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3 APRIL 2022 – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah: 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. Rv.3: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading: A reading fromt**he letter of St Paul to the Philippians: 3:8-14**

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: John: 8:1-11

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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| MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Sat 2nd  | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |
| Sun 3rd  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 3rd  | 10.00am | Muriel Hoffstetter, RIP & Peter Mah, RIP |
| Sun 3rd  | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |
| Mon 4th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Tues 5th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Wed 6th  | 10.00am | Antionette D’ S'ouzi, RIP |
| Thurs 7th  | 10.00am | Srikantha Rasaratnam, RIP |
| Fri 8th  | 10.00am | Fr Neall Thornton, birthday |
| Sat 9th  | 6.30pm | Mary Charman, RIP |
| Sun 10th  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 10th  | 10.00am | Mr Saminathar, RIP |
| Sun 10th  | 6.30pm | Weronika Lawicka, RIP |

*Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.30pm and every Friday evening during Lent.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR  |
| Sat 2nd  | Weekday of Lent, St Francis of Paola, hermit |
| Sun 3rd  | 5th Sunday of Lent |
| Mon 4th  | Weekday of Lent, St Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church |
| Tues 5th  | Weekday of Lent, St Vincent Ferrer, Priest |
| Wed 6th  | Weekday of Lent |
| Thurs 7th  | St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest |
| Fri 8th  | Weekday of Lent |
| Sat 9th  | Weekday of Lent |
| Sun 10th  | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |

REMEMBER THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Chris Jones, Julie Vincent, Clifford Flynn, Albert Khayyat, Vera de Souza, Teresa Trumper, Michael Edwards, Michael Watson, Lourdes Fernandes, 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.

UCM MASS THIS SUNDAY

Enjoy refreshments in the hall after 10am Mass courtesy the Union of Catholic Mothers. All welcome.

The monthly meeting is on Wednesday (the 6th) at 8pm – the second instalment of ‘Royal Scandals’ –preceded by Benediction at 7.30pm.

WASHING OF FEET

We are looking for 12 men and women to take part in the annual foot-washing ceremony during Mass on Maundy Thursday evening. Please sign up using the list on the porch noticeboard. And don’t be shy!

CAFÉ COLUMBA THIS WEDNESDAY

Come along any time between 10am and 1.15pm for good food, good drinks, good company and good conversation (lunches from 11.45am).

COLLECT YOUR GIFT AID BOX

New ones with envelopes for 2022-23 are now available for collection in the lady chapel. 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 donated items to the Coloma aid run. Still much needed are sleeping bags and ground/yoga mats: leave them in the porch at the back of the church.

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)

SPRING CLEAN

Volunteers, men and women, are invited to sign up for a spring clean of the church on Maundy Thursday (April 14), any time between 10.30am and 7pm. It’s so that our church is looking its best for Easter. There is a list of tasks on the church noticeboard. Do please sign up, even if only for half an hour.

COLOMA REUNION

Calling all Coloma’s ex-students (and teachers): booking for this year’s reunion (at Coloma on April 23) is now open. The day will include a prosecco and canapé reception, lunch and afternoon tea. There will be Mass at 11.15am. For more information and to book phone 020 8776 0186 or visit the website [www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/community/coga](http://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/community/coga)

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, presided over by our Abp John 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.

SITUATIONS VACANT

There are a number of job vacancies at St Mary’s Catholic High School, West Croydon: Administrative Assistant, 36 hours per week, term time plus 10 days; Teaching Assistant (Level 1), 36 hours per week, term time plus 10 days; Exam Invigilators, for the summer public examination season (May-June). Head of Faculty (Assistant Headteacher), Teacher of Religious Education, Teacher of Music, Teacher of Drama. For more information visit the website <https://www.stmaryscroydon.co.uk/Vacancies/>

UCM CHARITY FAYRE

Our May charity fayre is back and will take place after 10am Mass on the 1st. In preparation, we need lots of donations of bottles, jewellery, books, bric’a’brac, cosmetics and, on the day, plants and cakes. No jumble or DVDS. There is a box in the porch for items donated.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

During March they were as follows:- 20th: Gift Aid £338, plate £346.57;  27th: Gift Aid £306.25; plate £345.95. Thank you everyone.

HELP THE VINE FOOD BANK

Particularly needed are cereal, squash, tinned meat (e.g., pies and corned beef), long-life milk and jam; also, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shower cream, shampoo, conditioner. No pasta or porridge, thank you. 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday (April 9/10) usual Mass times.

Monday 11th 10am Mass followed by Confessions.

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Wednesday 13th no Mass

Maundy Thursday 14th no morning Mass; 8pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Washing of the Feet and recommissioning of Eucharistic ministers followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament till midnight.

Good Friday (15th) no morning Mass; 10am Churches Together service at St John’s CoE church (Upper Selsdon Rd), followed by procession of witness to Selsdon Baptist Church; 1.30pm Confessions; 3pm The Passion of Our Lord; 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Easter Saturday (16th) no morning Mass; 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday (17th) 8am Mass & 10am Mass; no evening Mass.

WANTED: PAID HELPER

To do some housework for elderly parishioner a few hours a couple of days a week. More details from Deacon Philip.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

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

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