**St Columba’s Church**

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**SECOND 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: 125

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Reading from Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

**Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10 rvv 8,9:** Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Reading from the Corinthians: 1:1-3**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 1: 29-34**

**Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 18th 6.30pm ~Shirley Pitts, wellbeing

Sun 19th 8.00pm ~ Abiodun Family, wellbeing

Sun 19th 10.00am ~ Sebastian Dias, RIP

Sun 19th 6.30pm ~ Pro Populo

Mon 20th 9.30am ~ Susan Majella Harley, RIP & all her family

Tues 21st 9.30am ~ Intention of the Alvarez Family

Wed 22nd 9.30am ~ Hayat Dayani, wellbeing

Thurs 23rd 9.30am ~ Margarette Smith, RIP

Fri 24th 9.30am ~ George Stuart Barclay, RIP

Sat 25th 6.30pm ~ Maagid Saarany, RIP

Sun 26th 8.00am ~ Gerald Symons, RIP

Sun 26th 10.00am ~ Pro Populo

Sun 26th 6.30pm ~ Father Roy’s Intention

**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, Baby Huxley Beck, James Patrick Guckian, Kathleen Evans, Bill Hickey 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 the priest.
* **Rosary Group** meets to pray for peace every Friday morning after 9.30 Mass.
* **Divine Mercy Devotion**: first Tuesday of every month 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Christ asks you “Will you help me?” Next meeting is Tuesday 4th February 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.

**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 JANUARY 25TH/26TH** | |
| **Readers:** | |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Richard Tomlinson |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Martin Baile |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Uniform Group |
| * Sunday 6.30pm | Helen Awomoyi |
| **Bidding Prayers** | Biby Onyeachom |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** |  |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Ginny |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Team 3: Nohemie & Yvonne |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Team C: Mary & Monica |
| -Sunday 6.30pm | Janet |
| **Offertory Procession**  10.00am Mass (Jan 26th) | Charlotte & Michelle |
| **Church Cleaning**  Week starting 20th January | Team 6: CFCS |
| **Brass Cleaning**  January | N/A |
| **Church Hall Cleaning**  Fortnight commencing 20th January | Group 2 |
| **Coffee morning today**  Hall after 10am Mass  **Next week (Jan 26th)** | SVP  Uniform Group |
| **Café St. Columba** | Every Wednesday  9.30am – 1.30pm |

***HOW TO SPEND YOUR TUESDAY HOUR AT ADORATION***

*A few suggestions about how to spend 60 minutes with Jesus when you take part in Tuesday’s all-day Adoration in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.  You could pray, either from a prayer book or spontaneously; read and reflect on last Sunday’s and/or next Sunday’s Mass readings; study any of the various Adoration materials on the hymn book stand at the back of the church (on the left); read the Bible; meditate on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; or combine some or all of those suggestions. Please do not remove any of the Adoration materials from the church: after use, leave them on the hymn book stand.*

**Liturgical Calendar for the week**

Mon: Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr;

Tues St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr;

Wed: Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr;

Thurs: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Fri St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church;

Sat: The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your kind offering last weekend. The amount raised will be included in the newsletter next week.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK: T**hank us for all our donations of food and toys.  They were able to deliver boxes of food and toys to 140 New Addington families. They are aware that many of these families would only have the donated items for Christmas day. Thank you again for your Christian generosity. Judy Freegard

**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.

**In Touch.** The next edition is now being prepared so please let us have any any articles, letters, jokes or other ideas for items. Are there any topics which you would like to see covered in In Touch? Please send suggestions or contributions to Chris Waring at [c.waring@virgin.net](mailto:c.waring@virgin.net) or via the parish office by Monday January 20th, 2020.

**Mass Books:** There are a number of Mass Books from the last cycle missing. If you have one at home could you please return it to the church and leave it on the table in the porch.

**Community Cafe St. Columba** has resumed every Wednesday at 9:30am - 1:30pm. Everyone welcome - We hope to see some new faces in 2020.

**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 26th Jan, 9th Feb, 1st Mar, 15th Mar, and 29th Mar.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT AHOTOKUROM?** The latest newsletter giving news from Ahotokurom, the leprosy village in Ghana which we have adopted and support, has just arrived. There is a copy pinned to the noticeboard in the porch at the back of the church. Early in the New Year there is going to be a talk about Ahotokurom given by a volunteer just returned from a visit.

**Tuesdays keep fit sessions** have re-started with the usual class at 10:15am for one hour and a following class for ladies & gentlemen at 11:30am - 12:30pm in the church hall. Come along and see if this is for you.

**PRAYER 24/7 ACROSS CROYDON** Christians throughout the borough are invited to join in a Churches Together ‘Transform Croydon’ prayer initiative which started on New Year’s Day and runs through to January 31. The idea is that we sign up to pray at a particular time for our homes, churches, borough and nation, committing them to God at the start of the new year.  You can find out more and sign up if you wish by visiting <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/03942e>

**WHAT? LENT GROUPS!** Lent doesn’t start until February 26 but planning has already started for the annual weekly Churches Together Lent groups. Please give some thought to joining one in due course.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** This annual event runs from January 18-25. We are called by Pope Francis not just to pray for Christian unity but to work actively to achieve it. That means getting together and worshipping with members of the mainstream Christian Churches in Selsdon: Anglicans, Baptist, Methodists and the Jubilee Church. There will be a combined service at 3pm on Sunday January 19 at St Francis’s church, Monks Hill to which we are all invited. St Francis’s have appealed for young people able to play a musical instrument to join them for the service and play in a band. More details from Deacon Philip. See you there? Hope so…

**Prayer of St. Columba**

Alone with you O Christ, I journey on my way, and I have no fear when you are near, O King of night and day. Within your care, I fear no ill, and wait your bidding when to go. Tis not from chance my comfort springs. You are my trust, O King of Kings.