

**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 31st August & Sunday 1st September — TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 31st Aug
SH @ 5.00pm**
The Holy Souls
R.I.P.

**Sun 1st Sept
RA @ 10.00am**
Pro Populo

**Sun 1st Sept
LC @ 11.30am**
Ita McCracken
R.I.P.

Mon 2nd Sept
No Mass

**Tues 3rd Sept
RA @ 10.00am**
Ena Bocarro
R.I.P.

**Weds 4th Sept
LC @ 9.45am**
Funeral Mass for
Egidio Zaccarini
R.I.P.

**Thurs 5th Sept
LC @ 10.00am**
Frances Rosa Moule
R.I.P.

Fri 6th Sept
No Mass

Lesley Galasso R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Lesley Galasso will take place at London Colney at 10.30am on Tuesday 17th September. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Lesley's family and loved ones.

Anthony Micallef R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Anthony Micallef will take place at Radlett at 10.00am on Tuesday 24th September. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Anthony's family and loved ones.

**Catholic Secondary
School Applications**

If your child is in Year 6 from September 2024 and you are thinking of applying to a Catholic Secondary School for Sept 2025, then you will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by the parish priest. You will need to download this form from our website
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/radlett/parish-groups/certificate-of-catholic-practice/>

Fr Kevin will be signing forms after Mass at London Colney on Sunday 22nd Sept and in Radlett on Sunday 29th September. Fr Kevin will be unable to sign forms at any other time. Please ensure that you have completed all the details on the form before presenting it for signature.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service. Thank you for your generosity.

Red Missio Boxes

If you have a red Missio box which is getting near to full, please pop in to the Sacristy and hand in your box to the counters after Mass. Your empty box will be ready for you to collect from the Sacristy the following weekend. Many thanks.

Exploring Faith Group

Our Monday night Exploring Faith group will resume on Monday 2nd September at 8.00pm in the Richeldis Hall. All parishioners from all three parishes are welcome to join us to discuss and improve our understanding of the faith. For more information, please contact Deacon Tony: tonybarter@rcdow.org.uk or 07711894244 or just drop in!

London March for Life UK

A reminder that the annual London March for Life will take place next weekend on Saturday 7th September. There are likely to be many attempts to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Find out more at
<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk>

**DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:
@RA @SH @LC**

LITURGY

First Reading

Deuteronomy
4:1-2,6-8

Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life

Responsorial Psalm

14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

2nd Reading

James
1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Accept and submit to the word

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Jn6:63,68

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,
14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Universalis

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17). The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 24/25August

LC: £471.04 SH: £64.51 RA: £285.05 + Contactless LC: £24.10 SH: 0 RA: £24.59

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.

We are still looking to fill the following volunteer positions:

A Safeguarding representative from all three parishes.

@ Radlett: 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.

FOOD BANK

The Churches Together Food Bank is grateful for all donations. We would welcome the following items (soups, toilet rolls, tinned fruit & vegetables, longlife milk, sugar). Thank you.

DONATIONS

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

Please support your Parish by scanning the appropriate Parish QR Code below and donating today, our QR Code connects to our Diocese parish website which can facilitate a general donation, or more specific donations i.e. Sanctuary Lamps, Mass offerings, etc. Thank you for your generosity.

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