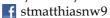
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# **Priest in Charge:**

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#### **Churchwardens:**

Eleanor Arthur

Robert Wilson

#### **Intercessions**

For the sick and those in need who have asked for our prayers.

*For the recently departed:* Mary Wright, Mary Buttigieg, Tachiwa, James and Pauline.

Anniversaries of death:

Mario Bianchi.

11am	<b>Parish</b>	Mass	Hymns:

Entrance 572 Praise to the holiest in the height

Offertory 12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Communion 365 Jesus, these eyes have never seen Recessional 357 Jesus on the mountain peak

(tune: St Albinus, 354)

#### **Parish Notices**

#### Ash Wednesday

**Lent** begins this week on Ash Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. There will be Masses with imposition of ashes that day at 10 am and 7 pm.

# **Prayer Practices for Lent**

For Lent 2023, the Bishops of London Diocese are hosting five online sessions exploring ancient ways of Christian prayer that are still relevant today and can help us spend time in the presence of God. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings during Lent, from 7.30-8.30pm

More information and free registration see here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-practices-for-lent-tickets-486773862727

# **New Holy Water Stoup**

A donor has presented a new holy water stoup to St Matthias as a thank offering for the presence of the Church during Covid; it will be blessed at Mass today.

Holy Water is blessed to remind us of our baptism, and its use is a prayer that the grace of baptism may be renewed in our lives. Traditionally, those who wish to do so make the sign of the cross with holy water on arriving at Church; a supply may also be taken home to use in our times of private prayer.

#### **Christian Aid Collection**

There will be a retiring collection today for Christian Aid, who are appealing for urgent donations to make up for a shortfall in funding in their projects.



# The Parish of Colindale

# The Sunday next before Lent 19th February 2023



# Mass Times and Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer

Readings and psalms for Morning and Evening Prayer are given for use with Common Worship Daily Prayer or the Book of Common Prayer. MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer. For a shorter version of the Office, use one psalm and one reading. For the same services online see tinyurl.com/jusdp. (\* = a long Psalm, part of which may be omitted. Where there is a choice of two sets of Psalms, the first is for the season, the second follows the ordinary cycle.)

# Sunday 19th February 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration Sunday next before Lent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 100, 150; Job 38.1-21; Colossians 1.15-20

EP: Psalm 84; Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10 or 2 Kings 2.1-12; Matt. 17.9-23

Mon 20th February No services

MP: Psalm 71; Jeremiah 1; John 3.1-21

EP: Psalms 72, 75; Genesis 37.1-11; Galatians 1

# Tues 21st February 12.30pm Mass

Shrove Tuesday

MP: Psalm 73; Jeremiah 2.1-13; John 3.22-end EP: Psalm 74; Genesis 37.12-end; Galatians 2.1-10

# Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10am & 7pm Mass Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes

MP: Psalm 38; Daniel 9.3-6,17-19; 1 Timothy 6.6-19 EP: Psalm 51 or 102\*; Isaiah 1.10-18; Luke 15.11-32

#### Thurs 23rd February 10am Mass

Memorial: Saint Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna & Martyr

MP: Psalm 77 (or) 78.1-39\*; Jeremiah 2.14-32; John 4.1-26

EP: Psalm 74 (or) 78.40-end\*; Genesis 39; Galatians 2.11-end

#### Fri 24th February 10am Mass

February Memorial of Saint Matthias, Apostle

MP: Psalms 3, 7 (or) 55; Jeremiah 3.6-22; John 4.27-42 EP: Psalm 31 (or) 69; Genesis 40; Galatians 3.1-14

# Sat 25<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass

Lent Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalm 71 (or) 76, 79; Jeremiah 4.1-18; John 4.43-end EP: Psalm 73 (or) 81, 84; Genesis 41.1-24; Galatians 3.15-22

# Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration First Sunday of Lent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 119.1-16; Jeremiah 18.1-11; Luke 18.9-14 EP: Psalm 50.1-15; Deuteronomy 6.4-9,16-25; Luke 15.1-10

# First Reading (Exodus 24.12-18)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 2

#### Response:

You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt and the princes plot together,
against the Lord and against his anointed? **R** 

'Let us break their yoke', they say; 'let us cast off their bonds from us.' He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision. **R** 

Then he speaks to them in his wrath and his rage fills them with terror. 'I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.' Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. **R** 

Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.' **R** 

And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him; Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are they all who take refuge in him! **R** 

# Second Reading (2 Peter 1.16-21)

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel (Matthew 17.1-9)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

# Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead'

This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ