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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed: Irene Craft, Jacqueline Bevis, Viviana Shepherd, Rose Christopher.

Anniversaries of death: Sharon Smicle, Daisy Kidder, Nellie Michel.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	745	While shepherds watched
Offertory	62	Behold, the great Creator makes
Communion	350	Jesus, good above all other
Recessional	700	Unto us a child is born
Mass setting:	952	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

Extra Mass on New Year's Day

This week there will be an extra said Mass at 10am on Monday 1st January, the Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus.

Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated next Sunday, 7th January.

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. His consecration has been set for 25th April, the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist.



The Parish of Colindale

The First Sunday of Christmas Sunday 31st 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. (* = 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 31st December 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 1st 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

Monday 1st January 10am Mass The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

MP: Psalms 103, 150; Genesis 17.1-13; Romans 2.17-29

EP: Psalm 115; Deuteronomy 30.[1-10] 11-end; Acts 3.1-16

Tues 2nd January 12.30pm Mass Memorial: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith

MP: Psalm 18.1-30; Ruth 1; Colossians 2.8-end

EP: Psalms 45, 46; Isaiah 60.1-12; John 1.35-42

Weds 3rd January 10am Mass

MP: Psalms 127, 128, 131; Ruth 2; Colossians 3.1-11

EP: Psalms 2, 110; Isaiah 60.13-end; John 1.43-end

Thurs 4th January 9am Mass

MP: Psalm 89.1-37; Ruth 3; Colossians 3.12 - 4.1

EP: Psalms 85, 87; Isaiah 61; John 2.1-12

Fri 5th January 9am Mass

MP: Psalms 8, 48; Ruth 4.1-17; Colossians 4.2-end

EP: Psalms 96, 97; Isaiah 62; John 2.13-end

Sat 6th January 10am Mass Christmas Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 99, 147.1-12; Baruch 1.15 - 2.10 (or); Jeremiah 23.1-8; Matthew 20.1-16

EP: Psalms 96, 97; Isaiah 49.1-13; John 4.7-26
(First Evening Prayer of the Epiphany)

Sunday 7th January 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration The Epiphany of the Lord 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 132, 113; Jeremiah 31.7-14; John 1.29-34

EP: Pss 98, 100; Baruch 4.36 - end of 5 or Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11

First Reading (Isaiah 61.10-62.3)

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

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.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
 until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
 The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
 and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the Lord will give.
 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 148**Response:**

Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights.
 Praise him, all you angels of his;
 praise him, all his host.
 Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars. **R**

Praise him, heaven of heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens.
 Let them praise the name of the Lord;
 for he commanded and they were created.
 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
 Fire and hail, snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
 Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars; **R**

Wild beasts and all cattle,
 creeping things and winged birds;
 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the world;
 Young men and maidens,
 old and young together. **R**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for his name only is exalted,
 his splendour is over earth and heaven.
 He has raised up strength for his people
 and praise for all his loyal servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Alleluia! **R**

Second Reading (Galatians 4:4-7)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians
 When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
 born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem
 those who were under the law, so that we might receive
 adoption as children. And because you are children, God
 has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,
 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child,
 and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
 The ox knows its owner
 and the donkey its master's crib.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 2.15-21)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the
 shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to
 Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which
 the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste
 and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the
 manger. When they saw this, they made known what had
 been told them about this child; and all who heard it were
 amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary
 treasured all these words and pondered them in her
 heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
 for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.
 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the
 child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel
 before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ