First Reading (Isaiah 60.1-6)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14. Response:

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

Second Reading (Ephesians 3.1-12)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable

you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The peoples are gathered together and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 2.1-12)

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

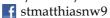
This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ

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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:

Paani Mayers, Patricia Curtis, Doreen Smith, Pauline West, John, Esther Rockson, Desmond Tutu (*Bishop*).

Anniversaries of death:

Daisy Kidder; Rosa Docherty; John James Hall.

11am Parish Mass Hymns:

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Entrance	724	We three kings of orient are
Offertory	152	Earth has many a noble city
Communion	552	O worship the Lord
Recessional	49	As with gladness men of old

Parish Notices

Thank you!

Fr Matthew thanks all congregation members for their kind Christmas greetings, cards and gifts, and wishes everyone a happy and peaceful new year.

Weekday Mass Times

The weekday Masses this week will all be celebrated at 10am. New daily Mass times will start later in the month. Please let Fr Matthew know if there is a particular time or day that would be convenient for you.

Free Lateral Flow Tests

We still have free lateral flow test kits (rapid tests) for COVID-19 available in Church. These have been provided by Barnet Council to churches in the Borough in the run-up to Christmas, so that people can easily take a test before coming to services, and also before visiting relatives, etc. These are the same kits that are available free from the NHS online and from pharmacies, are easy to use, and give a result in 15 minutes. They have been provided for our congregation members to use, so do please take them and use them.



The Parish of Colindale

The Epiphany of the Lord 2nd 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. (* = a long Psalm, part of which may be omitted.)

Sunday 2nd January 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration The Epiphany 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalms 132, 113; Jeremiah 31.7-14; John 1.29-34

EP: Psalms 98, 100; Baruch 4.36 – 5.9 *or* Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11

Mon 3rd January No services

MP: Psalms 127, 128, 131 (or) 71; Ruth 1; Colossians 2.8-end EP: Psalms 2, 110 (or) 72, 75; Isaiah 60.1-12; John 1.35-42

Tues 4th January 10am Mass

MP: Psalm 89.1-37 (or) 73; Ruth 2; Colossians 3.1-11 EP: Psalms 85, 87 (or) 74; Isaiah 60.13-end; John 1.43-end

Weds 5th January 10am Mass

MP: Psalms 8, 48 (or) 77; Ruth 3; Colossians 3.12-4.1 EP: Psalms 96, 97 (or) 119.81-104; Isaiah 61; John 2.1-12

Thurs 6th January 10am Mass

MP: Psalms 8, 48 (or) 78.1-39*; Ruth 4.1-17; Colossians 4.2-end EP: Psalms 96, 97 (or) 78.40-end*; Isaiah 62; John 2.13-end

Fri 7th January 10am Mass

MP: Psalms 99, 147.1-12 (or) 55; Baruch 1.15 – 2.10 or Jeremiah 23.1-8;

Matthew 20.1-16

EP: Psalm 118 (or) 69; Isaiah 63.7-end; 1 John 3

Sat 8th January 10am Mass

Epiphany Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MP: Psalms 46, 147.13-end (or) 76, 79; Baruch 2.11-end or Jeremiah

30.1-17; Matthew 20.17-28

EP: Psalm 36; Isaiah 61; Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7 (First Evening Prayer of the Baptism of Christ)

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Sunday 9th January 10.15am Eucharistic Adoration
The Baptism of Christ 11am Parish Mass

MP: Psalm 89.19-29; Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 19.1-7 EP: Psalms 46, 47; Isaiah 55.1-11; Romans 6.1-11