**St Columba’s Church**

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**THIRD 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: 127

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Reading from Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

**Psalm 26:1, 4, 13-14 Rv1:** The Lord is my light and my help.

**Reading from the Corinthians: 1:10-13, 17**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people, Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**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 25th 6.30pm ~Maagid Saarany, RIP

Sun 26th 8.00pm ~ Gerald Symons, RIP

Sun 26th 10.00am ~ Pro Populo

Sun 26th 6.30pm ~ Father Roy’s Intention

Mon 27th 9.30am ~ Benedicts Family, wellbeing

Tues 28th 9.30am ~ Intention of the Alvarez Family

Wed 29th 9.30am ~ Ligory Family, wellbeing

Thurs 30th 9.30am ~ Sarah & Antony Alvarez, wellbeing

Fri 31st 9.30am ~ Holy Souls

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

Sun 2nd 8.00am ~ Dolcie Stanley, wellbeing

Sun 2nd 10.00am ~ Pro Populo

Sun 2nd 6.30pm ~ Stephens Family, wellbeing

**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 FEBRUARY 1ST/2ND**  |
| **Readers:** |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Deidre Turner |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Mike McFarlane |
| - Sunday 10.00am | UCM |
| * Sunday 6.30pm
 | Janet Adams |
| **Bidding Prayers** | Malliga Baladasan |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** |  |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Marilyn |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Team 4: Gill & Cathy |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Team D: John & Denise |
| -Sunday 6.30pm | Danielle |
| **Offertory Procession**10.00am Mass (Feb 2nd)  | Raffaella & Miya-Rose |
| **Church Cleaning**Week starting 27th January | Team 1: Beatrice Abiodun, Barbara Anstee , Cecilia Dowuona, Marlene Dalmeida |
| **Brass Cleaning**February | Group 1 |
| **Church Hall Cleaning** Fortnight commencing 20th January  | Group 2 |
| **Coffee morning today**Hall after 10am Mass**Next week (Jan 26th)** | Uniform GroupUCM |
| **Café St. Columba** | Every Wednesday9.30am – 1.30pm |

**Liturgical Calendar for the week**

Mon: Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Angela Merici, Virgin;

Tues St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church;

Wed: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Thurs: Weekday in Ordinary Time;

Fri St John Bosco, Priest,;

Sat: Weekday in Ordinary Time.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your kind offering. The amounts raised were as follows:-

Weekend of 12th January: Total raised £742.37 of which £426.20 was gift aid and £316.17 was cash.

Weekend of 19th January: Total raised £709.58 of which £349.51 was gift aid and £360.08 was cash.

The Christmas offering to the Priest raised £2,669.31.

**FOUND IN CARPARK** set of keys please provide description to Parish Office where they are being held.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK:** Please continue to bring donations for the food bank. A list of suggested items is included on the notice board.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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.