

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 2nd & Sunday 3rd March — 3rd 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 2nd Mar
SH @ 5:00pm
Pro Populo

Sun 3rd Mar
RA @ 10:00am
Sarah & Ted
Hughes R.I.P.

Sun 3rd Mar
LC @ 11:30am
Anthony D'Silva
R.I.P.

Mon 4th Mar
LC @ 10.00am
Sister Bernadette
Hunston Intention

Tues 5th Mar
RA @ 10.00am
Yvonne, Dennis &
Mark Ryland R.I.P.

Weds 6th Mar
RA @ 10.00am
Funeral Mass
John Culhane
R.I.P.

Thurs 7th Mar
SH @ 10.00am
Funeral Mass
Maria Da Graça
Tondela Saltão
R.I.P.

Fri 8th Mar
No Mass

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

***"The one who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully."***
2 Corinthians 9:6

Last week our parish embarked on the **Challenge to Commitment 2024**. Over the coming weeks we ask **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today you will hear more about this, including why our parish needs your help in terms of your prayers, your time and talents and financial help to cover our costs. A Gift Aid leaflet will be provided separately. Please consider if this is something you can sign up to. For every £1 that you donate, our parish can reclaim 25p, and it doesn't cost you a penny!

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

Thank you.
Fr Kevin

Catherine Baker R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Catherine Baker will take place on Thursday 21st March at 10.00am at London Colney followed by committal at Hemel Hempstead crematorium. Our condolences and prayers are with Catherine's family and loved ones at this time.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Thank you to everyone that has offered to help move and clean the tables and chairs for our new Richeldis Hall. If anyone else can spare an hour this Saturday, we are meeting at Shenley at 9.30am to load the truck, or if you prefer cleaning duties, then meet at London Colney from around 10.30am. Thank you!

**Richeldis Hall, London Colney
Grand Opening!**

Next weekend, 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

A reminder that this weekend is your last chance to pop your CAFOD family fast day envelope in the offertory. As always thank you for your support and generosity.

LITURGY

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17
The Law given at Sinai

Responsorial Psalm

18(19):8-11

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25
The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God

Gospel Acclamation

Jn3:16

Gospel

John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1-5; Isaiah 56:7).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalms 50:7-13).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21-23; Amos 5:25).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36-40), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see John 15:13).

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22). In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23-24).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalms 50:14, 23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5-7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 24/25 February:

LC: £203.53 SH: £111.29 RA: £453.91 + Contactless RA & LC: £153.49

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