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THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 5:27-32. 40-41.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. Rv.2: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse: 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: John: 21:1-19

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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| MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Sat 30th  | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Sun 1st  | 8.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sun 1st  | 10.00am | Mr Baladasan, RIP |
| Sun 1st  | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |
| Mon 2nd  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Tues 3rd  | 10.00am | Colm Staunton, RIP |
| Wed 4th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Thurs 5th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Fri 6th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sat 7th  | 6.30pm | Tina Guida, RIP |
| Sun 8th  | 8.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sun 8th  | 10.00am | Pro Populo |
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*Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).*

UCM MEETING WEDNESDAY

The UCM meeting is on Wednesday (the 4th). Benediction at 7:30pm followed by a talk from Maureen Martin on the rosary.

CHARITY FAYRE SUNDAY

The Union of Catholic Mothers Charity Fayre takes place this Sunday (the 1st) after the 10am UCM Mass (till lunchtime). Come along and enjoy catching up with fellow parishioners, have some refreshments and pick up a bargain or two.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR  |
| Sat 30th  | Weekday of Easter, or St Pius V, Pope, Religious |
| Sun 1st  | 3rd Sunday of Easter |
| Mon 2nd  | St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church |
| Tues 3rd  | Ss Philip and James, Apostles |
| Wed 4th  | The English Martyrs (E), weekday of Easter (W) |
| Thurs 5th  | Weekday of Easter, or St Asaph, Bishop (W) |
| Fri 6th  | Weekday of Easter |
| Sat 7th  | Weekday of Easter |
| Sun 8th  | [4th Sunday of Easter](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/EasterSunday.shtml#Easter4) |

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Stephen Beck, Martin Ford, Chris Jones, Julie Vincent, Clifford Flynn, Albert Khayyat, Vera de Souza, Michael Edwards, Michael & Linda Watson, Leslie Jeyadeva, Nicola Gingell, Judy Freegard, Yvonne Bruce, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom and sick residents at four residential homes visited by the parish St Vincent de Paul group.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday July 9 at St George’s Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

 COLLECT YOUR GIFT AID BOX

Quite a few new ones with envelopes for 2022-23 are still awaiting collection in the lady chapel. Please check whether your name is on one of them. Don’t take one if you haven’t previously signed a Gift Aid declaration – speak to organizer, Mervyn Ramos (or email him on mervynm.ramos@gmail.com) if you have any queries or wish to join the Gift Aid scheme.

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Grateful thanks to all those who have donated so far. A further Coloma Aid run is planned and the following items are needed: shower gel/soap; shoes (children’s/women’s/men’s); razors; rucksacks; chargers; nappies; incontinence pads; yoga/camping mats; men’s socks (sizes 9-12); t-shirts (M–XL); dog collars.

EASYFUNDRAISING – FREE MONEY!

So far 30 parishioners have signed up and, simply by shopping online at any one of 6,000 retail outlets and at no cost to them, St Columba’s has benefitted to the tune of more than £200. To find out more logon to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

HELP THE VINE FOOD BANK

Most urgently needed are tuna, baked beans, tinned ham, corned beef, sugar, coffee, toilet rolls, washing- up liquid, shower gel and nappies size 3, 6, & 6+. Also needed are tinned veg, cereal, biscuits, jam, juice (cordial or long-life cartons), Fray Bentos pies, pasta sauces, ketchup, mayonnaise, household cleaners, bleach and bathroom/kitchen cleaner. Collection boxes are under the table in the porch of the church. See the church noticeboard or parish website for a rota of deliveries to the food bank.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Join Bp Paul Hendricks and Anglican Bp Jonathan Clarke on a pilgrimage taking in the famous Passion Play as well as sightseeing in Austria. Dates: May 27-June 3. More details: toni.suffolk@btinternet.com or phone 020 8654 9035.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence:

Gill Tomei (E: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07787 824 592)

Claire Tucker (E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07774 659 966)

Richard Mills (E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07956 531 540). All are safeguarding coordinators.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

You are invited (with your parents) to a rally at Aylesford Priory on the May 2 Bank Holiday. There will be a Mass and St Columba’s has been invited to provide altar servers. Bring a picnic and enjoy some sports in the Priory’s lovely grounds. More details from MC John Fennell.

YOUR FAVOURITE PRIEST?

To mark Vocations Sunday on May 8, parishioners across the country are asked to send a one-minute video (eg from their phones) with a message about any priest who has been an inspiration in their lives. They will then be publicized on a website. More details from: james@ukvocation.org

RESTORED LIVES

Restored Lives is a charity that helps people recover from relationship breakdown, for example divorce. They are organising an online course for anyone so affected. It starts on May 9. For more details email: [helen.bradley@restoredlives.org](https://restoredlives.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=35750137bc0c9f6ae7ba7cba8&id=bec46bc8fa&e=ae8becfcfb)

40 YEARS LATER…

On May 28 Abp John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, to mark the 40th anniversary of the visit of Pope St John Paul II to the Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass. An exhibition relating to the visit will be open from May 16-30 at the Cathedral. More details: admin@stgeorges.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

That’s the 7th/8th and it’s for vocations to the priesthood. Did you realise that it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian? If we want priests we need to be prepared to pay for them. Special envelopes are available for your offering – they can be collected this weekend.

HELP THE PASSAGE

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people, is raising funds through the Big Give.  Every £1 donated online before noon on May 9 then makes £2 (£2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid). Visit <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

The combined Southwark/Brentwood/Westminster diocesan annual Mass for migrants will take place at Westminster Cathedral on May 2 at 2.30pm. It starts with a banner parade at 2pm. All are welcome. The Mass will be live streamed.

HARTLEY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

This annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Hartley in Kent will take place at 3.30pm on May 7. The intention, as proposed by Pope Benedict back in 2021, will be peace among the nations of Europe.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you or a family member or friend in the parish is going into hospital, let Fr Roy or Deacon Philip know.