

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 11th & Sunday 12th May — SEVENTH 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 11th May
SH @ 5.00pm
Pro Populo

Sun 12th May
RA @ 10.00am
Michael Moloney
R.I.P.

Sun 12th May
LC @ 11.30am
Patrick Phillips
R.I.P.

Mon 13th May
RA @ 10.00am
Funeral Mass for
Pasquale Landolfi
R.I.P.

Tues 14th May
No Mass

Weds 15th May
SH @ 9.30am
Graça Saltão
R.I.P.

Thurs 16th May
LC @ 10.00am
Bernard Doherty
R.I.P.

Fri 17th May
No Mass

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.

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. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Faith Sessions

We are planning to hold faith sessions where we can discuss and improve our understanding of the faith. This will be open to all parishioners and especially to those who are starting on a journey of faith. The sessions will run weekly on a Monday evening at the Richeldis Hall London Colney, from the beginning of June. To register interest please contact Deacon Tony: tonybarter@rcdow.org.uk or 07711894244.

2nd Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College

SRRCC Twickenham are advertising the following vacancies:

Teacher of Psychology
Subject Lead of Psychology
Head of Academic Music
Attendance Officer
Learning Support Assistant

Contact 020 8325 4630 or click the link for more information: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2>

DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SANCTUARY LAMP:

@RA Private Intention @SH Private Intention @LC Sheila Hunt R.I.P.

LITURGY

First Reading

Acts
1:15-17,
20-26

*Let someone else
take his office*

**Responsorial
Psalm**

102(103):1-2,
11-12,19-20

2nd Reading

1 John 4:11-16

*Anyone who lives
in love lives in
God, and God
lives in him*

**Gospel
Acclamation**

Cf. Jn14:18

Gospel

John 17:11-19

*Father, keep
those you have
given me true to
your name*

GOSPEL

John 17:11-19

*Father, keep those you have
given me true to your name*

Jesus raised his eyes to
heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,
keep those you have
given me true to your
name,
so that they may be one
like us. While I was with
them, I kept those you
had given me true to your
name.

I have watched over them
and not one is lost
except the one who
chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the
scriptures.

But now I am coming to
you and while still in the
world I say these things
to share my joy with them
to the full.

I passed your word on to
them, and the world
hated them, because they
belong to the world
no more than I belong to
the world.

I am not asking you to
remove them from the
world, but to protect them
from the evil one.

They do not belong to the
world any more than I
belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the
truth; your word is truth.
As you sent me into the
world,

I have sent them into the
world, and for their sake I
consecrate myself
so that they too may be
consecrated in truth.’

Universalis

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today’s first reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus’ appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus’ saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and he has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest’s passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor’s sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14–15](#)).

Indeed, his intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit’s descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: “in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” ([Acts 1:5](#)). Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church’s attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God’s children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through baptism. The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: “God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord” (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called “illumination” or “enlightenment” (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)) because of the light that came with God’s saving grace. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: “May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,” he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their “hope” is “his inheritance among the holy ones,” the saints who have been adopted into God’s family and now rule with him at the Father’s right hand.

This is the “good news” the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the first Ascension. It’s the good news we must spread today.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 4th/5th May

LC: £280 SH: £116.87 RA: £278.2 + Contactless RA & LC: £76.69

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



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.

DEDICATION OF BLESSED SANCTUARY LAMP

Please contact the parish office if you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary lamp for your intention, at either Radlett, Shenley or London Colney. Suggested donation is £7 for the week.

VOLUNTEERS

We continue to require volunteers to assist with the counting and banking cash, arranging flowers, assisting with the foodbank etc.

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FOOD BANK

The Churches Together Food Bank is grateful for all donations. We would welcome the following items (soups, toilet rolls, tinned sweetcorn, peas, carrots, potatoes, jelly / sponge puddings, long life milk, biscuits, flour, sugar). Thank you.

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

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

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