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 November — 32nd 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th Nov
SH @ 5.00pm
Regis Francois
R.I.P.

Sun 8th Nov
RA @ 10.00am
Pro Populo

Sun 8th Nov
LC @ 11.30am
Margherita, Carmela & Vito Favara, Maria, Agostino & Calogero Guttadauro
R.I.P.

Mon 9th Nov
LC @ 10.00am
Funeral Mass for Geanneth "Jan" Paul
R.I.P.

Tues 10th Nov
RA @ 10.00am
Adrian Wood
R.I.P.

Wed 11th Nov
SH @ 10.00am
Ruman Suares
R.I.P.

Thurs 12th Nov
LC @ 10.00am
Funeral Mass for Josephine Dullaghan
R.I.P.

Fri 13th Nov
No Mass

PARISH NOTICES

Willis Kellaway R.I.P.

The Funeral Mass for Willis Kellaway will be held at Radlett on Tuesday 17th November at 11.00am. Please pray for the repose of Willis' soul and all who mourn him.

Holy Souls Envelopes

Holy Souls Envelopes are still available at the back of each church for you to add the names of your deceased loved ones to the Parish November Dead List, along with your donation. You can put the envelope in the collection, or drop the envelope through the presbytery door, or give the envelope directly to Fr Kevin.

Carols by Candlelight!

All are welcome to join us at our Carols by Candlelight service on Friday 18th December at 7pm at London Colney. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Richeldis Hall and there will be a retiring collection towards the London Colney Church Restoration Fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Christmas Bingo at London Colney

Please join us for Christmas themed bingo on Friday 4th December in the Richeldis Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Mass for Bereaved Parents

There will be a Mass for bereaved parents on 29th November at 3.30pm in Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London, SW1H 9NH. This Mass is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss.

Blessing of Graves

This weekend Fr Kevin will be blessing graves on Sunday 8th November as follows:

- 12.30pm at London Road Cemetery
- 1.30pm at St Peter's Cemetery LC
- 1.45pm at Shenley Cemetery
- 2.15pm at Radlett Cemetery

International Night

I am delighted to announce that the recent International Night at London Colney, raised a total of £1,376.10 towards the London Colney Church Restoration Fund. Thank you to everyone that helped in any way and/or came along and supported the event.

Christmas Chocolates for Radlett Appeal

If you would like to donate chocolates and biscuits to The Radlett Hamper Scheme for Christmas, please leave these in the box in the foyer at Radlett before Sunday 13th December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Advance notice of 2nd Collection

NEXT weekend there will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DEDICATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
@RA **@SH** The Suares Family Intention **@LC** Bridget & John Laver R.I.P.

LITURGY

First Reading

Wisdom
6:12-16

'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'

Responsorial Psalm

63(62):2.
3-4. 5-6.
7-8. ±2b

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians
4:13-18

'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew
24:42a, 44

Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Gospel

Matthew
25:1-13

'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Gospel Reflection

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfils God's ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see Hosea 2:16–20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25–27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7–9; 21:1–4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.
We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise, and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see 1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see Proverbs 8:12–21, 35; 9:1–6), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.

Scott Hahn

Notices cont...

School Governor Appeal

Serve Your Parish Community - Become a Foundation Governor at St Bernadette Catholic Primary School, London Colney.

As a parishioner, you play an important role in the life of our Catholic community. Now, you have the opportunity to help shape the future of our local Catholic school by serving as a Foundation Governor on our Local Academy Committee.

We provide full training, guidance, and mentoring. What matters most is your commitment to Catholic education and your willingness to contribute your time and insight.

We're looking for parishioners who care deeply about children's spiritual and educational growth, support the school's Catholic mission, and can offer clear thinking, good judgement, and thoughtful questions. Whatever your background or experience, your skills can make a real difference to the parish and school community.

In return, you'll gain a meaningful leadership role grounded in service, develop new skills in governance and strategy, and work alongside dedicated school leaders. Most importantly, you'll have the opportunity to help shape the future of young people within your parish.

Time commitment:

Around 6–8 meetings per year, plus occasional visits and training.

Contact: governance@ascat.co.uk



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Loose plate collection w/e 31st October/1st November 2026

LC: £174.13 SH: £140.08 RA: £206.86 + Contactless LC: £108.15 SH: £0 RA: £63.91

Thank you for your generosity. You can donate 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. We are still looking to fill the following volunteer positions:

@ Radlett: Health & Safety Rep.

@ Shenley: Health & Safety Rep.

@ London Colney: Health & Safety Rep.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help in any way. Thank you.

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

FOOD BANK

The Churches Together Food Bank is grateful for all donations. We would welcome the following items (soups, toilet rolls, tinned fruit & vegetables, longlife milk, sugar). 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.***

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

Contactless/QR Codes 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 and you can also use this facility to make candle donations and second collections.

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

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility, and we all have a part to play in keeping people safe. The Diocese of Westminster is committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church, through the promotion of a sustained and sustainable culture of constant vigilance. The Church recognises the personal dignity and rights of children, young people and adults who may be at risk towards whom it has a special responsibility. The Church and all individual members undertake all appropriate steps to:

- maintain a safe environment for all.
- to practise fully and positively Christ’s Ministry towards children, young people and adults.
- to respond compassionately to their needs to help keep them safe from harm.

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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