

**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 16th & Sunday 17th March — 5th SUNDAY OF LENT**

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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 16th Mar**  
**SH @ 5:00pm**  
John Campbell  
R.I.P.

**Sun 17th Mar**  
**RA @ 10:00am**  
Pro Populo

**Sun 17th Mar**  
**LC @ 11:30am**  
Allan Hussey  
R.I.P.

**Mon 18th Mar**  
**LC @ 10.00am**  
HRH  
King Charles III  
Intention

**Tues 19th Mar**  
**RA @ 10.00am**  
Tony McGovern  
R.I.P.

**Weds 20th Mar**  
No Mass

**Thurs 21st Mar**  
**LC @ 10.00am**  
Funeral Mass  
Catherine Baker  
R.I.P.

**Fri 22nd Mar**  
No Mass

**Challenge to Commitment 2024**  
**Thank You**

*"For all things come from you, and  
of your own have we given you." - I  
Chronicles 29: 14-16*

Thank you for taking part in our  
"Challenge to Commitment" appeal  
last weekend.

If you have not already done so, please  
take the time to review and complete  
the leaflet, distributed last week,  
committing to using your time, talents  
and treasures to benefit this Parish  
community. Additional copies of the  
leaflet will also be situated at the back  
of the church. We also have thank you  
letters for those of you who have  
already updated your giving. Please  
take a few minutes to collect your letter  
when you leave Mass on Sunday.

Once again, thank you for all that you  
do. Please keep our parish in your  
prayers.

Thank you.  
Fr Kevin

**2nd Collection for Cardinal's**  
**Lenten Appeal 2024**

This weekend there will be a second  
collection for the Cardinal's Lenten  
Appeal. His Eminence, Cardinal  
Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to  
everyone who supports the Appeal,  
with whatever they can afford.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage**  
**19th-26th July 2024**

Registration for the Westminster  
diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal  
Vincent Nicholas is now open via the  
application form on [https://  
rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/](https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/) or by  
contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020  
7798 9173. Last day for registrations is  
30th April 2024.

**Services for Holy Week**  
**& Easter Sunday**

**Palm Sunday**

Usual weekend Mass Schedule

**Tues 26th Mar**

12.00 Midday Chrism Mass at  
Westminster Cathedral

8.00pm Compline at Radlett

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday 28th Mar**

7.15pm Confessions at London Colney

8.00pm Mass of the Supper of The Lord  
concluding with night prayer

**Good Friday 29th Mar**

10.00am The Walk of Witness beginning  
at Christ Church.

10.00am Confessions at Radlett

11.00am Stations of The Cross at  
London Colney followed by Confessions

2.00pm Confessions at London Colney

3.00pm The Liturgy of The Passion and  
Death of our Lord at London Colney  
followed by Confessions.

**Holy Saturday 30th Mar**

7.30pm The Easter Vigil at London  
Colney

**Easter Sunday 31st Mar**

Usual weekend Mass schedule

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be  
celebrating the 10.00am Mass at Radlett  
on Easter Sunday.

All Mass times/changes, details of  
Funeral Masses etc can be found on our  
Calendar of Events on our website.

## ***LITURGY***

### **First Reading**

Jeremiah  
31:31-34

*I will write my Law  
in their hearts*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

50(51):3-4, 12-15

### **2nd Reading**

Hebrews 5:7-9

*He learned to  
obey and he  
became the  
source of eternal  
salvation*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Jn12:26

### **Gospel**

John 12:20-33

*If a grain of wheat  
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and dies, it yields  
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### **GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

*If a grain of wheat falls on  
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Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

*Universalis*

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9).

Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

*Scott Hahn*

Loose plate collection w/e 09/10 March:

LC: £561.59 SH: £397.74 RA: £261.10 + Contactless RA & LC: £127.33

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***