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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed: Veronica Francis, Mark Turner (priest), Michael Bovingdon, Family Oddoye, Tony Earl, Kim Earl, James Picking.

Anniversaries of death:

Leonida Dyer, James Chinery.

To preserve privacy, the names of the sick and those in need, and some of the recently departed, are omitted from the version of the news sheet published online. They are all, however, prayed for at the service in Church.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

Entrance	516	O love, how deep, how broad, how high
Offertory	642	The God of Abraham praise
Communion	26	All you who seek a comfort sure
Recessional	100	Christ is the world's true light (tune: Nun Danket, 474)
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Lent Programme – Climate Justice & Discipleship

For Lent 2025, everyone across the Diocese of London is invited to reflect deeply on five significant moments in Jesus' life and ministry. As we take this journey together, how might we encounter Christ through creation, pursue justice from within, and convert our fearful reactions into a loving response? Online registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/3dc9mynr>

Diocesan Lent Appeal – Climate Justice

The Diocese of London has been in a Companion Link partnership with the Anglican Church in Mozambique and Angola since 1995. These countries are currently facing emergency situations caused by cyclones in December and January, drought, and coastal erosion.

This year's Diocesan Lent appeal will be devoted 60% to the cyclone emergency response in Nampula, 30% to drought relief in Southern Angola, and 10% to green Anglican projects in Inhambane.

There will be a retiring collection in Church for cash donations. To find out more about the emergency situations, and to donate online, see here:

www.london.anglican.org/articles/lent-appeal-2025-climate-justice/



The Parish of Colindale

The Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 16th March 2025



View of Jerusalem from the site where Jesus wept over the Holy City. Photo: Fr Matthew, 2010

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 16th March 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration Second Sunday of Lent 11.00 Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 119.161-176; Genesis 17.1-7, 15, 16; Romans 11.13-24
EP: Psalm 135*; Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17; Luke 14.27-33

Mon 17th March No services

Feast: Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland

MP: Pss 26, 32 (or) 123, 124, 125, 126; Jeremiah 7.21-34; John 6.41-51
EP: Psalms 70, 74 (or) 127, 128, 129; Genesis 43.16-end; Hebrews 1

Tues 18th March 12.30pm Mass

Memorial: Saint Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith

MP: Psalm 50 (or) 132, 133; Jeremiah 8.1-15; John 6.52-59
EP: Psalm 132; Hosea 11.1-9; Luke 2.41-52
(First Evening Prayer of Saint Joseph)

Weds 19th March 10am Mass

Solemnity: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 25, 147.1-12; Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 13.54-58
EP: Psalms 1, 112; Genesis 50.22-26; Matthew 2.13-23

Thurs 20th March 9am Mass

Memorial: Saint Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary

MP: Psalm 34 (or) 143, 146; Jeremiah 9.12-24; John 7.1-13
EP: Psalms 71 (or) 138, 140, 141; Genesis 45.1-15; Hebrews 3.1-6

Fri 21st March 9am Mass

Memorial: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr

MP: Psalms 40, 41 (or) 142, 144; Jeremiah 10.1-16; John 7.14-24
EP: Psalms 6, 38 (or) 145; Genesis 45.16-end; Hebrews 3.7-end

Sat 22nd March 10am Mass

Lent Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 3, 25 (or) 147; Jeremiah 10.17-24; John 7.25-36
EP: Pss 23, 27 (or) 148, 149, 150; Genesis 46.1-7, 28-34; Hebrews 4.1-13

Sunday 23rd March 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration Third Sunday of Lent 11.00 Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 26, 28; Deuteronomy 6.4-9; John 17.1a, 11b-19
EP: Psalms 12, 13; Genesis 28.10-19a; John 1.35-51

First Reading (Genesis 15.1-12,17-18)

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 27.1-9: Response:**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who stumbled and fell. **R**

Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him. **R**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple. **R**

For in the day of trouble
he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock. **R**

Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me;
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R**

Second Reading (Philippians 3.17 - 4.1)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**Gospel (Luke 13.31-35)**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem". Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ