

Parish Contacts

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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed:

Claude Planet; Monica; Louis Poulastides.

Anniversaries of death:

David Baxter (priest); Frederick Webb; Milicent Thorpe; John Rowland; Jean Baxter.

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	285	Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Offertory	280	Protect us, while telling thy praises we sing
Communion	32	Born in the night, Mary's child
Recessional	278	Her virgin eyes saw God incarnate born
Mass setting:	681	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

Today's Feast

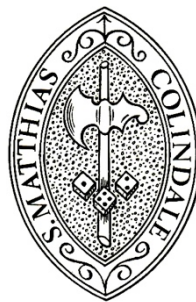
The Feast of the Assumption or Dormition ("falling asleep") of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 15th of August was observed in the Eastern Church from the fourth Century, and was brought into the West around the seventh Century. It celebrates the end of Mary's earthly life and her entry into Heaven as the first among the saints. The word "Assumption" comes from the early tradition that after her death Mary's physical body was raised or "assumed" into Heaven along with her soul, anticipating the general resurrection at the end of time.

Repair Works

Work to repair and redecorate the west wall and the ceiling after the fire in April has now been approved and will begin on Monday 7th September. Altogether it is expected to take three weeks, leaving the weekends clear so that Sunday services can take place as usual. Weekday Masses in the chapel will not be affected.

Funeral Mass for Louis Poulastides

The Funeral Mass for Louis Poulastides will be celebrated in Church on Wednesday 2nd September at 2pm, followed by committal at Hendon Crematorium at 4pm.



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 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 16th August 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration Assumption of the BVM 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 98, 138, 147.1-12; Isaiah 7.10-15; Luke 11.27, 28
EP: Psalm 132; Song of Solomon 2.1-7; Acts 1.6-14

Mon 17th August No Services

MP: Psalms 80, 82; 2 Samuel 3.12-end; Acts 6
EP: Psalms 85, 86; Micah 1.1-9; Mark 5.1-20

Tues 18th August 12.30pm Mass

MP: Psalms 87, 89.1-18; 2 Samuel 5.1-12; Acts 7.1-16
EP: Psalm 89.19-end; Micah 2; Mark 5.21-34

Weds 19th August 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

MP: Psalm 119.105-128; 2 Samuel 6.1-19; Acts 7.17-43
EP: Psalms 91, 93; Micah 3; Mark 5.35-end

Thurs 20th August 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

Memorial: Saint Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith

MP: Psalms 90, 92; 2 Samuel 7.1-17; Acts 7.44-53
EP: Psalm 94; Micah 4.1 - 5.1; Mark 6.1-13

Fri 21st August 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

MP: Psalms 88, (95); 2 Samuel 7.18-end; Acts 7.54 - 8.3
EP: Psalm 102; Micah 5.2-end; Mark 6.14-29

Sat 22nd August 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Memorial: Our Lady, Mother and Queen

MP: Psalms 96, 97, 100; 2 Samuel 9; Acts 8.4-25
EP: Psalm 104; Micah 6; Mark 6.30-44

Sunday 23rd August 10.15 Eucharistic Adoration 12th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 104.1-25; Jonah 2 or Ecclesiasticus 3.17-29; Revelation 1
EP: Psalm 95; 2 Kings 6.8-23; Acts 17.15-end

First Reading (Revelation 11.19 – 12.6)

A reading from the book of Revelation.

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth.

Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 45.10-17**Response:****Sing praises to God, sing praises!**

'Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your family's house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your master; therefore do him honour. **R**

The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favour.'
All glorious is the princess as she enters;
her gown is cloth-of-gold. **R**

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought,
and enter into the palace of the king. **R**

'In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another;
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.' **R**

Second Reading (Galatians 4.4-7)

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

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 1.46-55)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour
on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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