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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Peter Cutmore, Clinton Jones.

Anniversaries of death: Peter Chappell,

Leslie Robinson, Enid Stone, Trevor Rivett.

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	Sheet	Hail to the Lord who comes
Offertory	381	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Communion	701	Virgin-born, we bow before thee
Recessional	157	Faithful vigil ended
Mass setting:	952	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

Vacancy in See

A public online consultation on the Statement of Needs for the new Bishop of London will be held on 26 February, 6-7.30pm. To attend, please register by emailing governance@london.anglican.org.

Diocesan Lent Programme

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on 18th February. The Diocesan Lent programme this year is "Treasures of Darkness", Online on Tuesdays through Lent 24 February, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March.

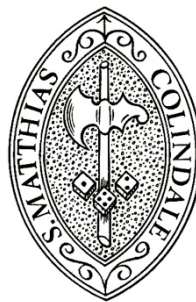
"This Lent, join us to explore the journey of discipleship amid uncertainty, mystery, and unknowing. Drawing on lived experience and the wisdom of disability and suffering theologies, we will reflect on what it means to follow Christ – not in spite of life's struggles, but as we encounter God's grace and guidance within them. Together, we will seek the treasures hidden in darkness and mystery, nurturing a faith that trusts beyond sight and clarity." For more information and to register see here: www.london.anglican.org/church-and-parish-support/confident-disciples/treasures-of-darkness-lent-2026-2/

Parochial Church Council

The PCC will meet today, Sunday 1st February, after the Parish Mass

Thursday this week

Please note that there will be no Morning Prayer on Thursday this week.



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Presentation of Christ 1st February 2026



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 1st February 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
The Presentation of Christ 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 48, 146; Exodus 13.1-16; Romans 12.1-5

EP: Psalms 122, 132; Haggai 2.1-9; John 2.18-22

Mon 2nd February No Services

MP: Psalms 1, 2, 3; Genesis 24.1-28, 1 Timothy 6.1-10

EP: Psalms 4, 7, 2 Chronicles 2.1-16, John 17.1-5

Tues 3rd February 12.30pm Mass

Memorial: Saint Anskar, Bishop; Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

MP: Psalms 5, 6, (8); Genesis 24.29-end; 1 Timothy 6.11-end

EP: Psalms 9, 10*; 2 Chronicles 3; John 17.6-19

Weds 4th February 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

MP: Psalm 119.1-32; Genesis 25.7-11, 19-end; 2 Timothy 1.1-14

EP: Psalms 11, 12, 13; 2 Chronicles 5; John 17.20-end

Thurs 5th February 9am Mass (N.B. no Morning Prayer)

Commemoration: Saint Agatha of Catania, Virgin & Martyr

MP: Psalms 14, 15, 16; Genesis 26.34 – 27.40; 2 Timothy 1.15 – 2.13

EP: Psalm 18*; 2 Chronicles 6.1-21; John 18.1-11

Fri 6th February 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

Memorial: The Martyrs of Japan

MP: Psalms 17, 19; Genesis 27.41 – end of 28; 2 Timothy 2.14-end

EP: Psalm 22; 2 Chronicles 6.22-end; John 18.12-27

Sat 7th February 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 20, 21, 23; Genesis 29.1-30; 2 Timothy 3

EP: Psalms 24, 25; 2 Chronicles 7; John 18.28-end

Sunday 8th February 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration

2nd Sunday before Lent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 100, 150; Job 38.1-21; Colossians 1.15-20

EP: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8.1, 22-31; Revelation 4

First Reading (Malachi 3.1–5)

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 24:**Response:****The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R**

'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
and who can stand in his holy place?'
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud. **R**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.' **R**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is he, this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.' **R**

Second Reading (Hebrews 2.14–18)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The true light which enlightens everyone
was coming into the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (Luke 2.22–40)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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