

**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 28th & Sunday 29th September — TWENTY-SIXTH 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 28th Sept**  
**SH @ 5.00pm**  
Rosalia Calderonello  
R.I.P.

**Sun 29th Sept**  
**RA @ 10.00am**  
Pro Populo

**Sun 29th Sept**  
**LC @ 11.30am**  
Paolo Ditri  
R.I.P.

**Mon 30th Sept**  
No Mass

**Tues 1st Oct**  
**RA @ 10.00am**  
The Forgotten Dead  
R.I.P.

**Weds 2nd Oct**  
**SH @ 9.30am**  
Michael De Castro  
Intention

**Thurs 3rd Oct**  
**LC @ 10.00am**  
Mrs Masanzu  
Birthday Intention

**Fri 4th Oct**  
No Mass

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Next weekend we welcome Richard Dominy from CAFOD who will be speaking at all Masses. CAFOD envelopes will be available in the churches from this weekend in preparation for Family Fast Friday, on Friday 4th October. The idea is that you skip a meal and pop your donation in the envelope provided, which will then be collected on the weekend of 5th/6th October during our second collection after Mass. Please note there is no obligation to use the envelopes and contactless donations will also be available that weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **Catholic Secondary School Applications**

A reminder that Fr Kevin will be signing Certificates of Catholic Practice after Mass at Radlett on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Fr Kevin will be unable to sign forms at any other time.

### **Harvest Festival**

All parishioners are invited to the St Bernadette School annual Harvest Festival which will take place on Monday 21st October at 9.30am, St Bernadette School, Walsingham Way, London Colney. Please contact the school office to confirm your attendance for catering purposes on [admin@stbernadette.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stbernadette.herts.sch.uk) or telephone 01727 822489.

### **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-assisii/>

### **Big Lunch – New Date!**

Everyone is invited to join us at our next parish Big Lunch which will be held after Mass in the Richeldis Hall on **Sunday 13th 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.

### **A Day With Mary**

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12th October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

**DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:**  
**@RA** Fr Dominic McKenna R.I.P.      **@SH**      **@LC**

## LITURGY

### First Reading

Numbers  
11:25-29

*If only the whole  
people of the Lord  
were prophets!*

### Responsorial Psalm

18(19):8,10,12-14

*The precepts of  
the Lord gladden  
the heart*

### 2nd Reading

James  
5:1-6

*The Lord hears  
the cries of those  
you have cheated*

### Gospel Acclamation

Jn17:17

*Your word is truth,  
O Lord:  
consecrate us in  
the truth*

### Gospel

Mark

9:38-43,45,47-48

*Do not stop anyone  
from working a  
miracle in my name*

### GOSPEL

Mark

9:38-43,45,47-48

*Do not stop anyone from  
working a miracle in my  
name*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

*Universalis*

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles. Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see [Acts 2:5, 38](#)).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom. John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see [Mark 3:14-15; 6:7, 13](#)).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church.

But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

*Scott Hahn*

Loose plate collection w/e 21/22 September

LC: £79.45 SH: £82.35 RA: £140.66 + Contactless LC: £33.42 SH: £0 RA: £19.67

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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