

**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 23rd & Sunday 24th March — PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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 23rd Mar
SH @ 5:00pm
Pro Populo

Sun 24th Mar
RA @ 10:00am
Harry Mair R.I.P.

Sun 24th Mar
LC @ 11:30am
Anne & Victor
Hardwicke R.I.P.

Mon 25th Mar
LC @ 10.00am
McGuire Family
Anniversaries R.I.P.

Tues 26th Mar
No Mass

Weds 27th Mar
SH @ 9.30am
Michael De Castro
Intention

Thurs 28th Mar
LC @ 8.00pm
Mass of The
Supper of Our Lord

Fri 29th Mar
LC @ 3.00pm
Liturgy &
Veneration of The
Cross

**Preparing the Churches
for Easter**

Next Saturday, 30th March, we will be preparing the Churches for Easter. At London Colney we will begin at 9.30am, at Radlett at 10.30am At Shenley we will begin after morning Mass on Wednesday 27th March. If you are able to spare some time to help, then that would really be appreciated. Thank you.

Sponsor a Sanctuary Lamp!

Sanctuary lamps are now available for sponsorship. It will be possible to sponsor a lamp in each of the churches for an individual or family intention. The minimum donation for sponsorship is £7 for the week beginning on Sunday 14th April. Please contact the parish office to arrange for sponsorship.

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering that is the collections taken at the Easter Vigil and the Masses on Sunday, form part of Fr Kevin's income. The Digital Collection Plate is also available for you to use. Fr Kevin thanks you in anticipation for your continued generosity.

Fr Michael Daly R.I.P.

Some may remember Fr Michael Daley who had been Parish Priest of Borehamwood some 12 years ago. Fr Michael died on 19 March. Please pray for the repose of his kind and gentle soul.

Challenge to Commitment 2024

A gentle reminder that there is still time for you to return your completed Challenge To Commitment form, please pop it in the box at the back of each church. Thank you for your commitment and continued generosity and support of your parish.

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

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

Divine Mercy Reflection

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection on Saturday 13 April 2024 from 1pm to 4.30 pm at St Mary's R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. All are welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

2nd Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for Easter flowers for all three churches. Thank you for your generosity.

LITURGY

Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult:
I shall not be shamed*

Responsorial Psalm

21(22):8-9,
17-20,23-24

2nd Reading

Philippians
2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

Gospel Acclamation

Phil2:8-9

Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

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 Our 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as “King of the Jews.” Notice how many times He is called “king” in today’s Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery.

As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us. He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today’s Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see [Psalm 22:1](#)).

Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today’s Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God’s love, His faith that God will deliver Him.

Are we that much different from our Lord’s tormenters? Often, don’t we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don’t we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem’s temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God. He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we’re reminded in today’s Epistle.

And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn’t of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 09/10 March: (includes Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal)

LC: £355 SH: £106.92 RA: £226.28 + Contactless RA & LC: £103.24

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