

**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 27th & Sunday 28th April — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 27th Apr
LC @ 10.00am**
First Holy
Communion Mass

**Sat 27th Apr
SH @ 5:00pm**
Pro Populo

**Sun 28th Apr
RA @ 10:00am**
Michael Moloney
R.I.P.

**Sun 28th Apr
LC @ 11:30am**
Janko & Terezija
Partcevic & their
deceased family
R.I.P.

Mon 29th Apr
No Mass

Tues 30th Apr
No Mass

Weds 1st May
No Mass

**Thurs 2nd May
RA @ 11.00am**
Catherine Treves
Brown R.I.P.
Funeral Mass

Fri 3rd May
No Mass

**SANCTUARY LAMP
DEDICATIONS**

@RA Pat & Jack
Vercoutre R.I.P.

@SH

@LC Thanksgiving

**Funeral Mass for
Catherine Treves Brown R.I.P.**

The Funeral Mass for Catherine Treves Brown will be held at Radlett on Thursday 2nd May at 11.00am followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We offer our condolences and prayers to Catherine's family and loved ones at this time.

The Ascension of The Lord

To help you fulfil your Holy Mass obligations for the Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord, Mass times will be as follows: Shenley on Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm and on Thursday 9th May at London Colney at 10.00am and at Radlett at 7.00pm. Mass times can also be found on our events calendar on the website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/radlett/events/>

Volunteer Appeal!

We are still looking to fill the following volunteer positions:

A Safeguarding representative from all three parishes.

@ Radlett: First Aider, Health & Safety, and Data Protection rep

@ Shenley: Health & Safety rep

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help in any way. Thank you.

Friday Night Social

Get to know other parishioners over a cuppa. We will be holding our first Friday night social in Richeldis Hall, London Colney on Friday 17th May, from 7.30pm till 9.30pm. All are welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima Procession

On Sunday 19th May there will be a procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima at the 11.30am Mass at London Colney followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Richeldis Hall. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Mass

This Saturday we welcome the First Holy Communion children from all three parishes as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. We offer our prayers and congratulations for the children and their families on this joyous occasion.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Please contact the parish office to book your seat on the coach for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 21st September. Cost will be £25 per person. Please see poster at the back of church for more details.

School Governor Appeal

St Bernadette Catholic Primary School is currently seeking to recruit Governors to ensure high standards of achievement for all children in the school by setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and overseeing the financial performance of the school. For more information please contact governance@ascat.co.uk or complete the online register of interest form on the ASCAT Website <https://www.ascatonline.co.uk/Become-a-Foundation-Governor/>

LITURGY

First Reading

Acts 9:26-3

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

Responsorial Psalm

21(22):
26-28,30-32

2nd Reading

1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:4,5

Gospel

John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Universalis

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17–24).

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16–20).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4–11).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 20th/21st April (includes Priest's Training Fund)

LC: £1440.67 SH: £374.14 RA: £371.69 + Contactless RA & LC: £141.09

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