


Parish Contacts

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Priest in Charge:

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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 Mabel Brewer.

Anniversaries of death:

Doreen Smith, Hilda Thorpe, Michael Shields (priest),

Robin Price, Pauline West, Vi Coster, Isaac Robinson,

Lola Billitt, Alfred Boyles, Daisy Warrington,

Anozie Chibuike Nwokenna, George Sargent.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	128	Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Offertory	691	Thy kingdom come, O God
Communion	579	Rejoice, O land, in God thy might
Recessional	265	Hark, the glad sound!
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve: 9am Advent Mass of 24th December

4pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (said)

11.30pm Midnight Mass with carols

Christmas Day: 9am Mass of the Dawn (said)

11am Parish Mass with carols

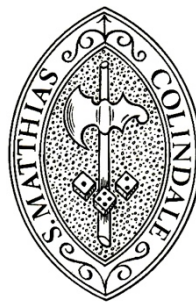
There will be no 12.30pm Mass on Tuesday 24th December. The weekday Masses between Christmas Day and Epiphany (Sunday 5th January) will all be at 10am.

The Ministry of Reconciliation (confession) is available, please ask for an appointment with Fr Matthew.

Help for Carol Service 22nd December 6.00pm

Our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the Saint Matthias Singers, will be next Sunday 22nd December, at 6.00pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

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 Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 15th December 2024



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 15th December 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 3rd Sunday of Advent 11.00 Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 12, 14; Isaiah 25.1-9; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5
EP: Psalms 50.1-6 [62]; Isaiah 35; Luke 1.57-66 [67-80]

Mon 16th December No services

MP: Psalm 40 (or) 44; Isaiah 49.14-25; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
EP: Psalms 25, 26 (or) 47, 49; Isaiah 38. 1-8, 21-22; Matthew 16.13-28

Tues 17th December 12.30pm Mass

O Sapientia

MP: Psalms 70, 74 (or) 48, 52; Isaiah 50; 1 Thessalonians 5.12-end
EP: Psalms 50, 54 (or) 50; Isaiah 38. 9-20; Matthew 17.1-13

Weds 18th December 10am Mass

O Adonai

MP: Psalms 75, 96 (or) 119.57-80; Isaiah 51.1-8; 2 Thessalonians 1
EP: Psalms 25, 82 (or) 59, 60, (67); Isaiah 39; Matthew 17.14-21

Thurs 19th December 9am Mass

O Radix Jesse

MP: Psalms 144, 146; Isaiah 51.9-16; 2 Thessalonians 2
EP: Psalms 10, 57; Zephaniah 1.1 - 2.3; Matthew 17.22-end

Fri 20th December 9am Mass

O Clavis David

MP: Psalms 46, 95; Isaiah 51.17-end; 2 Thessalonians 3
EP: Psalms 4, 9; Zephaniah 3.1-13; Matthew 18.1-20

Sat 21st December 10am Mass

O Oriens

MP: Psalms 121, 122, 123; Isaiah 52.1-12; Jude
EP: Psalms 80, 84; Zephaniah 3.14-end; Matthew 18.21-end

Sunday 22nd December 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 4th Sunday of Advent 11.00 Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 144; Isaiah 32.1-8; Revelation 22.6-21
EP: Psalms 123 [131]; Isaiah 10.33 - 11.10; Matthew 1.18-25

First Reading (Zephaniah 3.14–20)

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Canticle: Isaiah 12.2–6**Response:**

**Shout aloud and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R**

And you will say on that day:
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth. **R**

Second Reading (Philippians 4.4–7)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be

made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
prepare the way of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 3.7–18)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ