**St Columba’s Church**

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**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**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: 297

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Reading from Malachai: 3:1-4**

**Psalm 23:7-10:** Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

**Reading from the Hebrews: 2:14-18**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people, Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke: 2:22-40**

**Communion Antiphon:** My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

**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 1st 6.30pm ~Virginia & Colin Bruce, RIP

Sun 2nd 8.00pm ~ Dolcie Stanley, wellbeing

Sun 2nd 10.00am ~ Pro Populo

Sun 2nd 6.30pm ~ Stephens Family, wellbeing

Mon 3rd 9.30am ~ Czeslaw Lawicki, RIP

Tues 4th 9.30am ~ Mary Russell, wellbeing

Wed 5th 9.30am ~ Myrna Walsh, wellbeing

Thurs 6th 9.30am ~ Titus D’Souza, wellbeing

Fri 7th 9.30am ~ Eugene Clerkin, RIP

Sat 8th 6.30pm ~ Intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita

Sun 9th 8.00am ~ Intention of the Alvarez Family

Sun 9th 10.00am ~ Pro Populo

Sun 9th 6.30pm ~ Mr Joseph, RIP

**BILL HICKEY RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Hickey who has died. Bill, 86, was a pillar of the parish over many year and a committed and devoted member of St Columba’s. His funeral will take place in his home village of Rathnure, Co Wexford, Ireland, Our sincere condolences to his widow, Joan, who needs our prayers and support.

**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 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 8th & 9th FEB**  |
| **Readers:** |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Lucy Finch |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Phillip Tomei |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Madison P-W |
| * Sunday 6.30pm
 | Jaden Scott |
| **Bidding Prayers** |  |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** |  |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Carmel |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Team 1: Martin & Richard |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Team E: Patsy & Marion |
| -Sunday 6.30pm | Mike McF |
| **Offertory Procession**10.00am Mass (Feb 9th)  | Raffaella & Michelle |
| **Church Cleaning**Week starting 3rd Feb | Team 2: Fe’s Group |
| **Brass Cleaning**February | Group 1 |
| **Church Hall Cleaning** Fortnight commencing 3rd Feb  | Group 3 |
| **Coffee morning today**Hall after 10am Mass**Next week (9th Feb)** | UCMFilipino Community |
| **Café St. Columba** | Every Wednesday9.30am – 1.30pm |

**Liturgical Calendar for the week**

Mon: Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; *or* St Ansgar, Bishop;

Tues Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Wed: St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr;

Thurs: St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs;

Fri Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Sat: Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Jerome Emiliani; or St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin. **OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your kind offering. The amount raised was £707.87 of which £350.90 was gift aid and £356.97 was cash.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK:** We are looking for additional drivers to transfer the donations of food from St Columba’s to The Vine Food Bank in New Addington between 7.00pm and 8.00pm on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Because of the number of volunteers it is likely you will only be required for this charitable work once a quarter. New Volunteers should contact Judy Freegard in the Parish Office 0208 657 3747. On their first visit to the Vine, which is situated on the Selsdon side of New Addington, Judy offers to accompany the volunteers should it be necessary.

**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 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.

**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

**SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR LENT?** 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.

**CALLING ALL READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** There will be a retreat on Saturday February 15 which all readers and eucharistic ministers are asked to attend. It is being held in the hall and will run from 10.15am till 3.45pm. Please do make this event a priority. It is important for the fruitful and effective exercise of your ministry. Let either Ken Lee (for readers) or Roger Fenton (for eucharistic ministers) know whether you are able to attend or not.

**UCM MEETING** this Wednesday 5th February. A Lenten Talk given by Deacon Philip follows Benediction at 7:30pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 25th January. They are Renee, Eurelle, Nina, Francesca, Caleb, Maximillian, Sadie, Fintan, Jayden, Christian, Madison, Mateo, Jethro, Tristan, Kaylen and Diya. Please keep these newly reconciled in your prayers.

**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. St Gertrude’s FC is based in Sanderstead with great facilities & reasonable subs. All of our coaches are FA qualified and fully checked. Find out more at [www.stgertrudesfc.co.uk](http://www.stgertrudesfc.co.uk) or email michelle.gavin@hotmail.co.uk

 **WEEKDAY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS** As of February 1, communicants at weekday Mass are blessed with the opportunity to receive both the body of Christ and the precious blood. Would all eucharistic ministers attending weekday Mass be prepared to assist with the chalice if required.

**IT'S A SCAM: DON’T BE CAUGHT** More parishioners have within the past week received emails asking for a ‘favor’ purporting to come from Fr Roy. They were a scam, not sent by Fr Roy and an attempt to hoodwink people into giving money to the fraudster who sent them, identity unknown. One way of identifying fraudulent emails is by checking the email address from which they were sent. If it isn’t the usual address (e.g. roytablizo@rcaos.org.uk or selsdon@rcaos.org.uk) they are almost certainly not genuine and you should ignore and delete them.

**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.