

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 17th & Sunday 18th February — 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 17th Feb
SH @ 5:00pm
Eleyakutty Devarsy
R.I.P.

Sun 18th Feb
RA @ 10:00am
Pro Populo

Sun 18th Feb
LC @ 11:30am
Thanksgiving Mass
Andrew, Flora &
Leo

Mon 19th Feb
LC @ 10.00am
Deceased members
of the Healy &
Murphy families
R.I.P.

Tues 20th Feb
RA @ 10.00am
Adele Petrucci
R.I.P.

Weds 21st Feb
SH @ 9.30am
Gerard Perera
Intention

Thurs 22nd Feb
RA @ 10.00am
Funeral Mass
Sherva Cooray
R.I.P.

Fri 23rd Feb
No Mass

John Culhane R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for John Culhane will take place on Wednesday 6th March at 10.00am at Radlett followed by burial at Christchurch. Our condolences and prayers are with John's family and loved ones at this time.

Maria Da Graça Tondela Saltão R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Maria Da Graça Tondela Saltão will take place on Thursday 7th March at 10.00am at Shenley followed by burial at Shenleybury Churchyard. Our condolences and prayers are with Maria's family and loved ones at this time.

Right to Life-Take Action Now

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard from the back of the church and post it to your MP.

Churches Together Lent Talk

There will be Lent talk held by the Dean of Westminster Rev. Dr. David Hoyle on Wednesday 28th February at St John's Church, Radlett, WD7 8DF at 7.30pm. Please see their website for further details and to book your place www.christchurchstjohns.org.uk/welcome.htm

CAFOD Family Fast Day

A reminder that CAFOD envelopes will be available in the churches this weekend in preparation for CAFOD Family Fast Day next Friday 23rd February. The idea is that you skip a meal and pop your donation in the envelope provided, which will then be collected on Sunday 25th February. Thank you for your generosity.

Parishes Synod Meeting
Mission-Communion-Participation

To prepare for the Synod on Synodality in Rome in October 2024, the Cardinal has asked each Parish to consider the following:

What are we doing in our parishes to proclaim our faith to:

- ☐ those who have never heard of Christ;
- ☐ those who have ceased walking with Christ;
- ☐ those with whom we worship Christ (those who go to church)?

How can we do this more effectively in our parishes?

What structures may need to change?
How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

Each Parish has been asked to prepare a response by the end of February. As time is short, there will be one meeting for all three Parishes. **This meeting will begin with Mass at 7.30pm on Monday 26th February at Radlett** followed by the meeting in the Radlett church hall (there will not be a 10.00am Mass at London Colney on that day). Parishes have been advised to use the 'Conversation in the Spirit' model, which, we are told, allows for and promotes authentic listening.

Stations of The Cross

During Lent we will be holding Stations of The Cross as follows:

Radlett - 10.00am on Fridays.

London Colney - 6.00pm on Fridays and 10.45am on Sundays

LITURGY

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

"There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again"

Responsorial Psalm

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

2nd Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

The water on which the Ark floated is a type of the baptism which saves you now

Gospel Acclamation

Mt4:4

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

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GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

Universalis



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20), Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9, 13; Deuteronomy 8:2, 16). We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 10/11 February:

LC: £479.16 SH: £173.05 RA: £137.02 + Contactless RA & LC: £61.46

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