

Parish Contacts

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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: Vi Coster, Isaac Robinson,

Lola Billitt, Alfred Boyles, Daisy Warrington,

Anomie Chilbuike Nwokenna, George Sargent,

Stanley Norman Duckett, Lilian Agnes Potter.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	691	Thy kingdom come, O God
Offertory	633	The advent of our King
Communion	640	Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee (tune: Ellers, 587)
Recessional	265	Hark, the glad sound!

Parish Notices

Christmas Carol Service 17th December 6.30pm

Our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the Saint Matthias Singers, will be **this evening**, 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 come along to what promises to be a wonderful evening with beautiful music. We still need some readers please for the lessons, and two or three people to help with refreshments immediately afterwards.

Beaufort Park Carols 22nd December 2pm

We are invited to join our neighbours at St Augustine's Grahame Park, along with other residents of Beaufort Park, for outdoor carol singing led by musicians from the Street Light worship group, with hot drinks. Beaufort Square Garden (or Boulevard Drive if it is wet underfoot), Friday 22nd December 2pm.



The Parish of Colindale

The Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 17th 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 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

Mon 18th December No services O Adonai

MP: Psalm 40 (or) 44; Isaiah 38.1-8, 21-22; Matthew 16.13-end
EP: Psalms 25, 26 (or) 47, 49; Isaiah 49.14-25; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Tues 19th December 12.30pm Mass O Radix Jesse

MP: Psalms 144, 146; Isaiah 38.9-20; Matthew 17.1-13
EP: Psalms 10, 57; Isaiah 50; 1 Thessalonians 5.12-end

Weds 20th December 10am Mass O Clavis David

MP: Psalms 46, 95; Isaiah 39; Matthew 17.14-21
EP: Psalms 4, 9; Isaiah 51.1-8; 2 Thessalonians 1

Thurs 21st December 9am Mass O Oriens

MP: Psalms 121, 122, 123; Zephaniah 1.1 - 2.3; Matthew 17.22-end
EP: Psalms 80, 84; Isaiah 51.9-16; 2 Thessalonians 2

Fri 22nd December 9am Mass O Rex Gentium

MP: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127; Zephaniah 3.1-13; Matthew 18.1-20
EP: Psalms 24, 48; Isaiah 51.17-end; 2 Thessalonians 3

Sat 23rd December 10am Mass O Emmanuel

MP: Pss 128, 129, 130, 131; Zephaniah 3.14-end; Matthew 18.21-end
EP: Psalm 89.1-37; Isaiah 52.1-12; Jude

Sunday 24th December (am) 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 4th Sunday of Advent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 144; Isaiah 7.10-16; Romans 1.1-7
EP: Psalm 85; Zechariah 2; Revelation 1.1-8
(First Evening Prayer of Christmas Day)

Sunday 24th December (pm) 4pm Vigil Mass of Christmas Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December 9am Mass of the Dawn Christmas Day 11am Parish Mass

First Reading (Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The servant of the Lord said:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 126**Response:**

**The Lord has done great things for us
and we are glad indeed.**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R**

Then they said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed. **R**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5.16-24)

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians
My brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
John performed no sign,
but everything that he said about Jesus is true.
Alleluia!

Gospel (John 1.6-8,19-28)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord'' ,
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ