

Parish Contacts

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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Selina Nimako, Motunde Awolowo.

Anniversaries of death:

Nana Aba Otoo, Sandra Quarshire, Caleb Aubee,

Stanley Henry Saunders, Sarah Lawson,

Rebecca Thompson.

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 527 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Offertory 381 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Communion 683 Thou didst leave thy throne

Recessional 221 God is working his purpose out

Mass setting: 953 A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Mass for the Immaculate Conception

There will be an additional Mass this week, on Monday at 9am, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This feast celebrates the work of God's grace in preparing Mary for her role as the Mother of the Redeemer.

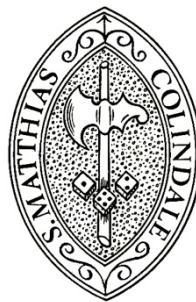
Pizza and Theology Evening (Advent Study Group)

The Advent study group will meet on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm, looking at what the Bible and the teaching of the Church have to say about the Second Coming of Christ and the final judgement, and what significance it has for us here and now.

The evening will include a pizza supper, so please let Fr Matthew know if you are coming for catering purposes. The evening will finish by 9pm.

Carol Service at St Matthias

Our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the St Matthias Singers under the direction of Konstantin Gensitskiy, will be held on Sunday 21st December at 6pm. Mark the date in your diaries!



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Second Sunday of Advent 7th 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 7th December 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
Second Sunday of Advent **11am Parish Mass**

MP: Psalm 80; Amos 7; Luke 1.5-20

EP: Psalms 11 [28]; 1 Kings 18.17-39; John 1.19-28

Mon 8th December **9am Mass**

Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalm 44 (or) 27, 30; Isaiah 30.1-18; Matthew 14.1-12

EP: Pss 144, 146 (or) 26, 28, 29; Isaiah 45.14-end; 1 Thessalonians 1

Tues 9th December **12.30pm Mass**

MP: Psalms 56, 57 (or) 32, 36; Isaiah 30.19-end; Matthew 14.13-end

EP: Psalms 11, 12, 13 (or) 33; Isaiah 46; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12

Weds 10th December **10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 9.30)**

Ember Day. Commemoration: Our Lady of Loreto

MP: Psalms 62, 63 (or) 34; Isaiah 31; Matthew 15.1-20

EP: Psalms 10, 14 (or) 119.33-56; Isaiah 47; 1 Thessalonians 2.13-end

Thurs 11th December **9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 8.30)**

MP: Psalms 53, 54, 60 (or) 37; Isaiah 32; Matthew 15.21-28

EP: Psalm 73 (or) 39, 40; Isaiah 48.1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3

Fri 12th December **9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 8.30)**

Ember Day. Commemoration: Our Lady of Guadalupe

MP: Psalms 85, 86 (or) 31; Isaiah 33.1-22; Matthew 15.29-end

EP: Psalms 82, 90 (or) 35; Isaiah 48.12-end; 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12

Sat 13th December **10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 9.30)**

Memorial: Saint Lucy of Syracuse, Virgin & Martyr

MP: Psalm 145 (or) 41, 42, 43; Isaiah 35; Matthew 16.1-12

EP: Pss 93, 94 (or) 45, 46; Isaiah 49.1-13; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

Sunday 14th December 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
Third Sunday of Advent **11am Parish Mass**

MP: Psalm 68.1-19; Zephaniah 3.14-end; Philippians 4.4-7

EP: Psalms 12 [14]; Isaiah 5.8-end; Acts 13.13-41

First Reading (Isaiah 11.1-10)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 72.1-7, 18-19 Response:

**In his time shall the righteous flourish,
and peace till the moon shall be no more.**

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the
little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more. **R**

Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessèd be his glorious name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

Second Reading (Romans 15.4-13)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that

together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 3.1-12)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ