

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 24th & Sunday 25th February — 2nd 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 24th Feb
SH @ 5:00pm
Amancio Da Silva
R.I.P.

Sun 25th Feb
RA @ 10:00am
Pro Populo

Sun 25th Feb
LC @ 11:30am
Andrew, Flora &
Leo Fernandes
Intention

Mon 26th Feb
RA @ 7.30pm
Denny Roman
R.I.P.

Tues 27th Feb
RA @ 10.00am
Elizabeth "Betty"
Donnelly R.I.P.

Weds 28th Feb
SH @ 9.30am
Michael De Castro
Intention

Thurs 29th Feb
LC @ 10.00am
Paul Portelli
R.I.P.

Fri 1st Mar
No Mass

Our Parish, Our Needs,
Our Responsibility
Challenge to Commitment 2024

*'In all this I have given you an
example that by such work we
must support the weak,
remembering the words of the
Lord Jesus, for he himself said,'
"It is more blessed to give than
to receive."*

Acts 20:35

'Challenge to Commitment 2024',
is an invitation to all to reflect upon
our commitment to God, to our
Parishes and to the Catholic Church
and to renew that commitment.
Over the coming weeks we ask **all**
parishioners to **prayerfully** reflect
on their commitment to our parish.
As a parish and as individuals, we
have been blessed with many,
varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship
calls us to share our gifts of time,
talent and financial blessings with
our parish community and our
world. These gifts come from God,
so let us strive to return a sacrificial,
not token, portion to Him.

We shall be hearing more about
stewardship and the needs of our
parish over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, there will
be leaflets distributed and
volunteers available after Mass this
weekend.

Thank you.
Fr Kevin

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.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for
the Sacrament of Matrimony**

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday
25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.
The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass
all couples in the Diocese, who are
celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th,
40th, 50th and 60th (and every year
over 60) wedding anniversary of
Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are
celebrating an anniversary, please
give your parish clergy the following
details: husband and wife's names,
wedding date, full postal address
and email (or telephone number, if
no email). Please submit this
information to the parish office by
15th April. Many thanks.

LITURGY

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Responsorial Psalm

115(116):10, 15-19

2nd Reading

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

Gospel Acclamation

Mt17:5

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test. The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only-begotten son.

In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12,16).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son. These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1; John 8:56). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 19).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see Sirach 48:9-10; Malachi 3:1, 23-24). And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah 53:3).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3). His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did. Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 17/18 February:

LC: £219.69 SH: £142.73 RA: £195.62 + Contactless RA & LC: £71.29

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