

Parish Contacts

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Churchwardens:

Eleanor Arthur

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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Dorothy Dodoo, Frances O'Neill.

Anniversaries of death:

Sandra Quarshire, Caleb Audee, Stanley Henry Saunders, Sarah Lawson, Rebecca Thompson, Doreen Smith, Hilda Thorpe, Michael Shields (priest, Vicar of this Parish), Robin Price, Pauline West.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	527	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Offertory	381	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Communion	683	Thou didst leave thy throne
Recessional	282	Hills of the north, rejoice!

Parish Notices

Masses this Week

Please note that the Mass on Tuesday this week will be at 9am instead of 12.30pm.

The Mass on Wednesday at 10am, for the feast of Saint Lucy, patron of eyesight, will include an opportunity to receive a blessing for the eyes with the relic of St Lucy.

Christmas Publicity

Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you can help distribute the Parish Christmas Card, with the details of our services, to homes in the Parish. Thank you!

Christmas Carol Service 17th December 6.30pm

Our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the Saint Matthias Singers, will be on Sunday 17th December, at 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This year it will feature the local premiere of the new setting of "The First Nowell" by Bob Chilcott, commissioned by the Church of England and released as a seasonal single.

Please do put this in your diaries so we can all join in welcoming people from the neighbourhood to our Church to hear the good news of Christmas. Readers will be needed for the lessons, and two or three people will be needed to help with refreshments immediately afterwards please.



The Parish of Colindale

The Second Sunday of Advent Sunday 10th December 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/fusdp. (* = 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 10th December 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 2nd Sunday of Advent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 80; Baruch 5.1-9 or Zephaniah 3.14-end; Luke 1.5-20
EP: Psalm 40*; 1 Kings 22.1-28; Romans 15.4-13

Mon 11th December No services

MP: Psalm 44 (or) 27, 30; Isaiah 30.1-18; Matthew 14.1-12
EP: Pss 144, 146 (or) 26, 28, 29; Isaiah 45.14-end; 1 Thessalonians 1

Tues 12th December 9am Mass

MP: Psalms 56, 57 (or) 32, 36; Isaiah 30.19-end; Matthew 14.13-end
EP: Psalms 11, 12, 13 (or) 33; Isaiah 46; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12

Weds 13th December 10am Mass with blessing of eyes Memorial: Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Eyesight

MP: Psalms 62, 63 (or) 34; Isaiah 31; Matthew 15.1-20
EP: Psalms 10, 14 (or) 119.33-56; Isaiah 47; 1 Thessalonians 2.13-end

Thurs 14th December 9am Mass

Memorial: Saint John of the Cross, Mystic, Reformer of the Church

MP: Psalms 53, 54, 60 (or) 37*; Isaiah 32; Matthew 15.21-28
EP: Psalm 73 (or) 39, 40; Isaiah 48.1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3

Fri 15th December 9am Mass

Ember Day

MP: Psalms 85, 86 (or) 31; Isaiah 33.1-22; Matthew 15.29-end
EP: Psalms 82, 90 (or) 35; Isaiah 48.12-end; 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12

Sat 16th December 10am Mass Advent Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalm 145 (or) 41, 42, 43; Isaiah 35; Matthew 16.1-12
EP: Pss 93, 94 (or) 45, 46; Isaiah 49.1-13; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

Sunday 17th December 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 3rd Sunday of Advent 11am Parish Mass 6.30pm Parish Carol Service

MP: Psalms 50.1-6, 62; Isaiah 12; Luke 1.57-66
EP: Psalm 68.1-19*; Malachi 3.1-4; 4; Philippians 4.4-7

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-11)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 85.1-2, 8-13

Response:

**Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

You have been gracious to your land,
O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins. **R**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

Second Reading (2 Peter 3.8-15a)

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

The kingdom of God has come near,
repent and believe in the good news!

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." '

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ