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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, Irene Craft,

Jacqueline Bevis.

*Anniversaries of death:* Emilie Hoaran, Mathew Koshy, Alan Stubbs, Eddie Rossiter, Mavis Cuff.

## 11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	634	The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
Offertory	480	O come, O come, Emmanuel
Communion	182	For Mary, Mother of our Lord
Recessional	406	Long ago, prophets knew
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

## Parish Notices

### Thank you!

What a wonderful and inspirational Carol Service we had last week, attended by many local people for whom it has become a regular part of their Christmas. Many thanks to Konstantin and the Saint Matthias Singers, to everyone who helped prepare the Church and serve refreshments, and to everyone who helped distribute around 2,300 cards to homes in the Parish.

### New Bishop of Edmonton

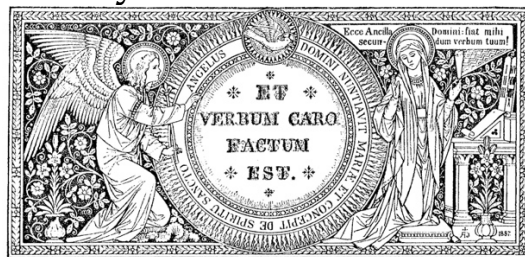
It has been announced that Canon Dr Anderson Jeremiah is to be the new Bishop of Edmonton. Father Anderson is currently Associate Dean (Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and People) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Lancaster University, and Associate Priest at St Paul's Scotforth. He grew up in Tamil Nadu, the southernmost state in India, as a Dalit Christian. He is the first Dalit, and the first priest ordained in the Church of Southern India, to be appointed Bishop in the Church of England.

He has drawn on his experience of exclusion and discrimination in international academic research, for which he has been widely published, and in the advisory positions he has held in the Church of England. He will be ordained a Bishop and take up his responsibilities in the spring.



# The Parish of Colindale

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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/jusdp](https://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 24<sup>th</sup> December (am) 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> December (pm) 4pm Vigil Mass of Christmas Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9am Mass of the Dawn Christmas Day 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 110, 117; Isaiah 62.1-5; Matthew 1.18-25

EP: Psalm 8; Isaiah 65.17-end; Philippians 2.5-11

### Tues 26<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm Mass

Feast: Saint Stephen the First Martyr

MP: Psalms 13, 31.1-8, 150.1-end; Jeremiah 26.12-15; Acts 6

EP: Psalms 57, 86; Genesis 4.1-10; Matthew 23.34-39

### Weds 27<sup>th</sup> December 10am Mass

Feast: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

MP: Psalms 21, 147.13-end; Exodus 33.12-23; 1 John 2.1-11

EP: Psalm 97; Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 John 5.1-12

### Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> December 9am Mass

Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

MP: Pss 36, 146; Baruch 4.21-27 or Genesis 37.13-20; Matthew 18.1-10

EP: Psalms 123, 128; Isaiah 49.14-25; Mark 10.13-16

### Fri 29<sup>th</sup> December 9am Mass

Feast: Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr

MP: Psalms 19, 20; Jonah 1; Colossians 1.1-14

EP: Psalms 131, 132; Isaiah 57.15-end; John 1.1-18

### Sat 30<sup>th</sup> December 10am Mass

Sixth Day of the Octave of the Nativity

MP: Psalms 111, 112, 113; Jonah 2; Colossians 1.15-23

EP: Psalms 65, 84; Isaiah 59.1-15a; John 1.19-28

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 105.1-11; Isaiah 63.7-9; Ephesians 3.5-12

EP: Psalm 132; Isaiah 35; Colossians 1.9-20 or Luke 2.41-52

**First Reading** (2 Samuel 7.1-11,16)

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

Now when David the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1.46b-55)**

**Response:**

**My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant,  
from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name. **R**

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **R**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
and the rich he has sent away empty. **R**

He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

The promise he made to our forebears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever. **R**

**Second Reading** (Romans 16.25-27)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the handmaid of the Lord,  
let what you have said be done to me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** (Luke 1.26-38)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**