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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Eunice McGinty Warren, Guido Adorni, Karim,
Bernardo Gayle, Malcolm Johnson (*priest*).

Anniversaries of death:

Isaac Mensah, Joyce Prior, Phylis Thompson,
Leonida Dyer, James Chinery.

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	684	Thou, whose almighty Word
Offertory	485	O, for a thousand tongues to sing
Communion	29	Amazing grace
Recessional	156	Faithful Shepherd, feed me
Mass setting:	953	<i>A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)</i>

Parish Notices

Curry and Theology

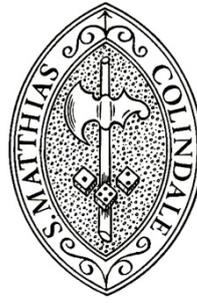
The next Theology group (with curry for a change, instead of pizza) will be this week on the evening of Wednesday 18th March, from 7pm to 9pm at the Vicarage. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. The topic will be "The Mystery of Salvation".

International Women's Day/Mother's Day Event

Hendon Labour invite all members of the community to join them for refreshments celebrating International Women's Day and Mother's Day this Sunday, 15th March, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. VENUE: Brews and Views, Playing Fields, The Hub, Montrose, The Greenway, London NW9 5AT. This will be an informal gathering where we can spend time together, connect with one another, and meet our local councillors, community members and our Member of Parliament. All are welcome. For details and RSVP see: <https://events.labour.org.uk/event/519705>

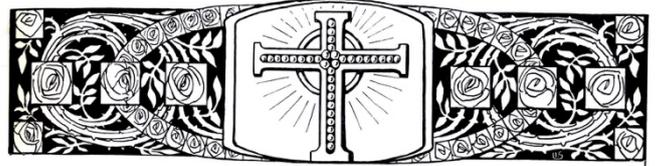
Termination of Suspension of Presentation

The presentation of an incumbent to the benefice of St Matthias Colindale has been suspended since 2006 to allow changes to be made to parish boundaries and pastoral provision. Following the creation of the new parish of St Augustine Grahame Park last year, the Bishop of Edmonton has now given notice that the suspension here will end on 25th March, after which a date will be set for Fr Matthew's collation and induction as the Vicar.



The Parish of Colindale Saint Matthias

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) 15th March 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 15th March 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration Fourth Sunday of Lent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 19; Isaiah 43.1-7; Ephesians 2.8-14
EP: Psalm 31.1-16 or 31.1-8; Micah 7 or Prayer of Manasseh; James 5

Mon 16th March No Services

MP: Pss 70, 77 (or) 123, 124, 125, 126; Exodus 2.11-22; Hebrews 9.1-14
EP: Psalms 25, 28 (or) 127, 128, 129; Jeremiah 17.5-18; John 9.18-end

Tues 17th March 12.30pm Mass

Feast: Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland

MP: Pss 54, 79 (or) 132, 133; Exodus 2.23 - 3.20; Hebrews 9.15-end
EP: Psalms 80, 82 (or) (134), 135; Jeremiah 18.1-12; John 10.1-10

Weds 18th March 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Commemoration: Saint Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith

MP: Psalms 63, 90 (or) 119.153-end; Exodus 4.1-23; Hebrews 10.1-18
EP: Psalm 132; Hosea 11.1-9; Luke 2.41-end
(*First Evening Prayer of Saint Joseph*)

Thurs 19th March 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

Solemnity: Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 25, 147.1-12; Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 13.54-end
EP: Psalms 1, 112; Genesis 50.22-end; Matthew 2.13-end

Fri 20th March 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

Memorial: Saint Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, Hermit

MP: Psalm 102 (or) 142, 144; Exodus 6.2-13; Hebrews 10.26-end
EP: Psalms 13, 16 (or) 145; Jeremiah 19.14 - 20.6; John 11.1-16

Sat 21st March 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Memorial: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr.

MP: Psalm 32 (or) 147; Exodus 7.8-end; Hebrews 11.1-16
EP: Psalms 140, 141, 142 (or) 148, 149, 150; Jeremiah 20.7-end; John 11.17-27

Sunday 22nd March 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration Fifth Sunday of Lent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 86; Jeremiah 31.27-37; John 12.20-33
EP: Psalm 30; Lamentations 3.19-33; Matthew 20.17-end

First Reading (1 Samuel 16.1–13)

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.'

And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.'

But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.'

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought David in.

Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

Second Reading (Ephesians 5.8–14)

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel (John 9.1–41)

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?'

He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.'

They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.'

Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'

They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?'

Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him.

Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see," your sin remains.'

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