

**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 21st & Sunday 22nd September — TWENTY-FIFTH 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 21st Sept**  
**SH @ 5.00pm**  
Pro Populo

**Sun 22nd Sept**  
**RA @ 10.00am**  
Sheila Murphy  
Intention

**Sun 22nd Sept**  
**LC @ 11.30am**  
Giovanni Ferrara  
R.I.P.

**Mon 23rd Sept**  
**LC @ 10.00am**  
No Mass

**Tues 24th Sept**  
**RA @ 10.00am**  
Funeral Mass for  
Anthony Micallef  
R.I.P.

**Weds 25th Sept**  
**SH @ 9.30am**  
Michael De Castro  
Intention

**Thurs 26th Sept**  
**LC @ 10.00am**  
Patricia Sullivan  
R.I.P.

**Fri 27th Sept**  
No Mass

### **Pilgrimage to Italy 2025**

Fr Kevin has been asked to lead a pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo & Assisi to celebrate the Holy Year from 5th - 12th October 2025. The cost will be from £990pp excluding flights. For more information and to register your interest, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/rome-san-giovanni-assisi/>

### **Catholic Secondary School Applications**

A reminder that Fr Kevin will be signing Certificates of Catholic Practice after Mass at London Colney this weekend 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.

### **Altar Server's Mass**

All altar servers are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Saturday 5th October at 5.00pm at Westminster Cathedral.

### **St Columbas College Open Day**

The open morning for prospective pupils applying to St Columbas College for September 2025 will take place on **Saturday 28th September** from 9.00am till 1.00pm. Please see [stcolumbascollege.org](http://stcolumbascollege.org) for more information.

### **Bingo Night!!**

All parishioners from all three parishes are invited to join us for bingo in the Richeldis Hall on Friday 27th September from 7.30pm. So come along with the whole family for a fun night! Tell your friends! All proceeds going towards the Richeldis Hall.

### **Big Lunch**

Everyone is invited to join us at our next parish Big Lunch which will be held after Mass in the Richeldis Hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. We kindly ask that parishioners bring food for all of us to share. Hot drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### **Friday Night Social Cheese & Wine Evening**

All parishioners are invited to join us for good conversation and an evening of delicious cheeses and wine on Friday 18th October, from 7.00pm in the Richeldis Hall.

### **Blessed Sacrament Lamps**

A reminder that each week the Sacrament lamps in each of our three parishes are available for your dedications. The light of the candle will burn for your intention for 7 days. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:**  
**@RA @SH @LC Rosa & Marcellino Venetico**

**LITURGY**

**First Reading**

Wisdom  
2:12, 17-20  
*The wicked  
prepare to  
ambush the just  
man*

**Responsorial  
Psalm**

53(54):3-6,8  
*The Lord upholds  
my life*

**2nd Reading**

James 3:16-3:3  
*The wisdom that  
comes from above  
makes for peace*

**Gospel  
Acclamation**

Jn8:12  
*I am the light of  
the world, says  
the Lord; anyone  
who follows me  
will have the light  
of life*

**Gospel**

Mark 9:30-37  
*Anyone who  
welcomes one of  
these little children  
in my name  
welcomes me*

**GOSPEL**

Mark 9:30-37

*Anyone who welcomes one  
of these little children in my  
name welcomes me*

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*Universalis*



**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33-34).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . ." (compare Matthew 27:41-43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice.

They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst. This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5-11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

*Scott Hahn*

Loose plate collection w/e 14/15 September (includes Evangelii Gaudium 2nd collection)

LC: £322.03 SH: £185.52 RA: £340.22 + Contactless LC: £22.61 SH: £0 RA: £117.85

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

