**St Columba’s Church**

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16th FEBRUARY 2020

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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: 136

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Reading from Ecclesiasticus: 15:15-20**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 rV1:** They are happy who follow God’s Law!

**Reading from the Corinthians 2:6-10**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**A WARM WELCOME** Baby Eva Georgina Cole who is nine months old, is being baptised today (Sunday). Congratulations to Mum and Dad, Lauren and Simon. We welcome Eva into our parish family.

**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**

Sat 15th 6.30pm ~Bill Hickey RIP (Funeral in Ireland)

Sun 16th 8.00pm ~ Rosa Maria & C. P. Fernandes, RIP

Sun 16th 10.00am ~ Julian Lawrence, RIP

Sun 16th 6.30pm ~ Dhana Raj, RIP

Mon 17th 9.30am ~ Bill Hickey, RIP

Tues 18th 9.30am ~ Dhana Raj, RIP

Wed 19th 9.30am ~ Brigid Chako, RIP

Thurs 20th 9.30am ~ Bill Hickey, RIP

Fri 21st 9.30am ~ Bill Hickey, RIP

Sat 22nd 6.30pm ~ Lynne Strelley, wellbeing

Sun 23rd 8.00am ~ Geoff Turner, RIP

Sun 23rd 10.00am ~ Bartholomew Ramos, RIP

Sun 23rd 6.30pm ~ Pro Populo

**BABY HUXLEY BECK** Please keep in your prayers the parents and family of baby Huxley Beck. We have been praying for him for several weeks. Sadly, his life-support system has now been switched off. We place him in God’s loving hands.

**DEACON JIM GILLIGAN RIP.**Many in Croydon deanery will remember with fondness Deacon Jim who served Coulsdon parish and Croydon Deanery as a deacon during the 1980s and 1990s. He died in October 2019. There will be a Memorial Mass for him in St Aidan's Church, Coulsdon on **Friday 21 February at 7.30pm.**There will also be a buffet in the Hall afterwards. For catering purposes please email [**coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk**](mailto:coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk) if you are planning to attend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Fiona Minta-Sem, 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, Sean & Myrna Walsh, 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 three residential homes visited by the parish SVP group (St Vincent De Paul).

**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 4th March 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.

**Everyone welcome to these devotions and gatherings**

**Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Winter**

Peace on Earth;

Christian Unity;

Victims of Human Trafficking;

The sick and those who care for them;

The unemployed.

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| **THE ROTA FOR WEEK COMMENCING 22 & 23 FEB** | |
| **Readers:** | |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Ken Lee |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Malliga Baladasan |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Janet Sharp |
| * Sunday 6.30pm | Rosemarie Jahangir |
| **Bidding Prayers** | Michael Abiodun |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** |  |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Brenda |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Team 3: Nohemie & Yvonne |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Team A: Jim & Theresa |
| -Sunday 6.30pm | Janet |
| **Offertory Procession**  10.00am Mass (Feb 23rd) | Raffaella & Jaden |
| **Church Cleaning**  Week starting 17th Feb | Team 4: Claire Tucker, Davorka Scott, Jacqueline Anthony |
| **Brass Cleaning**  February | Group 1 |
| **Church Hall Cleaning**  Fortnight commencing 17th Feb | Group 4 |
| **Coffee morning today**  Hall after 10am Mass  **Next week (23rd Feb)** | SVP  Ahotokurom |
| **Café St. Columba** | Every Wednesday  9.30am – 1.30pm |

**Liturgical Calendar for the week**

Mon: Weekday in Ordinary Time or The Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

Tues: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Wed: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Thurs: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Fri: Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church;

Sat: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your kind offering. The amount raised was £494.82 of which £268.85 was gift aid and £226.17 was cash.

**Second Collection:** Thank you for your donations towards the Racial Justice Sunday collection.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK REQUEST:** Nappies sizes 5, 5+ and 6, Sanitary Towels and Tampons, dog food, laundry tablets, washing up liquid, ladies deodorant, razors and household cleaning products. For the time being no more Baked Beans or Pasta please.

**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):** 2020 diaries are now available in the shop. Also, children's books, rosaries, daily and Sunday missals, and cards.

**St Columba’s Youth Group** - If you are in Year group 7-13 Please come along and chill out with friends, hear relevant and engaging talks, have fun and enjoy a range of other activities. Time 7.30 to 9.00pm.  £1 subs. Tuck shop also available. Future dates are 1st Mar, 15th Mar, and 29th Mar.

**Tuesday Morning Keep Fit Sessions:** Ladies only 10:15am-11:15am (class almost full). Mixed: Ladies & Gentlemen 11:30am-12:30pm - spaces available. Wear suitable clothing and trainers with socks, bring some water and an exercise mat if you have one (I do supply them) - sessions in the Church Hall. Come along and see if this is for you - 1st session free. (for more info: ring Gill 0208 651 4076)

**COMMUNITY CAFE St. COLUMBA:** Please support this wonderful project, giving a little back to the community by supplying lunches and company for a minimal cost and being able to help many charities. We are open from 9:30am - 1:30pm, every Wednesday in the church hall; We’re always looking for help on the kitchen rota and we gladly accept donations of food, cakes, etc. where possible.  Thank you for your support. Look out for our new posters soon!

**The God Who Speaks – Year of the Word 2020**To mark the Year of the Word our Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on Saturday 27th June. More details will be published in due course, but please save the date in your diary.

**VISITING THE SICK** We 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](mailto:andrew.dovey@nhs.net)

**WHAT’S WRONG WITH LENT GROUPS?** Why not sign up to join one of the Churches Together Lent groups which run for five weeks in March/April? The course is entitled *Saying Yes To Life*and uses the creation story to ask questions about what it means to be human and Christian. Groups meet in people’s homes in Selsdon on weekday mornings, afternoons and evenings, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There are six options in all: choose which day/time is most convenient. See the noticeboard to sign up and for more details.

**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.

**St Gertrude’s FC** Under 12s (current year 7) Knights are looking for players to join our successful & friendly team. We play matches on Saturday mornings in the Epsom & Ewell League and train on Tuesday evenings. Find out more at [www.stgertrudesfc.co.uk](http://www.stgertrudesfc.co.uk) or email michelle.gavin@hotmail.co.uk

**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.

**THE CORONAVIRUS SCARE** As a precaution, as already announced, Holy Communion will be restricted for the time being to reception in the hand (NOT on the tongue) and with no chalice.

**HEALING MASS & AFTERNOON TEA:** On Saturday, 7th March at 2pm there will be a Healing Mass in our church followed by Afternoon Tea and Entertainment. The afternoon should be complete by 4:30pm the latest. We would like to have an idea of numbers attending and there is a list at the back of the church for you to sign. Please feel free to come along with your family, friends and carers – you are all very welcome. If you require any information about this, please contact Gill on 0208 651 4076. *For your information, another Healing Mass is planned for 13th June*

**LENTEN MASSES in CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.** There will be a MASS on ASH WEDNESDAY (26th February) at 12 noon and EVERY MONDAY during LENT at 12 noon, in the Hospital Chapel (Near Woodcroft Road). ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

**St Patrick’s Night:** Saturday 14th March. John Fisher Playing Fields, Plough Lane. Showing six Nations rugby – 4.45pm England v Italy. 8.00pm Ireland v France. Live Irish Band. Doors open at 4pm for rugby. Main event from 7pm (1am close). Licensed Bar. Early bird ticket (buy before 1st March) £10 inc food. Buy after 1st March £25 inc food. Contact jfaparents@gmail.com

**BUILDING DISCIPLES FOR MISSION** A day to equip those with a passion for evangelisation, with international speaker, Andre Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach. Part one: what does it mean to be a Missionary Disciple? Part two: how can we form people as missionary disciples in the parish context? Saturday 22 February, 10.30am to 4pm at the Centre for Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec. For further information or to book your place visit [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/) or phone 020 8672 7684

**LENTEN RETREAT** at St John the Baptist, Dale Road, Purley will be held on Wednesday, 4th March from 10am & Mass at that time until 3:30pm - led by Sebastian Morello. Coffee & tea provided, bring a packed lunch - £5. More details at the back of the church, poster called “The God Who Speaks”.

**In Touch.** The Spring edition is now available at the back of the church. Please take – and read! - a copy (one per household/family). We hope you enjoy the range of articles.

**Parish Newsletter:** Deadline Wednesday evening. Please email [kyrabarone@aol.com](mailto:kyrabarone@aol.com). **Please also see the noticeboard.**