

**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 14th & Sunday 15th December — THIRD 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 14th Dec
SH @ 5.00pm**
Pro Populo

**Sun 15th Dec
RA @ 10.00am**
Yvonne, Dennis &
Mark Ryland
R.I.P.

**Sun 15th Dec
LC @ 11.30am**
Cath Rose
R.I.P.

**Mon 16th Dec
LC @ 10.00am**
Funeral Mass for
Jubedah Marchand
R.I.P.

**Tues 17th Dec
RA @ 11.00am**
Adrian Batour
R.I.P.

**Wed 18th Dec
SH @ 9.30am**
Mary Ferrick
R.I.P.

**Thurs 19th Dec
LC @ 8.30am**
Bridget & John
Laver R.I.P.

**Fri 20th Dec
SH @ 10.00am**
Funeral Mass for
Mary Daly
R.I.P.

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.

Mary Daly R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Mary Daly will be held at 10am on Friday 20th December at Shenley followed by burial at London Road Cemetery. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Mary's family and loved ones.

Confirmation Enrolment Mass

This Sunday we welcome back to London Colney Bishop Paul McAleenan, who will be celebrating our Confirmation Enrolment Mass at 11.30am. Please pray for all the young Confirmation Candidates as they begin their journey of faith.

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 to raise funds for the new church hall.

**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.

2nd Collection this weekend

This weekend we will be holding a second collection for The Passage, Catholic homeless charity, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless.

To find out more about this charity please click here;
<https://passage.org.uk/>

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.

Please see page 2 for more notices

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

LITURGY

First Reading

Zephaniah
3:14-18a

*The Lord will exult
over you with loud
singing*

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-3, 4b-d.
5-6. 3

*Shout aloud and
sing praise, for
great in your midst
is the Holy One of
Israel*

2nd Reading

Philippians
4:4-7

*The Lord is at
hand*

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1
(Luke 4:18)

*The Spirit of the
Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to
proclaim good
news to the poor*

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

*And we, what
shall we do?*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"

The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too ("Repentance" translates a Greek word, *metanoia* (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning"—away from sin and toward God. This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance".

That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice. In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God. This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us. In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare Luke 1:28–31). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

Scott Hahn

PARISH NOTICES

Thursday Lunch Club

The Radlett Thursday Lunch Club is looking for volunteers to help with driving. If you feel you are in a position to help, just once a month then please contact the parish office for further details.

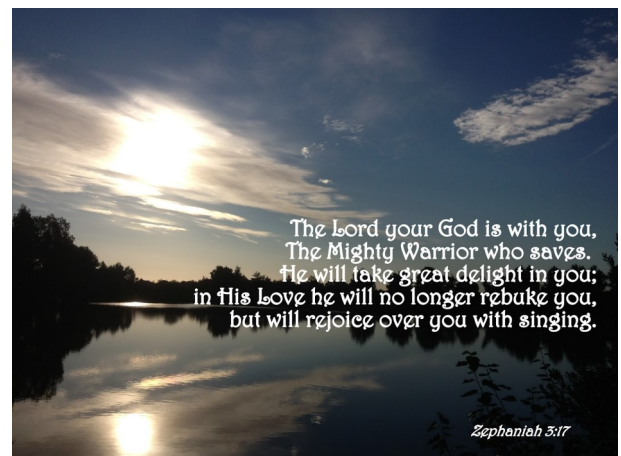
Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parishes for their wonderful generosity when they visited at the end of October. Donations of £698.73 will enable Mary's Meals to feed 36 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

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.



The Lord your God is with you,
The Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in His love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

Loose plate collection w/e 30 Nov/1 Dec (includes collection for Christmas flowers)

LC: £225.75 SH: £146.65 RA: £218.00 + Contactless LC: £43.75 SH:0 £ RA: £65.88

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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