

Parish Contacts

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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Paul Daniels, Claude Planet, Monica.

Anniversaries of death: Kathleen Peters,

Nancy Shepherd, Gloria Thompson,

Marie Matilda Luis, Esther Dussey, Josef Houldsworth.

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	436	Angel voices ever singing
Offertory	439	At the name of Jesus
Communion	402	Victim Divine, thy grace we claim
Recessional	464	Fight the good fight (tune: Duke Street, 417)
Mass setting:	681	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

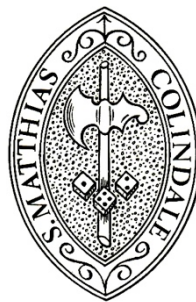
Parochial Church Council and Common Fund

The PCC meets today immediately after the Parish Mass. This meeting will need to consider our Common Fund offer to the Diocese for 2027, as well as our other financial commitments towards maintenance and repairs for next year. Currently we give the Diocese less than half of what we cost, and are not able to save any significant sums for capital projects. To help us improve both, it is important that every member of the congregation who is able to do so commits to regular financial giving, as we can only make commitments for the future on the basis of income we know we are going to receive.

Thank you to those who have already made a commitment! If you haven't yet done so, and can, please return a pledge form to the Treasurer before today's meeting.

Reception after the Induction of the Vicar

Fr Matthew's Induction as the Vicar will take place during a sung Mass this Thursday, 30th July at 7pm, principal celebrant and preacher the Archdeacon of Hampstead, and in the presence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Barnet, and the Deputy Lieutenant. Please sign up on the sheet in church if you are able to contribute some food for the cold buffet afterwards in the Vicarage garden.



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 26th July 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 26th July	10.15 Eucharistic Adoration
8th Sunday after Trinity	11am Parish Mass
MP: Psalm 77; Song of Solomon 2 or 1 Maccabees 2.1-14; 15-22; 1 Peter 4.7-14	
EP: Psalms 75 [76]; 1 Kings 6.11-14, 23-end; Acts 12.1-17	
Mon 27th July	<i>No Services</i>
MP: Psalms 27, 30; 1 Samuel 14.24-46; Luke 23.13-25	
EP: Psalms 26, 28, 29; Jeremiah 31.23-25, 27-37; James 2.1-13	
Tues 28th July	12.30pm Mass
MP: Psalms 32, 36; 1 Samuel 15.1-23; Luke 23.26-43	
EP: Psalm 33; Jeremiah 32.1-15; James 2.14-end	
Weds 29th July	10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)
Memorial: Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord	
MP: Psalm 34; 1 Samuel 16; Luke 23.44-56a	
EP: Psalms 119.33-56; Jeremiah 33.1-13; James 3	
Thurs 30th July	9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)
Memorial: William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners	
MP: Psalm 37*; 1 Samuel 17.1-30; Luke 23.56b - 24.12	
EP: Psalms 39, 40; Jeremiah 33.14-end; James 4.1-12	
Fri 31st July	9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)
Memorial: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus	
MP: Psalm 31; 1 Samuel 17.31-54; Luke 24.13-35	
EP: Psalm 35; Jeremiah 35; James 4.13 - 5.6	
Sat 1st August	10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)
Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
MP: Psalms 41, 42, 43; 1 Samuel 17.55 - 18.16; Luke 24.36-end	
EP: Psalms 45, 46; Jeremiah 36.1-18; James 5.7-end	
Sunday 2nd August	10.15 Eucharistic Adoration
9th Sunday after Trinity	11am Parish Mass
MP: Ps. 85; Song of Sol. 5.2-end or 1 Maccabees 3.1-12; 2 Peter 1.1-15	
EP: Psalm 80*; 1 Kings 10.1-13; Acts 13.1-13	

First Reading (1 Kings 3.5-12)

A reading from the First Book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 119.129-136

Response: Lord, how I love your law.

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your name. **R**

Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments. **R**

Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law. **R**

Second Reading (Romans 8.26-39)

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and

those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 13.31-33,44-52)

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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