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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed: Veronica Francis,
Family Oddoye, Tony Earl, Kim Earl, James Picking.

Anniversaries of death:

Esther Matthews, Jim Rowland.

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	252	Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer
Offertory	720	We pray thee, heavenly Father
Communion	82	Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed
Recessional	205	Glorious things of thee are spoken
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices



British Summer Time begins next Sunday,
30th March – clocks go forward one hour.

Chapel Redecoration

The east wall in the Chapel of Our Lady and Saint Mellitus will be redecorated this week by volunteers from Paul & Olley painting contractors Ltd. Weekday Masses will be celebrated at the main altar in Church.

Parochial Church Council

The PCC will meet briefly after Mass today.

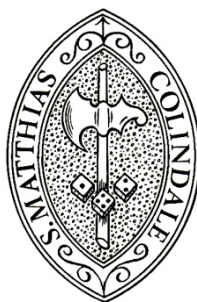
Diocesan Lent Appeal – Climate Justice

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 Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 23rd March 2025



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 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

Mon 24th March No services

Memorial: Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

MP: Psalms 5, 7 (or) 1, 2, 3; Jeremiah 11.1-17; John 7.37-52
EP: Psalm 85; Wisdom 9.1-12 or Genesis 3.8-15; Galatians 4.1-5
(First Evening Prayer of the Annunciation)

Tues 25th March 12.30pm Mass Solemnity: The Annunciation of Our Lord to the BVM

MP: Psalms 111, 113; 1 Samuel 2.1-10; Romans 5.12-21
EP: Isaiah 52.1-12; Hebrews 2.5-18; Psalms 131, 146

Weds 26th March 10am Mass

MP: Psalm 38 (or) 119.1-32; Jeremiah 13.1-11; John 8.12-30
EP: Psalms 36, 39 (or) 11, 12, 13; Genesis 49.1-32; Hebrews 6.13-end

Thurs 27th March 9am Mass

MP: Psalms 56, 57 (or) 14, 15, 16; Jeremiah 14; John 8.31-47
EP: Psalms 59, 60 (or) 18*; Genesis 49.33 – end of 50; Hebrews 7.1-10

Fri 28th March 9am Mass

MP: Psalm 22 (or) 17, 19; Jeremiah 15.10-end; John 8.48-end
EP: Psalm 69 (or) 22; Exodus 1.1-14; Hebrews 7.11-end

Sat 29th March 10am Mass

Lent Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalm 31 (or) 20, 21, 23; Jeremiah 16.10 – 17.4; John 9.1-17
EP: Psalms 116, 130 (or) 24, 25; Exodus 1.22 – 2.10; Hebrews 8



Sunday 30th March 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration Fourth Sunday of Lent 11.00 Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 84, 85; Genesis 37.3-4, 12-36; 1 Peter 2.16-25
EP: Psalm 30; Prayer of Manasseh or Isaiah 40.27 – 41.13;
2 Timothy 4.1-18

First Reading (Isaiah 55.1-9)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this:

‘Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ‘Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 63.1-8: Response:**My soul thirsts for you, O my God.**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water;
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. **R**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name. **R**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches. **R**

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10.1-13)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all
passed through the sea, and all were baptized into
Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same
spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink.

For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed
them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was
not pleased with most of them, and they were struck
down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we
might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters
as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down
to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not
indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and
twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not
put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were
destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of
them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These
things happened to them to serve as an example, and they
were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of
the ages have come. So if you think you are standing,
watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken
you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and
he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but
with the testing he will also provide the way out so that
you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
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Those who abide in me and I in them
bear much fruit, says the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel (Luke 13.1-9)

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

There were some present who told Jesus about the
Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their
sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because
these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse
sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless
you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those
eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on
them—do you think that they were worse offenders than
all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless
you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in
his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found
none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three
years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still
I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the
soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until
I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next
year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

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