Feb**  
**LC @ 11:30am**  
Deceased friends &  
relatives of the  
Fernandes Family  
R.I.P.

**Mon 5th Feb**  
No Mass

**Tues 6th Feb**  
No Mass

**Weds 7th Feb**  
No Mass

**Thurs 8th Feb**  
No Mass

**Fri 9th Feb**  
No Mass

**First Holy Communion News**

This 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**

This weekend 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.

**Funeral Mass**  
**Sherva Cooray R.I.P.**

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

**Annual Mass of**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**London Colney Hall**  
**Grand Opening!**

On Sunday 10th March we welcome Bishop Paul McAleenan to celebrate 11.30am Mass at London Colney and officially open and bless our brand new Richeldis Hall! All are invited to join us for refreshments after Mass.

**Easter Sunday at Radlett**

We are very fortunate to welcome back Bishop Paul to Radlett where he will be celebrating the Easter Sunday Mass on 31st March at 10.00am.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and would be able to help in any way including providing transportation, cleaning etc.

**For the Young Adults of our Parish**

There are some prayer and life workshops especially for young adults which will take place on 2nd February, 9th February, 16th February and 23rd February at Our Lady & St Michael Catholic Church, Crown Rise, Watford WD25 ONE. For more information, contact Thelma on 07404 026 955

**Cake Sale!**

There will be a cake sale after 11.30am Mass at London Colney this Sunday 4th February, to raise funds for our new hall.

## ***LITURGY***

### **First Reading**

Job 7:1-4,6-7

*My life is but a breath*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

146(147):1-6

### **2nd Reading**

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

*I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Jn8:8-12

### **Gospel**

Mark 1:29-39

*He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease*

### **GOSPEL**

Mark 1:29-39

*He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease*

He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease. On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17-19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel. Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41-42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7). What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1-2).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 27/28 January:

LC: £265.52 SH: £128.25 RA: £140.33 + Contactless RA & LC: £80.63

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***