

**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 30th November & Sunday 1st December — 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 30th Nov
SH @ 5.00pm**
Pro Populo

**Sun 1st Dec
RA @ 10.00am**
Ted & Sarah Hughes
R.I.P.

**Sun 1st Dec
LC @ 11.30am**
Carmine Sellechia
R.I.P.

**Mon 2nd Dec
St Bernadette
School @ 10.00am**
Halina Teresa
Jankowska
R.I.P.

**Tues 3rd Dec
RA @ 10.00am**
Deidre & Martin
Flaherty
R.I.P.

**Wed 4th Dec
RA @ 10.00am**
Jim Warrilow Snr.
Jim & Kathleen
Warrilow
R.I.P.

**Thurs 5th Dec
RA @ 10.00am**
George & Michael
Murphy
R.I.P.

Fri 6th Dec
No Mass

Jubedah Marchand R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Jubedah Marchand will be held at 10am on Monday 16th December at London Colney followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Jubedah's family and loved ones.

Fr. Jim Mallon R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Fr. Jim Mallon will be held at Westminster Cathedral at 2.30pm on Tuesday 17th December with the Cardinal presiding. Fr. Jim's mortal remains will be received just before the Funeral Mass. Fr. Brian O'Mahony will give the homily. We pray for the repose of Fr. Jim's soul.

Extended Confessions

As is our custom on the Third Weekend of Advent (this year 14/15 December) as well as being available before Mass to hear your confession, a priest will be available after all the Masses so that those who wish to do so can make their confession before Christmas.

Sick Visits

As usual during Advent, Fr. Kevin is happy to visit anyone at home who wishes to make their confession but are unable to get to any of the advertised times for Confession. Please let Anna in the Parish Office know of anyone who might like Fr. Kevin to visit them at home to hear their confession by midday on Thursday 12th December. Please make sure that you have asked the person concerned before you contact Anna!

Missio Red Boxes

Thank you to all Parishioners who returned their Red Box to the Parish office. These have now been emptied and a total of £145.39 has been donated to the Missio Red Box appeal. Thank you for your generosity. Empty boxes are now available for you to collect from the back of the church. If you were not previously a Red Box holder but would like one, please help yourself to a box.

Radlett Hamper Scheme

The Hamper Scheme is offering a Christmas Hamper to 27 families in our community. Over the last few years we have asked parishioners to donate chocolates and biscuits to add to the hampers. Please leave these in the hamper/boxes in the foyer at Radlett before Friday 13th December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Carols by Candlelight!

All are welcome to join us at our Carols by Candlelight service on Friday 20th December at 7pm at London Colney. Refreshments will be served and there will be a retiring collection afterwards.

Mass Times for Christmas

The times for Christmas Masses can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. They are also on the poster at the back of church and on the events calendar on our website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/radlett/events/>

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

LITURGY

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

"I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David"

Responsorial Psalm

25(24):4-5b. 8-9.
10, 14 1b

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul"

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians
3:12-4:2

"May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ"

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 85(84):8

"Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation"

Gospel

Luke
21:25028, 34-36

"Your redemption is drawing near"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice. Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day." We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting. Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens roaring seas, distress among the nations and terrified people. He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God. Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near".

Scott Hahn

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2024

Tuesday 24th December 2024 Christmas Vigil Masses

4.00pm - *Confessions*

4.30pm - Family Mass @ London Colney

4.30pm - *Confessions*

5.00pm—Family Mass @ Radlett

8.00pm - *Confessions*

8.30pm - Vigil Mass @ London Colney

Wednesday 25th December 2024

08:30am - Mass @ Shenley

10:00am - Mass @ Radlett

11:30am - Mass @ London Colney

Thursday 26th December 2024

No Mass

Saturday 28th December 2024

Usual Weekend Mass Schedule

04:30pm - *Confessions*

05:00pm - Mass @ Shenley

Sunday 29th December 2024

Usual Weekend Mass Schedule

09.30am - *Confessions*

10.00am - Mass @ Radlett

11:05am - *Confessions*

11:30am - Mass @ London Colney

Wednesday 1st January 2025

10.00am - Mass @ London Colney

Christmas Tea Party

Parishioners are invited to a Christmas tea party hosted by Sixth Form Students at Nicholas Breakspear School, Colney Heath Lane, St Albans on Friday 6th December 2024 from 12.15pm to 2.30pm. Please RSVP to 01727 860 079 admin@nbs.herts.sch.uk

Loose plate collection w/e 23/24 November 2024 (includes Columban Missionaries collection)

LC:£395.79 SH: £247.01 RA: £374.68+ Contactless LC: £90.54 SH:0 RA: £148.45

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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