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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed: June, Keith Thomas, Ivy.

Anniversaries of death:

Brian Masters (Bishop of Edmonton), Eileen Willis,

Peter William Rossiter, Phyl Woods.

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	569	Stand up, and bless the Lord
Offertory	467	Glorious things of thee are spoken
Communion	373	Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed (2nd tune)
Recessional	464	Fight the good fight with all thy might (tune: Duke Street, 417)

Mass setting: 681 A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday 4th October. As in past years we be collecting non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries for the Colindale Food Bank.

Their current wish list is: tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, pasta sauce, rice pudding, sugar - small packets (very urgent), coffee, juice, crisps/snacks, biscuits, cooking oil, long life milk, toilet rolls, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, nappies - size 3,4,5 & 6, wipes, washing powder, washing up liquid, toothbrush, toothpaste.

(N.B. they have plenty of beans, pasta, cereal and soup.)

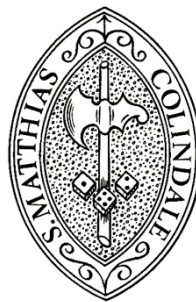
If you would prefer to donate money, you can do so online: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=214152>

PCC

The Parochial Church Council will meet today, after the Parish Mass.

Pilgrimage Day to Broadstairs

There will be a Pilgrimage Day at the Shrine of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, in Broadstairs, on Saturday 26th September. See poster for details.



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 20th September 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 20th September 10am Eucharistic Adoration
16th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 119.153-end; Isaiah 45.9-22; Revelation 14.1-5
EP: Psalm 119.113-136*; Ezekiel 33.23, 30 - 34.10; Acts 26.1, 9-25

Mon 21st September No Services
Feast: Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

MP: Psalms 49, 117; 1 Kings 19.15-end; 2 Timothy 3.14-end
EP: Psalm 119.33-40, 89-96; Ecclesiastes 5.4-12; Matthew 19.16-end

Tues 22nd September 12.30pm Mass

MP: Psalms 48, 52; 1 Kings 13.11-end; Acts 19.21-end
EP: Psalm 50; Sirach 1.11-end or Ezekiel 1.15 - 2.2; Mark 12.35-end

Weds 23rd September 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)
Ember Day

MP: Psalm 119.57-80; 1 Kings 17; Acts 20.1-16
EP: Psalms 59, 60, (67); Sirach 2 or Ezekiel 2.3 - 3.11; Mark 13.1-13

Thurs 24th September 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)
Feast: Our Lady of Walsingham

MP: Psalms 56, 57, (63*); 1 Kings 18.1-20; Acts 20.17-end
EP: Pss 61, 62, 64; Sirach 3.17-29 or Ezekiel 3.12-27; Mark 13.14-23

Fri 25th September 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)
Memorial: Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer

MP: Psalms 51, 54; 1 Kings 18.21-end; Acts 21.1-16
EP: Psalm 38; Sirach 4.11-28 or Ezekiel 8; Mark 13.24-31

Sat 26th September 10am Mass (N.B. no Morning Prayer)

MP: Psalm 68; 1 Kings 19; Acts 21.17-36
EP: Psalms 65, 66; Sirach 4.29 - 6.1 or Ezekiel 9; Mark 13.32-end

Sunday 27th September 10am Eucharistic Adoration
17th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 125, 126, 127; Isaiah 48.12-21; Luke 11.37-end
EP: Psalms [120, 123] 124; Ezekiel 37.15-end; 1 John 2.22-end

First Reading (Jonah 3.10-4.11)

A reading from the Book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 145.1-8

Response:

The Lord is near to those who call upon him.

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power. **R**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty
and all your marvellous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness. **R**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

Second Reading (Philippians 1.21-30)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
Many who are first will be last, says the Lord,
and the last will be first.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 20.1-16)

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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