

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 5th & Sunday 6th October — TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 5th Oct
SH @ 5.00pm
Bridie Conlan
R.I.P.

Sun 6th Oct
RA @ 10.00am
Pro Populo

Sun 6th Oct
LC @ 11.30am
Michael & Tom
Shaughnessy
R.I.P.

Mon 7th Oct
St Bernadette
School @ 10.00am
Staff & Pupils at
St Bernadette
School

Tues 8th Oct
RA @ 10.00am
The Holy Souls
R.I.P.

Weds 9th Oct
RA @ 10.00am
The Forgotten Dead
R.I.P.

Thurs 10th Oct
LC @ 10.00am
Graça Saltão
R.I.P.

Fri 11th Oct
No Mass

2nd Collection for CAFOD

This weekend we welcome Richard Dominy from CAFOD who will be speaking at all Masses and afterwards we will be holding a 2nd collection for CAFOD family fast day. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Blessing of Graves

Advance notice that Fr Kevin will be blessing graves on Sunday 3rd November as follows:

- 12.30pm at London Road Cemetery
- 1.30pm at St Peter's Cemetery LC
- 1.45pm at Shenley Cemetery
- 2.15pm at Radlett Cemetery

First Holy Communion 2025

Those parents who registered their interest in their child receiving First Holy Communion in 2025 are reminded that the deadline for submitting their questionnaires is 26th October 2024.

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/>

Big Lunch – New Date!

Everyone is invited to join us at our parish Big Lunch which will be held after Mass in the Richeldis Hall next weekend, 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.

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 or telephone 01727 822489.

St Columbas School
Sixth Form Open Evening

St Columbas school will be holding their 6th Form open evening on Thursday 17th October, 5.30pm – 8.15pm. For more information please see visit stcolumbascollege.org or call 01727 892 040.

Tombola Prizes Appeal

If you have any items at home that you think might be good for our tombola at London Colney, please either drop them to the parish office or put them in the box at the back of church beneath our fundraising board at St Mary's. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

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

LITURGY

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A man and his wife become one body

Responsorial Psalm

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May the Lord bless us all the days of our life

2nd Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified

Gospel Acclamation

Jn17:17

Your word is truth, O Lord; consecrate us in the truth

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1-4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5-7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1-17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21-32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 28/29 September

LC:£562.25 SH:£83.80 RA:£175.42 + Contactless LC:£45.16 SH:0 RA:£35.40

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: 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.

FOOD BANK

The Churches Together Food Bank is grateful for all donations. We would welcome the following items (soups, toilet rolls, tinned sweetcorn, peas, long life milk) 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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