

## Parish Contacts

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### Churchwardens:

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### Intercessions

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

*For the recently departed:*

Motunde Awolowo, John Merry.

*Anniversaries of death:*

Eddie Rossiter, Mavis Cuff, Sharon Smicle,

Daisy Kidder.

*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	94	Christians awake, salute the happy morn
Offertory	326	In the bleak midwinter
Communion	588	See, amid the winter's snow (1 <sup>st</sup> Tune)
Recessional	700	Unto us a boy is born
Mass setting:	952	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

### Parish Notices

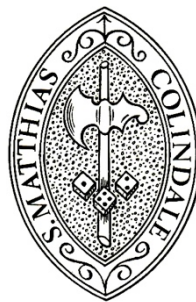
#### New Year's Day Mass

The Mass on New Year's Day (the Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus) will be celebrated at 10am, instead of the usual Thursday time of 9am.

#### Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our celebrations of Christmas and helped to extend a warm welcome to everyone.

Fr Matthew and Fr Brian extend their thanks for the many kind Christmas cards, greetings and gifts.



# The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

## The First Sunday of Christmas 28<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Mon 29<sup>th</sup> December No Services Feast: The Holy Innocents (transferred)

MP: Pss 36, 146; Baruch 4.21-27 or Genesis 37.13-20; Matthew 18.1-10  
EP: Psalms 123, 128; Isaiah 49.14-25; Mark 10.13-16

#### Tues 30<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm Mass

Sixth Day of the Octave of the Nativity

MP: Psalms 111, 112, 113; Jonah 2; Colossians 1.15-23  
EP: Psalms 65, 84; Isaiah 59.1-15a; John 1.19-28

#### Weds 31<sup>st</sup> December 10am Mass (Morning Prayer 09.30) Seventh Day of the Octave of the Nativity; Commem. of St Sylvester I, Pope.

MP: Psalm 102; Jonah 3-4; Colossians 1.24 - 2.7  
EP: Psalms 90, 148; Isaiah 59.15b-end; John 1.29-34

#### Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> January 10am Mass (Morning Prayer 09.30) Feast: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

MP: Psalms 103, 150; Genesis 17.1-13; Romans 2.17-end  
EP: Psalm 115; Deuteronomy 30.[1-10] 11-end; Acts 3.1-16

#### Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> January 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30) Memorial: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith

MP: Psalm 18.1-30; Ruth 1; Colossians 2.8-end  
EP: Psalms 45, 46; Isaiah 60.1-12; John 1.35-42

#### Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> January 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30) Christmas Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 127, 128, 131; Ruth 2; Colossians 3.1-11  
EP: Psalms 96, 97; Isaiah 49.1-13; John 4.7-26  
(First Evening Prayer of the Epiphany)

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration The Epiphany of the Lord 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 132, 113; Jeremiah 31.7-14; John 1.29-34  
EP: Psalms 98, 100; Baruch 4.36 - 5.9 or Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11

### First Reading (Isaiah 63.7–9)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, ‘Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely’; and he became their saviour in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

### Psalms 148 Response:

Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars. **R**

Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded and they were created.  
He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; **R**

Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens, old and young together. **R**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven.  
He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel,  
a people who are near him. Alleluia! **R**

### Second Reading (Hebrews 2.10–18)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, ‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’ And again, ‘I will put my trust in him.’ And again, ‘Here am I and the children whom God has given me.’

Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation

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

### Gospel (Matthew 2.13–23)

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean’.

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