

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 9th & Sunday 10th March — 4th SUNDAY OF LENT/LAETARE SUNDAY

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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 9th Mar
SH @ 5:00pm
Stephen Boyle
R.I.P.

Sun 10th Mar
RA @ 10:00am
Pro Populo

Sun 10th Mar
LC @ 11:30am
Giovanni Marro
R.I.P.

Mon 11th Mar
LC @ 11.15am
O'Byrne Family
Intention

Tues 12th Mar
RA @ 10.00am
Mireille Dowek
R.I.P.

Weds 13th Mar
SH @ 9.30am
Sister Bernadette
Hunston Intention

Thurs 14th Mar
LC @ 11.15am
Amancio Da Silva
R.I.P.

Fri 15th Mar
No Mass

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

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
1 Peter 4:10

Over the last couple of weeks, you have heard about the **Challenge to Commitment 2024**. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask you to document these commitments (time will be made available during mass) outlining how you can use your time, talents & treasures to glorify God and benefit the Parish community by:

Saying prayers – commitments of spiritual undertakings
Giving your time, skills & expertise – volunteering within the parish, serving with love as Jesus did

Financial donations – giving a regular gift to the parish

If you prefer, please complete this ahead of mass (leaflets were handed out last week). For confidentiality purposes, please place any standing order / gift aid forms in an envelope (available at the back of the church).

Finally, thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without

your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual center it is today.

If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass.

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.

Holy Week 2024

Thinking ahead the times of services for Holy Week are on the parish website Calendar of Events and on the posters in the churches.

Easter Hamper Scheme

The Radlett Hamper Scheme will be collecting Easter eggs, chocolate biscuits and any Easter goodies of any kind over the next few weeks. The hampers will be delivered to needy families in our community along with other churches during the Easter Holidays. Please leave your chocolate donations in the foyer at Radlett by 20th March. Thank you for your support and generosity.

LITURGY

First Reading

2 Chronicles
36:14-16, 19-23
*God's wrath and
mercy are
revealed in the
exile and release
of his people*

Responsorial Psalm

136(137):1-6

2nd Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10
*You have been
saved through
grace*

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:14-21

Gospel

John 3:14-21
*God sent his Son
so that through
him the world
might be saved*

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

*God sent his Son so that
through him the world
might be saved*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'The Son of Man must be
lifted up as Moses lifted
up the serpent in the
desert, so that everyone
who believes may have
eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world
so much that he gave his
only Son, so that
everyone who believes in
him may not be lost but
may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into
the world not to condemn
the world, but so that
through him the world
might be saved.

No one who believes in
him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to
believe is condemned
already, because he has
refused to believe in the
name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is
sentence pronounced:
that though the light has
come into the world
men have shown they
prefer darkness to the
light because their deeds
were evil.

And indeed, everybody
who does wrong
hates the light and avoids
it, for fear his actions
should be exposed;
but the man who lives by
the truth comes out into
the light, so that it may be
plainly seen that what he
does is done in God.'

Universalis

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3).

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28–45:1, 4).

God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16).

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32).

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 02/03 March:

LC: £361.37 SH: £168.71 RA: £140.79 + Contactless RA & LC: £154.86

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