

**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 December — SECOND 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 7th Dec
SH @ 5.00pm**
Martin Palmer
R.I.P.

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

**Sun 8th Dec
LC @ 11.30am**
For the intention of
the Swift & Doyle
Families

Mon 9th Dec
No Mass

Tues 10th Dec
No Mass

Wed 11th Dec
No Mass

Thurs 12th Dec
No Mass

Fri 13th 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.

Carols by Candlelight!

All are welcome to join us at our Candles by Candlelight service on Friday 20th December at 7pm at London Colney. Refreshments will be served and there will be a retiring collection afterwards to raise funds for the new church hall.

2nd Collection THIS Weekend

This weekend we will be holding a second collection for Christmas flowers and the tree. Thank you for your generosity.

Confirmation Enrolment Mass

Next Sunday 15th December we welcome back to London Colney Bishop Paul McAleenan, who will be celebrating our Confirmation Enrolment Mass at 11.30am.

Extended Confessions

Advent is a time of getting ready, which is more than buying food, wrapping presents and decorating trees. Advent is a time when we can prepare our hearts to receive Jesus. A good way of doing this is by making our confession. To help with this, as well as **before** each Mass next weekend, a priest will be available **after** every Mass to hear your confession.

Bingo Notice

There is no bingo in the Richeldis Hall this month. We hope to resume at the end of January.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle
@ London Colney**

Christmas hamper raffle tickets are now available to buy before and after Mass at London Colney. The raffle will be drawn after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd December. The more tickets you buy the greater your chance of winning a fabulous prize.

2nd Collection NEXT weekend

Advance notice that next weekend we will be holding a second collection for The Passage Catholic homeless charity. To find out more about this charity please click here; <https://passage.org.uk/>

Please see page 2 for more notices

**DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:
@RA @SH @LC Donie & Gretta O'Regan R.I.P.**

LITURGY

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

*"God will show
your splendour"*

Responsorial Psalm

126(125):1-2b.
2c-3. 4-5. 6 3

*"What great deeds
the Lord has
worked for us!
Indeed, we were
glad"*

2nd Reading

Philippians
1:3-6, 8-11

*"Be pure and
blameless for the
day of Christ"*

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

*"Prepare the way
of the Lord, make
his paths straight;
all flesh shall see
the salvation of
God"*

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

*"All flesh shall see
the salvation of
God"*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing.

It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic. Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory. Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance.

That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets. But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh". John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

Scott Hahn

PARISH NOTICES

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!

Advent Carol Service

All are invited to the Nicholas Breakspear Secondary School Advent Carol Service on Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm at NBS, Colney Heath Lane, St Albans. This event is free but you will need to register for tickets by email: admin@nbs.herts.sch.uk

The Divine Mercy Retreat

There will be a Divine Mercy Retreat at All Saints Church 531 Kenton Road Kenton, London HA3 0UL on Saturday 14 December 2024 from 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. For more info call Millie on 07957594646.

New Mass Books

As you are already aware, we are now using the new translations of the scripture readings we hear at Mass and we have therefore had to replace all our Mass books. If you would like to help with the cost of replacing the Mass books, please use the contactless machine or QR code to make a donation or pop your donation in an envelope marked "New Mass Books" and put it into the weekly collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Primary School Applications

If you are thinking of applying to a Catholic Primary 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 Radlett on Sunday 5th January and at London Colney on Sunday 12th January. 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.

Loose plate collection w/e 30 Nov/1 Dec

LC: £721.98 SH: £76.54 RA: £145.73+ Contactless LC: £78.74 SH:0 £ RA: £99.29

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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