

**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 7th & Sunday 8th September — TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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 7th Sept  
SH @ 5.00pm**  
Jean Hussey  
R.I.P.

**Sun 8th Sept  
RA @ 10.00am**  
Pro Populo

**Sun 8th Sept  
LC @ 11.30am**  
Anton Mekk  
Birthday  
R.I.P.

**Mon 9th Sept  
LC @ 10.00am**  
Algerina Da Silva  
R.I.P.

**Tues 10th Sept  
RA @ 10.00am**  
For All In Need

**Weds 11th Sept  
SH @ 9.30am**  
Joseph Zambrano  
Intention

**Thurs 12th Sept  
LC @ 10.00am**  
Eilish McDonnell  
Intention

**Fri 13th 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, followed by burial at London Road Cemetery. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Anthony's family and loved ones.

**Children's Liturgy**

A reminder that all children from Reception age to Year 6 are invited to join us for Liturgy of the Word with Children, at both Radlett and London Colney.

**Eucharistic Festival**

All are invited to the Eucharistic Festival at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14th September. Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm by Bishop Hudson. Please see poster at the back of church for more information, or click on the QR code above.



**Second Collection**

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

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept and in Radlett on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Confirmation 2025**

If you have a child in Year 9 or above in September 2024 and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025, please register your interest by emailing the parish office by 31st October 2024.

**Bingo Night!!**

All parishioners from all three parishes are invited to join us for bingo in the Richeldis Hall on Friday 27th September from 8.00pm. So come along with the whole family for a fun night! Tell your friends! All proceeds going towards the Richeldis Hall.

**DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:**

@RA Elaine Trippier Intention

@SH Private Intention

@LC

## ***LITURGY***

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 35:4-7  
*The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

145(146):7-10  
*My soul, give praise to the Lord*

### **2nd Reading**

James 2:1-5  
*God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

1S3:9, Jn6:68  
*Speak, Lord your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life*

### **Gospel**

Mark 7:31-37  
*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak*

## **GOSPEL**

Mark 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

*Universalis*

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon* = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1–5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

*Scott Hahn*

Loose plate collection w/e 31 August/1 September

LC: £480.77 SH: £63.50 RA: £180.30 + Contactless LC: £29.99 SH:0 RA: 68.61

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.

#### RADLETT



#### SHENLEY



#### LONDON COLNEY

