**St Columba’s Church**

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8TH MARCH 2020 – **2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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: 155

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Reading from Genesis: 12:1-4**

**Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 Rv22:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Reading from the Timothy: 17:1-9**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

**Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased’ listen to him.**

**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 7th 6.30pm ~ The Beck Family

Sun 8th 8.00pm ~ Pro Populo

Sun 8th 10.00am ~ Joe D’Mello, RIP

Sun 8th 6.30pm ~ Michael & Hannah Rebbett, RIP

Mon 9th 9.30am ~ Father Patrick Murtagh, RIP

Tues 10th 9.30am ~ Fiona Mintah-Sem, RIP & Family

Wed 11th 9.30am ~ Bill Hickey, RIP

Thurs 12th 9.30am ~ Maria Guida, RIP

Fri 13th 9.30am ~ Michael Morris, RIP

Sat 14th 6.30pm ~ Fedele Lucia, RIP

Sun 15th 8.00am ~ Salvatore Guida, RIP

Sun 15th 10.00am ~ Aston Soon Siong, RIP & Family

Sun 15th 6.30pm ~ Pro Populo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** 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 1st April 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.
* **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout Lent at 7.30pm.

**Everyone welcome to these devotions and gatherings**

**Cycle of Prayer: Lent**

[Candidates for the Sacraments](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Candidates);

[The Needy and Hungry of the World](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Needy);

[Women's World day of Prayer](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Women);

[Survivors of Sexual Abuse](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Abuse);

[Penitents and Wanderers](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/LentCP.shtml#Penitents).

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| **THE ROTA FOR WEEK COMMENCING 14th & 15th MAR** |
| **Readers:** |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Deidre Turner |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Phillip Tomei |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Harriet Kelsal |
| * Sunday 6.30pm
 | Helen Awomoyi |
| **Bidding Prayers** | Richard Roberts |
| **Eucharistic Ministers:** |  |
| - Saturday 6.30pm | Carmel |
| - Sunday 8.00am | Team 2: Michael & Beatrice |
| - Sunday 10.00am | Team D: John & Denise |
| -Sunday 6.30pm | Janet |
| **Offertory Procession**10.00am Mass (15th Mar) | Charlotte & Michelle |
| **Church Cleaning**Week starting 9th Mar | Team 1: Beatrice Abiodun, Barbara Anstee, Cecilia Dowuona, Marlene Dalmeida |
| **Brass Cleaning**March | Group 2 |
| **Church Hall Cleaning** Fortnight commencing 2nd Mar  | Group 5 |
| **Coffee morning today**Hall after 10am Mass**Next week (15th Mar)** | Filipino CommunitySVP |
| **Projector laptop operator**            10am Mass | Elizabeth Williamson |
| **Café St. Columba** | Every Wednesday9.30am – 1.30pm |

**Liturgical Calendar for the week**

Mon: Feria or Saint Frances of Rome;

Tues: Feria;

Wed: Feria;

Thurs: Feria;

Fri: Feria;

Sat: Feria.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your kind offering. The amount raised was £808.05, of which £354.20 was gift aid and £453.85 was cash.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** in aid of poor parishes raised £345.15 of which £177.07 was gift aid and £168.08 was cash.

**AHOTOKUROM TALK** At all Masses this weekend there will be a short presentation about the leprosy village at Ahotokurom in Ghana which we as a parish have adopted and support.

**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, 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 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 this year.

**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.

**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.

**LENTEN MASSES AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** There will be a Mass 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. **£15** inc food. Contact jfaparents@gmail.com

**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. See also Rota For the forthcoming weekly rota details, please see overleaf.

**Addiscombe Catholic Social Club**, Bingham Road, Addiscombe, Croydon, CR0 7EN presents Mick Flaving & His Band. Friday 13th March 2020 from 7.30pm. Raffle/auction for Croydon University Hospital: Lily Pad Appeal (Children with Cancer). Licensed Cash Bar. Admission £15 by ticket. Tickets available from Pat Winston 07734 250375

**SCHOOL INVIGILATORS WANTED** St Mary’s Catholic High School in West Croydon are looking for exam invigilators for the period May 11 to June 24. It pays £10 per hour (hours to be agreed). Contact the school on 020 8686 3837 for more details or email recruitment@stmaryscroydon.co.uk

**BIG BAND CONCERT MARCH 15** The South London Concert Band will be performing here in the church on Sunday (March 15) from 3-5pm. And it’s free. The event, led by our very own choir director Tony Ryan, will be a big event in every way: big on enjoyment, big on nostalgia, big on foot-tapping fun. And big value because entry is free of charge.

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