

**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 11th & Sunday 12th January 2025 — Feast of THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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 11th Jan
SH @ 5.00pm**
Pro Populo

**Sun 12th Jan
RA @ 10.00am**
Adele Petrucci
R.I.P.

**Sun 12th Jan
LC @ 11.30am**
Beatrice & Allan
Hussey Anniversary
R.I.P.

**Mon 13th Jan
LC @ 10.00am**
Jack Connors
R.I.P.

**Tues 14th Jan
RA @ 10.00am**
Holy Souls
R.I.P.

**Wed 15th Jan
SH @ 9.30am**
Holy Souls
R.I.P.

Thurs 16th Jan
No Mass

Fri 17th Jan
No Mass

Geraldine Barrett R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Geraldine Barrett will be held at 10.00am at London Colney on Tuesday 21st January 2025 followed by burial at Hatfield Road Cemetery. We offer our prayers and condolences to Geraldine's family and loved ones.

**First Holy Communion
Enrolment Mass**

This weekend we welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families as they embark on their journey of faith to receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Family Bingo Night

Please join us for bingo on Friday 31st January 2025. Doors open at 7.00pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Come along for a fun night with cash prizes! Children welcome and there will be savoury snacks available to buy.

**An Untorn Net—Becoming a
Synodal Church**

All are invited to a multi-parish day of Conversation-in-the-Spirit, to propose practical implementation of the 2024 Synod's Final Document on Saturday 25th January 2025, 10am till 4pm at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH (*Bring-&-Share Lunch*).

For further details and to register - (before 23 January) please email farmstreetoffice@rcdow.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.

A Year of Hope

2025 is a Jubilee year! Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18th January, 10:30am to 12.00, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

2nd Collection NEXT Weekend

Advance notice that next weekend we will be holding a second collection for Pax Christi. Pax Christi works to support teachers and youth workers in promoting a culture of peace and Christian values in schools and amongst young people. Also supports those who are working non-violently for justice and peace and campaigns against military spending and nuclear weapons. Envelopes will be available from the back of each church this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

**DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:
@RA @SH Patrick Cooney R.I.P. @LC**

LITURGY

First Reading

Isaiah 40:
1-5, 9-11

*“Prepare the way
of the Lord”*

**Responsorial
Psalm**

104(103):1b-2. 3-
4. 24-25. 27-28.
29-30. +-1

*Bless the Lord, O
my soul! My God,
how great you are!*

2nd Reading

Titus 2:
11-14; 3:4-7

*“He saved us by
the washing of
regeneration and
renewal of the
Holy Spirit”*

**Gospel
Acclamation**

Cf. Luke 3:16

*He who is mightier
than I is coming,
said John. He will
baptise you with
the Holy Spirit and
fire.*

Gospel

Luke 3:
15-16, 21-22

*“When Jesus had
been baptised and
was praying, the
heavens were
opened”*

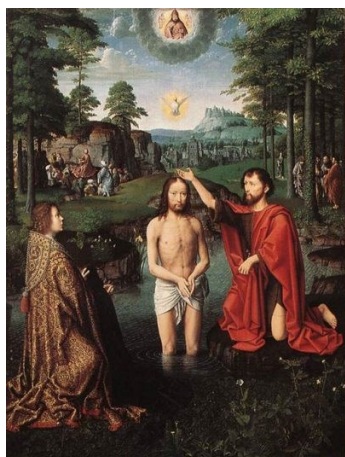
Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

‘When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.’

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, ‘I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God’s plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “coheirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn’t submit to John’s baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan’s waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today’s First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today’s Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God’s Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25).

That’s why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today’s Gospel. But it isn’t John they’re looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33). In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 4th & 5th January 2025

LC: £287.38 SH: £131.58 RA: £193.31 + Contactless LC: £0 SH: £0 RA: £59.97

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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