

**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 18th & Sunday 19th January 2025 — SECOND 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 18th Jan
SH @ 5.00pm**
Margaret Carr
R.I.P.

**Sun 19th Jan
RA @ 10.00am**
Pro Populo

**Sun 19th Jan
LC @ 11.30am**
Dick Rose
Anniversary R.I.P.

**Mon 20th Jan
LC @ 10.00am**
Jack Connors
R.I.P.

**Tues 21st Jan
LC @ 10.00am**
Funeral Mass for
Geraldine Barrett
R.I.P.

**Wed 22nd Jan
SH @ 9.30am**
Holy Souls
R.I.P.

**Thurs 23rd Jan
LC @ 10.30am**
Funeral Mass for
Ana Maria Galvez
R.I.P.

Fri 24th Jan
No Mass

Virginia Da Silva R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Virginia Da Silva will take place at London Colney at 10.00am on Thursday 6th February followed by burial at London Road Cemetery. We offer our prayers and condolences to Ana Maria's family and loved ones.

**Part Time Cleaner for
Richeldis Hall**

We are looking to recruit a part time cleaner for the Richeldis Hall in London Colney. For more information and to apply please see:
<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-hall-cleaner-radlett-colney-and-shenley-parishes/>

Marriage Care

Marriage Care is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided, and volunteers will join the local Centre. For more information, please call Karen on 0800 389 3801 (09:00 – 17:00, Mon – Thurs) or visit our website at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>.

Mass for The Sick

On Saturday 8th February there will be a Mass for the Sick at Westminster Cathedral at 2pm, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Please contact the parish office to book your place.

Youth Ministry (age 14+)

Westminster Youth Ministry are thrilled to join the global Church in celebrating teenagers by launching the Big Hertfordshire Summit. Join other teens from all over Hertfordshire on 26th April for a day of friendship, food, workshops, and encounter with the Lord! To find out more and to sign up, please go to <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/big-hertfordshire-summit/>

Used Clothes Sale

There will be a used clothes sale in the Richeldis Hall on Saturday 1st March from 10am till 3.00pm. Please come along and browse good quality clothing at reasonable prices. All proceeds going towards the Richeldis Hall.

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.

Parish Social-Afternoon Tea

We will be holding a Parish Social immediately after 11.30am Mass at London Colney on Sunday 9th February. Please join us in the Richeldis Hall for a light afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes. Any donations of cake would be gratefully received. Thank you.

2nd Collection This Weekend

This weekend we will be holding a second collection for Pax Christi. Thank you for your generosity.

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

LITURGY

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

“The Lord delights in you”

Responsorial Psalm

96(96):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. ±3

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

“The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills”

Gospel Acclamation

Cf.2
Thessalonians 2:14

God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

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John 2:1-11

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At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.’ So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.’

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of “epiphanies.” The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God.

Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial—Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism.

This week we’re at a wedding. We’re being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding—Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare Genesis 2:23–24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)?

Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading.

When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see Jeremiah 2:20–36; 3:1–13). But God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18–22).

That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast.

Jesus is the divine bridegroom (see John 3:29), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see Matthew 22:1–14). By His New Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church (see Ephesians 5:21–33). By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband (see 2 Corinthians 11:2).

The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today’s Epistle says. This is the “salvation” announced to the “families of nations” in today’s Psalm.

Scott Hahn

Loose plate collection w/e 11th & 12th January 2025

LC: £414.67 SH: £38.99 RA: £89 + Contactless LC: £44.25 SH: £0 RA: £80.57

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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