

**First Reading** (Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10)

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 19****Response:**

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world. **R**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12.12–31a)**

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
All spoke well of Jesus and were amazed  
at the gracious words that came from his mouth.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel (Luke 4.14–21)**

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

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### Intercessions

*For all those affected by Coronavirus here and throughout the world, for all health workers and those in authority.*

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

*For the recently departed:* Doreen Smith, Pauline West, John, Esther Rockson, Desmond Tutu (Bishop), Evan Jones (Priest).

*Anniversaries of death:* Nelly Michel, May Mitchell, Beatrice Dobson.

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### 11am Parish Mass Hymns:

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| Entrance    | 485 | O, for a thousand tongues to sing       |
| Offertory   | 540 | O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray |
| Communion   | 420 | Lord, thy word abideth                  |
| Recessional | 221 | God is working his purpose out          |

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### Parish Notices

#### Holocaust Memorial Day - Today 3pm

This year's Borough Holocaust Memorial Day service will be held this afternoon at the Rickett Quadrangle, Middlesex University, The Burroughs, NW4 4BT. Everyone is welcome to this commemorative service to remember the victims of genocide. Please be seated by 2.45pm.

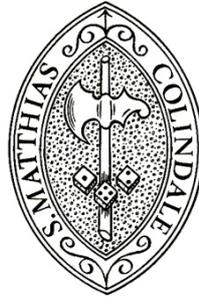
#### Weekday Mass times from 18<sup>th</sup> January

(unless otherwise advertised):

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| Tuesday   | 12 Noon |   |
| Wednesday | 8am     |   |
| Thursday  | 8am     |   |
| Friday    | 7pm     |   |
| Saturday  | 10am    | (usually a Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary) |

#### Other Ministries

The Church's healing ministry (the laying on of hands and anointing) is available on request at any weekday Mass. The Ministry of Reconciliation (confession and absolution) is available after the Saturday Mass or by appointment.



# The Parish of Colindale

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## The Third Sunday of Epiphany 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022



### 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](http://tinyurl.com/jusdp). (\* = a long Psalm, part of which may be omitted.)

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#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 113; Deuteronomy 30.11-15; 3 John 1,5-8

EP: Psalm 33; Numbers 9.15-23; 1 Corinthians 7.17-24

#### Mon 24<sup>th</sup> January No services

Memoria: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith

MP: Pss 40,108 (or) 123,124,125,126; Genesis 11.27-12.9; Matt. 26.1-16

EP: Psalm 149; Isaiah 49.1-13; Acts 22.3-16

(1<sup>st</sup> EP of the Conversion of St Paul)

#### Tues 25<sup>th</sup> January 12 Noon Mass

Solemnity (in the Diocese of London): The Conversion of Saint Paul

MP: Psalms 66, 147.13-21; Ezekiel 3.22-27; Philippians 3.1-14

EP: Psalm 119.41-56; Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10 or Isaiah 56.1-8;

Colossians 1.24 - 2.7

#### Weds 26<sup>th</sup> January 7.30am Morning Prayer; 8am Mass

Memoria: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Companions of St Paul

MP: Psalms 45, 46 (or) 119.153-end; Genesis 14; Matthew 26.36-46

EP: Psalms 21, 29 (or) 136; Hosea 5.1-7; 1 Corinthians 10.14-11.1

#### Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30am Morning Prayer; 8am Mass

MP: Psalms 47, 48 (or) 143, 146; Genesis 15; Matthew 26.47-56

EP: Pss 24, 33 (or) 138, 140, 141; Hosea 5.8-6.6; 1 Corinthians 11.2-16

#### Fri 28<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Mass

Memoria: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Friar, Teacher of the Faith

MP: 2 Samuel 11.1-10, 13-17; Psalm 51.1-6, 9; Mark 4.26-34

EP: Psalms 61, 65 (or) 142, 144; Genesis 16; Matthew 26.57-end

#### Sat 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Morning Prayer; 10am Mass

Saturday Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalm 68 (or) 147; Genesis 17.1-22; Matthew 27.1-10

EP: Psalm 118; 1 Samuel 1.19b-28; Hebrews 4.11-16

(1<sup>st</sup> EP of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration The Presentation of Christ 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 48, 146; Exodus 13.1-16; Romans 12.1-5

EP: Psalms 122, 132; Haggai 2.1-9; John 2.18-22

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