**St Columba’s Church**

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15TH MARCH 2020 – **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**OUR CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS**

*As already announced, for the time being there will be no exchange of the sign of peace and Holy Communion will be restricted to reception in the hand, NOT on the tongue, and with no chalice. In addition, there will be no holy water in the stoups at the doors and all hymn books and Mass books have been withdrawn. Furthermore, tea and coffee will no longer be served after 10am Sunday Mass and Wednesday’s Café Columba is suspended. We have been instructed to take these precautions by the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. We are unable to provide hand cleanser, an additional requirement, because of a lack of availability.*

*Please all be aware of our elderly neighbours at this difficult time and provide assistance, where possible.*

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.** We are delighted that you have joined us and would like to encourage you, if you are new, to introduce yourself to Father Roy and Deacon Philip. Please complete one of the forms available at the back of the church, giving your contact details for the parish database. Here at St Columba’s families are welcome at ALL Masses; however, we have a specific Children’s Liturgy at 10am Sunday Mass. We look forward to meeting you!

Parish Mass Book: 158

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Reading from Exodus: 17:3-7**

**Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9 rV9:** O that today you would listen to his voice: ‘Harden not your hearts.’

**Reading from the Romans: 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the savior of the world’ give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

**Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** John Davis, Noreen Lawlor, Sebastian Keen, Solveya La Marina, Chris Jones, Maria Reece, Krista Thompson, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Ellis Warburton, Mary Marks, Margaret Edwards, Jean-Claude Anthony, Ellen Everett, Maureen Coffey, Albert Khayyat, Grant Russell, Julie Vincent, James Patrick Guckian, Kathleen Evans, Elizabeth Sensano and sick residents at the four residential homes visited by the parish SVP group (St Vincent De Paul).

**Mass Offering:** If you wish to have a Mass offered, please write the intention and give it to Fr Roy, Deacon Philip or the Parish office. Intention envelopes are at the back of the church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat14th 6.30pm ~ Fedele Lucia, RIP

Sun 15th 8.00pm ~ Salvatore Guida, RIP

Sun 15th 10.00am ~ Aston Soon Siong, RIP & Family

Sun 15th 6.30pm ~ Pro Populo

Mon 16th 9.30am ~ Bill Hickey, RIP

Tues 17th 9.30am ~ Intention of the Alvarez Family

Wed 18th 9.30am ~ Lucia Di Maio, RIP

Thurs 19th 9.30am ~ Special Intention

Fri 20th 9.30am ~ Funeral Mass for Fiona Mintah-Sem, RIP

Sat 21st 6.30pm ~ Stanislaw Gonek, RIP

Sun 22nd 8.00am ~ Nellie Johanna Mason, RIP

Sun 22nd 10.00am ~ Fiona Mintah-Sem, RIP

Sun 22nd 6.30pm ~ Ellen Ligreen, RIP & Family

**REGULAR SERVICES**

* **Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation):** every Saturday 5.30-6.15pm. Also, by appointment with Fr Roy.
* **Rosary Group** meets to pray for peace every Friday morning after 9.30 Mass.
* **Divine Mercy Devotion**: first Wednesday of the month after the 9.30am Mass. Christ asks you “Will you help me?” Next meeting is Wednesday 1st April 2020 in the Sacred Heart Chapel.
* **Novena** to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place each Saturday at 10am
* **Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration:**From 10am to 8pm. See rota in the porch. Contact Deacon Philip if you would like to join the rota. If unable to commit to a set time, please just come along on Tuesday when you can.
* **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout Lent at 7.30pm.

**Everyone welcome to these devotions and gatherings**

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| **THE ROTA FOR WEEK COMMENCING 21st/22nd MAR** |
| **Readers:** |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Geraldine O’Sullivan |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Malliga Baladasan |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Madison P-W |
| * Sunday 6.30pm
 | Angel Wye |
| **Bidding Prayers** | Malliga Baladasan |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** |  |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Deidre |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Team 3: Nohemie & Yvonne |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Team E: Patsy & Marion |
| -Sunday 6.30pm | Danielle |
| **Offertory Procession**10.00am Mass (21st Mar) | Sybille & Lauryl |
| **Church Cleaning**Week starting 16th Mar | Team 2: Fe’s Group |
| **Brass Cleaning**March | Group 2 |
| **Church Hall Cleaning** Fortnight commencing 16th Mar  | Group 1 |
| **Coffee morning after Sunday 10 AM Mass** | *Postponed* |
| **Projector laptop operator** - 10am Mass | Paul Pritchard-Wallace |
| **Café St. Columba** | *Postponed* |

**Cycle of Prayer: Lent**

[Candidates for the Sacraments](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Candidates);

[The Needy and Hungry of the World](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Needy);

[Women's World day of Prayer](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Women);

[Survivors of Sexual Abuse](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Abuse);

[Penitents and Wanderers](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Penitents).

**Liturgical Calendar for the week**

Mon: Feria;

Tues: Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland;

Wed: Feria or Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;

Thurs: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church;

Fri: Feria;

Sat: Feria.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your kind offering.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK REQUEST:** Revised list of items wanted – please see Noticeboard. Thank you so much for your donations. We could still do with more names for deliveries to The Vine Food Bank on Tuesday and Friday evenings between 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Give your details to Judy Freegard in the Parish office – 020 8657 3747.

**NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION?** If you are not receiving Holy Communion at Mass, for whatever reason, please do come forward with the communicants and receive a blessing. Indicate in the usual way: by crossing your arms across your chest.

**Repository (St Columba's shop)**Easter cards now available.

**St Columba’s Youth Group:** If you are in Year group 7-13 do come along and chill out with friends, hear relevant and engaging talks, have fun and enjoy various other activities: 7.30-9pm, £1 subs. Tuck shop available. Future dates: March 15 and 29.

**Tuesday Morning Keep Fit Sessions:** Please note these classes have been postponed for the foreseeable future.

**VISITING THE SICK** We are all called to visit the sick. Coming up shortly is an opportunity to get some training in order to do this at Croydon University Hospital on a regular basis. Volunteers would have the chance to help with ward visiting, bringing patients to the hospital’s Sunday service and supporting the chaplaincy and spiritual care team. This is a great opportunity to bring God’s presence and grace to those in need. More details from Rev Andy Dovey on 020 8401 3105 or email andrew.dovey@nhs.net

**First Holy Communion:** Please remember in your prayers the young people in our Parish who are preparing to receive their first holy communion this year.

**SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES** Although delayed, the 2020 directory is now available giving details of parishes, organisations, clergy, schools and events throughout the diocese. Price £3. Contact Fr Roy or Deacon Philip for copies.

**PROJECTOR LAPTOP ROTA** Thanks to those who have agreed to take a turn at 10am Sunday Mass operating the laptop so as to project hymn lyrics on to the sanctuary wall. A rota has been emailed to volunteers. To join it, contact Deacon Philip. See also Rota For the forthcoming weekly rota details, please see overleaf.

**TUESDAY ADORATION UPDATE** Thank you to all those parishioners who signed up for an hour in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays between 10am and 8pm. It provides a special opportunity to spend time with Jesus. Please remember that this is an ongoing commitment that applies every Tuesday. It’s obviously important that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. Hence there being at least three named people every hour. (A copy of the rota is on the noticeboard.) If you are unable to be present at your chosen time, please do your best to check that the other people on your time slot will be there or arrange for someone to cover for you. If that proves impossible, please let Deacon Philip or Fr Roy know.

**LENTEN MASSES AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** There will be a Mass every Monday during Lent at 12 noon in the hospital chapel (near Woodcroft Road). All are most welcome.

**SCHOOL INVIGILATORS WANTED** St Mary’s Catholic High School in West Croydon are looking for exam invigilators for the period May 11 to June 24. It pays £10 per hour (hours to be agreed). Contact the school on 020 8686 3837 for more details or email recruitment@stmaryscroydon.co.uk

**BIG BAND CONCERT MARCH 15** The South London Concert Band will be performing here in the church on Sunday (March 15) from 3-5pm. And it’s free. The event, led by our very own choir director Tony Ryan, will be a big event in every way: big on enjoyment, big on nostalgia, big on foot-tapping fun. And big value because entry is free of charge.

**The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG**, A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will visit us on the weekend of 21st-22nd March to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated (“when you help the poor you help our Lord”). May our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you. In Christ Love. The Bethlehem Nativity Group Holy Land Christian Community

**DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK** During this designated Dementia Prayer Week, running from March 12-19, we are asked specifically to pray for the victims of this cruel condition, their families and for all those caring for dementia sufferers.

E**NGLAND’S RE-DEDICATION AS MARY’S DOWRY** In 1381, at the initiative of King Richard II, England received the title Mary’s Dowry, meaning that this country was ‘set aside’ as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady and under her guidance and protection. On Sunday March 29 the re-dedication takes place throughout our country with prayers for the re-dedication said in all churches. Visit [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com/) for more details.

**A TAIZE SERVICE** This ecumenical prayer service is taking place at St Mary’s church, Purley Oaks Rd, Sanderstead, on Sunday March 22 at 4pm. All are welcome. More details: 020 8657 9232

**NEWSLETTER** Items for publication should be emailed to kyrabarone@aol.com by Wednesday evening at the latest.