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Intercessions

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

For the recently departed: Ivy, Samuel Addo.

Anniversaries of death:

George Henry Warrington, Iris Appleby.

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	439	At the name of Jesus
Offertory	376	Draw nigh, and take the Body of the Lord (tune: Ellers, 351)
Communion	390	May the grace of Christ our Saviour
Recessional	409	Sing to the Lord glad hymns of praise (tune: St Magnus, 176)
Mass setting:	681	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

Welcome Adira!

Today we welcome Adira James to Holy Baptism, with her family, godparents and supporters.

Invitation to the Romanian Orthodox Feast

Next Sunday, 4th October, our brothers and sisters in the Romanian Orthodox Church will be celebrating their patronal festival of the Protection of the Mother of God. We are invited to join them for a feast of traditional Romanian food and drink, immediately after our parish Mass.

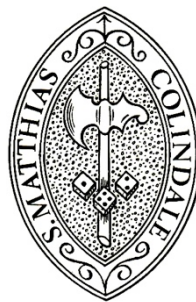
Harvest Thanksgiving

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>



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 27th 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 27th September 10am Eucharistic Adoration 17th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Mass & Baptism

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

Mon 28th September No Services

MP: Psalm 71; 1 Kings 21; Acts 21.37 - 22.21
EP: Psalms 72, 75; Sirach 6.14-end or Ezekiel 10.1-19; Mark 14.1-11

Tues 29th September 12.30pm Mass

Feast: Saint Michael and All Angels

MP: Psalms 34, 150; Tobit 12.6-end or Daniel 12.1-4; Acts 12.1-11
EP: Psalms 138, 148; Daniel 10.4-end; Revelation 5

Weds 30th September 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Commemoration: Saint Jerome, Teacher of the Faith

MP: Psalm 77; 1 Kings 22.29-45; Acts 23.12-end
EP: Psalm 119.81-104; Sirach 10.6-8, 12-24 or Ezekiel 12.1-16; Mark 14.26-42

Thurs 1st October 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

Memorial: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Religious, Teacher of the Faith

MP: Psalm 78.1-39*; 2 Kings 1.2-17; Acts 24.1-23
EP: Ps 78.40-end*; Sirach 11.7-28 or Ezekiel 12.17-28; Mark 14.43-52

Fri 2nd October 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

Memorial: The Holy Guardian Angels

MP: Psalm 55; 2 Kings 2.1-18; Acts 24.24 - 25.12
EP: Psalm 69; Sirach 14.20 - 15.10 or Ezekiel 13.1-16; Mark 14.53-65

Sat 3rd October 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi (800th anniversary)

MP: Psalms 76, 79; 2 Kings 4.1-37; Acts 25.13-end
EP: Pss 81, 84; Sirach 15.11-end or Ezekiel 14.1-11; Mark 14.66-end

Sunday 4th October 10am Eucharistic Adoration

Harvest Thanksgiving 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 48, 150; Haggai 2.6-9; Hebrews 10.19-25
EP: Psalm 132; Jeremiah 7.1-11; 1 Corinthians 3.9-17

First Reading (Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 25.1-9

Response:

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-13)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
The crowds were astounded at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 21.23-32)

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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