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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:

Dennis Reed, Leslie Cyril Dobson, Pauline Atkinson.

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	252	Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer
Offertory	205	Glorious things of thee are spoken (2nd tune, Abbot's Leigh)
Communion	610	Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	161	Father, hear the prayer we offer
Mass setting:	953	A Simple Mass (Andrew Moore)

Parish Notices

Curry and Theology

The next Theology group (with curry for a change, instead of pizza) will be 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".

Serving Team

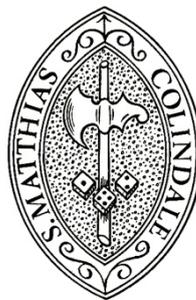
Fr Matthew is looking for members of the congregation able to make a regular commitment who would like to form a serving team for the Sunday Mass. Servers assist in the celebration of the liturgy by carrying the cross, candles and incense and by helping to prepare the bread and wine. Speak to Fr Matthew if you would like to find out more.

Fr Matthew

Fr Matthew is preaching at St Andrew's Alexandra Park this morning.

Votive Candles

Due to rising costs we have had to increase the suggested donation for votive candles. There are now two sizes: 6" candles (20 pence) and 4½" candles (15 pence). Donations may be made in the box on the candle stand, or by bank transfer (identified as "candles") to: St Matthias PCC, account number 81460676, sort code 40-03-26.



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Third Sunday of Lent 8th 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 8th March 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
Third Sunday of Lent 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 46; Amos 7.10-end; 2 Corinthians 1.1-11
EP: Psalm 40; Joshua 1.1-9; Ephesians 6.10-20

Mon 9th March *No Services*

MP: Psalms 5, 7 (or) 98, 99, 101; Genesis 47.1-27; Hebrews 4.14 - 5.10
EP: Psalms 11, 17 (or) 105* (or) 103; Jeremiah 11.1-17; John 7.37-52

Tues 10th March 12.30pm Mass

MP: Psalms 6, 9 (or) 106* (or) 103; Genesis 47.28 - end of 48; Hebrews 5.11 - 6.12
EP: Psalms 61,62,64 (or) 107*; Jeremiah 11.18 - 12.6; John 7.53 - 8.11

Weds 11th March 10am Mass (*Morning Prayer at 09.30*)

MP: Psalm 38 (or) 110, 111, 112; Genesis 49.1-32; Hebrews 6.13-end
EP: Psalms 36, 39 (or) 119.129-152; Jeremiah 13.1-11; John 8.12-30

Thurs 12th March 9am Mass (*Morning Prayer at 08.30*)

MP: Pss 56, 57 (or) 113, 115; Genesis 49.33 - 50.26; Hebrews 7.1-10
EP: Psalms 59, 60 (or) 114, 116, 117; Jeremiah 14; John 8.31-47

Fri 13th March 9am Mass (*Morning Prayer at 08.30*)

MP: Psalm 22 (or) 139; Exodus 1.1-14; Hebrews 7.11-end
EP: Psalm 69 (or) 130, 131, 137; Jeremiah 15.10-end; John 8.48-end

Sat 14th March 10am Mass (*Morning Prayer at 09.30*)

Lent Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MP: Psalm 31 (or) 120, 121, 122; Exodus 1.22 - 2.10; Hebrews 8
EP: Psalms 116, 130 (or) 118; Jeremiah 16.10 - 17.4; John 9.1-17

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

First Reading (Exodus 17.1-7)

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 95

Response:

**O that today you would hearken to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would hearken to his voice! **R**

'Harden not your hearts,

as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, though they had seen my works. **R**

Forty years long I detested that generation and said,

"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest." **R**

Second Reading (Romans 5.1-11)

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord, you are truly the saviour of the world:

give me the living water, so that I may never be thirsty again.

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Gospel (John 4.5-42)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ