



Parish Contacts

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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:

Kathleen McCarthy, William David Saunders.

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	184	For the beauty of the earth (2nd tune: England's Lane)
Offertory	662	There's a wideness in God's mercy (tune: Corvedale)
Communion	374	Just as I am (2nd tune: Saffron Walden)
Recessional	106	City of God, how broad, how far
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Livingway Ministries Fund Raising Day & Sale

The NW9 age 60+ group, who meet in our hall on Mondays and Tuesday, will be holding an Open Day event and Fund Raiser to be able to continue Livingway Ministries' service provision to the senior citizens of the NW9 area of West Hendon.

Monday 31st March, 2025, from 11am to 2pm at St Matthias Church Hall, Rushgrove Avenue, NW9 6QY.

There will be sales of gift items, crochet arts, summer-ready wears, etc.

Life and Mission Choir - Time for Jesus

The Life and Mission Choir are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a revival of their Easter Musical, "Time for Jesus". Admission free, donations at the end:

Saturday 12th April 2025 - 7pm

St James' Church, East Barnet Road, New Barnet, EN4 8RN

Sunday 13th April 2025 - 7pm

St Mary's Church, Church End, Hendon, NW4 4JT

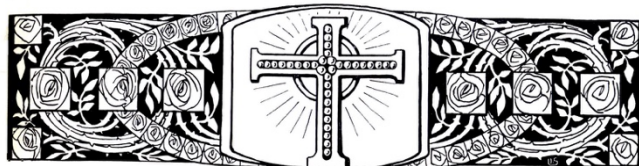
Chapel Redecoration

Many thanks to Adriano and Az from Paul & Olley painting contractors for a splendid job in treating & redecorating the wall in the Chapel of Our Lady and Saint Mellitus.



The Parish of Colindale

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) Sunday 30th 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/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 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

Mon 31st March No services

Commemoration: John Donne, Priest & Poet

MP: Psalms 70, 77 (or) 27, 30; Jeremiah 17.5-18; John 9.18-end
EP: Psalms 25, 28 (or) 26, 28, 29; Exodus 2.11-22; Hebrews 9.1-14

Tues 1st April 12.30pm Mass

MP: Psalms 54, 79 (or) 32, 36; Jeremiah 18.1-12; John 10.1-10
EP: Psalms 80, 82 (or) 33; Exodus 2.23 - 3.20; Hebrews 9.15-end

Weds 2nd April 10am Mass

Commemoration: Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

MP: Psalms 63, 90 (or) 34; Jeremiah 18.13-end; John 10.11-21
EP: Psalms 52, 91 (or) 119.33-56; Exodus 4.1-23; Hebrews 10.1-18

Thurs 3rd April 9am Mass

MP: Psalms 53, 86 (or) 37*; Jeremiah 19.1-13; John 10.22-end
EP: Psalm 94 (or) 39, 40; Exodus 4.27 - 6.1; Hebrews 10.19-25

Fri 4th April 9am Mass

MP: Psalm 102 (or) 31; Jeremiah 19.14 - 20.6; John 11.1-16
EP: Psalms 13, 16 (or) 35; Exodus 6.2-13; Hebrews 10.26-end

Sat 5th April 10am Mass

Lent Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalm 32 (or) 41, 42, 43; Jeremiah 20.7-end; John 11.17-27
EP: Pss 140, 141, 142 (or) 45, 46; Exodus 7.8-end; Hebrews 11.1-16

Sunday 6th April 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration Fifth Sunday of Lent 11.00 Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 111, 112; Isaiah 35.1-10; Romans 7.21 - 8.4
EP: Psalm 35*; 2 Chronicles 35.1-6, 10-16; Luke 22.1-13

First Reading (Joshua 5.9-12)

A reading from the book of the Book of Joshua.

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 32: Response:

**You, O Lord, are my hiding-place,
you preserve me from trouble.**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord';
then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **R**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.' **R**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5.16-21)

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view;
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,
we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through
Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in
Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting
their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of
reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since
God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf
of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to
be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the
righteousness of God.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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I will leave this place and go to my father and say,

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you".

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel (Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to
Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and
saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said
to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will
belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few
days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a
distant country, and there he squandered his property in
dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine
took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.
So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that
country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would
gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating;
and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he
said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough
and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go
to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against
heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your
son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and
went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw
him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms
around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I
have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer
worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves,
"Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the
fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of
mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And
they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and
approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called
one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied,
"Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted
calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he
became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and
began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen!
For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I
have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given
me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.
But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your
property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!"
Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and
all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice,
because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he
was lost and has been found." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ