

Parish Contacts

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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Guido Adorni, Karim, Malcolm Johnson (priest).

Anniversaries of death:

Esther Matthews, Jim Rowland.

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	663	The royal banners forward go
Offertory	34	And now, O Father, mindful of the love (Tune 1: Unde et Memores)
Communion	333	It is a thing most wonderful
Recessional	327	In the cross of Christ I glory
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Parochial Church Council

The PCC will meet today after the Parish Mass.

Clocks go forward

The clocks go forward one hour next Sunday, 29th March.

Principal Holy Week Services

29th March Palm Sunday

11am: Blessing of palms, commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem and Parish Mass
(beginning outside the Vicarage)

2nd April Maundy Thursday

8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by watch at the Altar of Repose

3rd April Good Friday

1.30pm Musical meditation on the Passion
2pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

4th April Holy Saturday

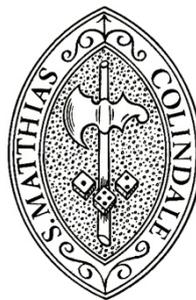
8pm: Easter Vigil

5th April Easter Day

11am: Parish Mass of the Resurrection

Other Holy Week Masses: Monday 30th March 9am;
Tuesday 31st March 12.30pm; Wednesday 1st April 10am
(with anointing for healing).

Confessions: Weds 1st April 7pm, Good Friday 12 Noon,
or by appointment.



The Parish of Colindale Saint Matthias

The Fifth Sunday of Lent 22nd 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 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

Mon 23rd March No Services

MP: Psalms 73, 121 (or) 1, 2, 3; Exodus 8.1-19; Hebrews 11.17-31

EP: Psalms 26, 27 (or) 4, 7; Jeremiah 21.1-10; John 11.28-44

Tues 24th March 12.30pm Mass

Commemoration: Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

MP: Pss 35, 123 (or) 5, 6, (8); Exodus 8.20-end; Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2

EP: Psalm 85; Wisdom 9.1-12 or Genesis 3.8-15; Galatians 4.1-5
(First Evening Prayer of the Annunciation)

Weds 25th March 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 111, 113; 1 Samuel 2.1-10; Romans 5.12-end

EP: Psalms 131, 146; Isaiah 52.1-12; Hebrews 2.5-end

Thurs 26th March 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

MP: Pss 40, 125 (or) 14, 15, 16; Exodus 9.13-end; Hebrews 12.14-end

EP: Psalms 42, 43 (or) 18*; Jeremiah 23.9-32; John 12.12-19

Fri 27th March 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

MP: Psalms 22, 126 (or) 17, 19; Exodus 10; Hebrews 13.1-16

EP: Psalm 31 (or) 22; Jeremiah 24; John 12.20-36a

Sat 28th March 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

MP: Psalms 23, 127 (or) 20, 21, 23; Exodus 11; Hebrews 13.17-end

EP: Pss 128, 129, 130 (or) 24, 25; Jeremiah 25.1-14; John 12.36b-end

Sunday 29th March 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
Palm Sunday  11am Commemoration of the Lord's
Entry into Jerusalem and Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 61, 62; Zechariah 9.9-12; Luke 16.19-end

EP: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5.1-7; Matthew 21.33-end

First Reading (Ezekiel 37.1–14)

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.'

Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 130

Response:

With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night-watch for the morning,
more than the night-watch for the morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

Second Reading (Romans 8.6–11)

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me,
says the Lord; the Father and I are one.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel (John 11.1–45)

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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