**St Columba’s Church**

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23rd FEBRUARY 2020

**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Yes, Lent starts this coming Wednesday, the 26th.There will be distribution of ashes at both the 9.30am and 7.30pm Masses. This is one of only two days in the year when we are called by the Church to fast and also to abstain from meat.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Starting Friday (the 28th), there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout Lent at 7.30pm.

Parish Mass Book: 139

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Reading from Leviticus: 19:1-2, 17-18**

**Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 rv8:** The Lord is compassion and love.

**Reading from the Corinthians 3:16-23**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**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.

**HAVE YOUR SAY** All parishioners are invited to the parish council agm, an important meeting in the hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday March 11 to suggest and discuss plans for the future of our parish.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 22nd 6.30pm ~ Lynne Strelley, wellbeing

Sun 23rd 8.00pm ~ Geoff Turner, RIP

Sun 23rd 10.00am ~ Bartholomew Ramos, RIP

Sun 23rd 6.30pm ~ Pro Populo

Mon 24th 9.30am ~ Archie Pond, RIP

Tues 25th 9.30am ~ The O’Dowd Family, wellbeing

Wed 26th ASH WEDNESDAY 9.30am ~ Anthony Proctor, RIP

Wed 26th ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30pm ~ Pro Populo

Thurs 27th 9.30am ~ Bill Hickey, RIP

Fri 28th 9.30am ~ Gerry De Souza, RIP

Sat 29th 6.30pm ~ Stephen Oxley, RIP

Sun 1st 8.00am ~ John Moor, RIP

Sun 1st 10.00am ~ Christine Milton, RIP

Sun 1st 6.30pm ~ Pro Populo

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.** We are delighted that you have joined us. Please do introduce yourself to Father Roy and Deacon Philip and complete one of the Welcome 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!

**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 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 is 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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| **ROTA FOR WEEK COMMENCING FEB 29/MARCH 1** |
| **Readers:** |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Jenny Rayner |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Martin Baile |
| - Sunday 10.00am | UCM |
| * Sunday 6.30pm
 | Danielle Rooney |
| **Bidding Prayers** | Jim Madden |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** |  |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Ginny |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Team 4: Gill & Cathy |
| - Sunday 10.00am |  Team B: Elaine & Roger |
| -Sunday 6.30pm |  Mike McFarlane |
| **Offertory Procession**10.00am Mass (March 1) | Sybille & Lauryl |
| **Church Cleaning**Week starting 24th Feb | Team 5: Antonella Ammendola, Alison Guckian, Jenny Rayner |
| **Brass Cleaning**February | Group 1 |
| **Church Hall Cleaning** Fortnight commencing 17th Feb  | Group 4 |
| **Coffee morning today**Hall after 10am Mass**Next week (March 1)** | AhotokuromUCM |
| **Café St. Columba** | Every Wednesday9.30am – 1.30pm |

**Liturgical Calendar for the week**

Mon: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Tues: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Wed: Ash Wednesday;

Thurs: Weekday of Lent;

Fri: Weekday of Lent;

Sat: Weekday of Lent.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your kind offering. The amount raised was £511.86 of which £286.34 was gift aid and £225.52 was cash.

**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 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 1, 15 and 29.

**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 at minimal cost, providing company and helping many charities. Open from 9:30am - 1:30pm, every Wednesday in the church hall. We are always looking for help on the kitchen rota and gladly accept donations of food, cakes etc.  Thank you for your support.

**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 on June 27

**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, for the time being we shall not be exchanging the sign of peace at Mass and Holy Communion will be restricted to reception in the hand (NOT on the tongue) and with no chalice.

**HEALING MASS & AFTERNOON TEA** Saturday, March 7 at 2pm. The afternoon should be complete by 4:30pm. Feel free to come along with your family, friends and carers – all are welcome. Just put your names on the list at the back of the church. For more information contact Gill on 0208 651 4076. *Another Healing Mass is planned for June 13.*

**LENTEN MASSES AT 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. Earlybird ticket (buy before 1st March) £10 inc food. Buy after 1st March £25 inc food. Contact jfaparents@gmail.com

**LENTEN RETREAT** *The God Who Speaks* at St John the Baptist, Dale Road, Purley, on Wednesday, March 4 from 10am (Mass) to 3:30pm, led by Sebastian Morello.  Coffee & tea provided; bring a packed lunch - £5. More details on the noticeboard.

**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.

**NOTE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 29** There will be A Day With Mary at St Columba’s. It will start at 10am and finish by 5.30pm. Come for all or part of the day. It will be a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. All are welcome. See the poster in the porch.

**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.

**CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS** There will be a presentation of Guild of St Stephen medals at 10am Mass on Sunday March 1.

**BIDDING PRAYERS ROTA** A new one has been emailed to all those parishioners who take turns writing the Bidding Prayers. See Deacon Philip if yours has not arrived

**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

**FANCY SINGING?** If so, you are invited to a choir taster session at St Aidan’s church hall, Chipstead Valley Rd. Coulsdon, on Sunday March 1,  2.15-4.15pm. No previous singing experience or ability to read music is necessary. If enough people are interested we would organise a community choir on a weekly basis with two professional leaders. Details: coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk

**AHOTOKUROM 100 CLUB** The next draw is in the hall after 10am Mass today, Sunday (February 23).

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