

Parish Contacts

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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, George Bush (priest), Karey Demetri.

Anniversary of death:

Beryl Plunkett.

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	355	Come, ye thankful people, come
Offertory	357	To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
Communion	393	O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil
Recessional	359	All creatures of our God and King (omit *)
Mass setting:	681	A New People's Mass (Gregory Murray)

Parish Notices

Invitation to the Romanian Orthodox Feast

Today our brothers and sisters in the Romanian Orthodox Church are 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

We celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving today, collecting food and other necessities for the Colindale food bank. We will keep the collection open for another week for those who wish to contribute. If you would prefer to donate money, you can do so online:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=214152>

Church Opening

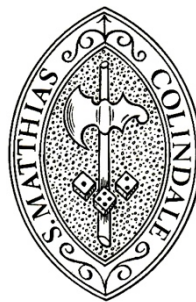
With CCTV now installed outside the external access points we are once again able to open the main part of the church during the day for visits and private prayer.

Extra Mass

There will be an extra Mass this week on Monday at 9am.

Pizza and Theology

Pizza and Theology resumes for the Michaelmas term on Thursday 22nd October, 7pm to 9pm at the Vicarage. The theme of the evening is "Unmasking the Powers – Spiritual Warfare and Liberation". Please sign up on the list at the back of Church, for catering purposes.



The Parish of Colindale

Saint Matthias

Harvest Thanksgiving 4th October 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 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

Mon 5th October 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

MP: Psalms 80, 82; 2 Kings 5; Acts 26.1-23
EP: Pss 85, 86; Sirach 16.17-end or Ezekiel 14.12-end; Mark 15.1-15

Tues 6th October 12.30pm Mass

Commemoration: Saint Bruno, Founder of the Carthusians

MP: Psalms 87, 89.1-18; 2 Kings 6.1-23; Acts 26.24-end
EP: Psalm 89.19-52; Sirach 17.1-24 or Ezekiel 18.1-20; Mark 15.16-32

Weds 7th October 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Commemoration: Our Lady of the Rosary

MP: Psalm 119.105-128; 2 Kings 9.1-16; Acts 27.1-26
EP: Psalms 91, 93; Sirach 18.1-14 or Ezekiel 18.21-32; Mark 15.33-41

Thurs 8th October 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

MP: Psalms 90, 92; 2 Kings 9.17-end; Acts 27.27-end
EP: Psalm 94; Sirach 19.4-17 or Ezekiel 20.1-20; Mark 15.42-end

Fri 9th October 9am Mass (Morning Prayer at 08.30)

Commemoration: Saint Denys, Bishop of Paris, & Companions, Martyrs

MP: Psalms 88, (95); 2 Kings 12.1-19; Acts 28.1-16
EP: Psalm 102; Sirach 19.20-end or Ezekiel 20.21-38; Mark 16.1-8

Sat 10th October 10am Mass (Morning Prayer at 09.30)

Memorial: Saint Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary

MP: Psalms 96, 97, 100; 2 Kings 17.1-23; Acts 28.17-end
EP: Psalm 104; Sirach 21.1-17 or Ezekiel 24.15-end; Mark 16.9-end

Sunday 11th October 10am Eucharistic Adoration

19th Sunday after Trinity 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 138, 141; Isaiah 50.4-10; Luke 13.22-30
EP: Psalm 139.1-18*; Proverbs 3.1-18; 1 John 3.1-15

First Reading (Deuteronomy 8.7–18)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 65 1-3,8-end

Response: You crown the year with goodness.

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.
Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out. **R**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water. **R**

You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. **R**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing. **R**

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 9.6–15)

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting: Gather the fruit for eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 12.16–30)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus told the people a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ