

Parish Contacts

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Eleanor Arthur

Robert Wilson

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Frances Poulastides

Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Selina Nimako, Motunde Awolowo, John Merry.

Anniversaries of death:

Stanley Norman Duckett, Lilian Agnes Potter,

Emilie Hoaran, Ruby Dussey, Mathew Koshy,

Alan Stubbs.

To preserve privacy, the names of the sick and those in need, and sometimes 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	557	People, look east
Offertory	480	O come, O come, Emmanuel
Communion	182	For Mary, mother of our Lord
Recessional	406	Long ago, prophets knew
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Carol Service tonight

Our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the St Matthias Singers under the direction of Konstantin Gensitskiy, is tonight at 6pm. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to read. Two or three volunteers will be needed please to serve drinks and mince pies at the end.

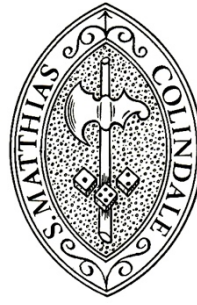
Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve: 10am 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)
10.15 Eucharistic Adoration
11am Parish Mass with carols

Fr Matthew will be available for the Ministry of Reconciliation (confession) in the Chapel on Christmas Eve at 11am, or by appointment.

The other service times this week are as normal.



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 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 21st December 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
Fourth Sunday of Advent **11am Parish Mass**
O Oriens **6pm Carol Service**

MP: Psalm 144; Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.26-38
EP: Psalms 113 [126]; 1 Samuel 1.1-20; Revelation 22.6-21

Mon 22nd December *No Services*
O Rex Gentium

MP: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127; Malachi 1.1, 6-end; Matthew 19.1-12
EP: Psalms 24, 48; Isaiah 52.13 - end of 53; 2 Peter 1.1-15

Tues 23rd December **12.30pm Mass**
O Emmanuel

MP: Psalms 128, 129, 130, 131; Malachi 2.1-16; Matthew 19.13-15
EP: Psalm 89.1-37; Isaiah 54; 2 Peter 1.16 - 2.3

Weds 24th December **10am Mass** (*of Advent, Morning Prayer 09.30*)
Christmas Eve **4pm Vigil Mass** (*of Christmas Day*)
11.30pm Midnight Mass

MP: Psalms 45, 113; Malachi 2.17 - 3.12; Matthew 19.16-end
EP: Psalm 85; Zechariah 2; Revelation 1.1-8

Thurs 25th December 9am Mass of the Dawn
Christmas Day 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
11am Parish Mass of the Day

MP: Psalms 110, 117; Isaiah 62.1-5; Matthew 1.18-25
EP: Psalm 8; Isaiah 65.17-25; Philippians 2.5-11

Fri 26th December **9am Mass** (*Morning Prayer at 08.30*)
Feast: Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

MP: Psalms 13, 31.1-8, 150; Jeremiah 26.12-15; Acts 6
EP: Psalms 57, 86; Genesis 4.1-10; Matthew 23.34-39

Sat 27th December **10am Mass** (*Morning Prayer at 09.30*)
Feast: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

MP: Psalms 21, 147.13-end; Exodus 33.12-23; 1 John 2.1-11
EP: Psalm 97; Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 John 5.1-12

Sunday 28th December 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
First Sunday of Christmas **11am Parish Mass**

MP: Psalm 105.1-11; Isaiah 35.1-6; Galatians 3.23-end
EP: Psalm 132; Isaiah 49.7-13; Philippians 2.1-11

First Reading (Isaiah 7.10-16)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18 Response:

**Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth,
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us. **R**

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name. **R**

Second Reading (Romans 1.1-7)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Joseph was the husband of Mary;
of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 1.18-25)

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

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus'.

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