# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**10 MARCH 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:** Chronicles: 36:14-16. 19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

**Second Reading**: Ephesians: 2:4-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel:** John: 3:14-21

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 10 Mar | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** ‘Laetare Sunday’ | 6pm (Sat) | Virginia, Colin & Douglas Bruce, RIP |
| 9am | Esme Sin Hodge, RIP |
| 10.45am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 11 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Geoff Turner, RIP |
| Tues 12 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Pat Brennan, RIP |
| Wed 13 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | John Moor, RIP |
| Thurs 14 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Fedele Lucia, RIP |
| Fri 15 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Gordon Shurgold, RIP |
| Sat 16 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 17 Mar | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  | 6pm (Sat) | Kieran Connery, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 10.45am | Andre & Bob MacDonald, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Exposition and Adoration until 11am. Friday’s Mass is followed by the rosary.
* Stations of the Cross on Friday throughout Lent at 7.30pm.
* There are devotions to Our Lady every Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: every Saturday directly after 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm**.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** The collection for 3 March amounted to £636.53 (£224.47 was gift-aided) plus, from the card machines, £179 (£104 gift-aided). Standing orders for February amounted to £2,115.67 of which £1,824.67 was gift-aided. Thank you for your generosity. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for poor parishes.

**MASS TIME CHANGE** From Palm Sunday (24 March) the time for the 10.45am Sunday Mass will revert to 11am.

**BIBLE STUDY** On Wednesday (the 13th) at 10.30am after morning Mass Fr Julian will continue his course on ‘The Prophets’, looking at Isaiah and Jeremiah.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 11th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 14th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 15th) at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre Turner, Sunday 9am Manfred Schroder, 10.45am Janice Bingham. Bidding Prayers writer: Irene Gonsalvez. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Janet & Ginny, Sunday 9am Martin & Cathy, 10.45am Alan & Kathy.

EASTER SPRING CLEAN We all want St Columba’s looking its very best for the Easter services. So a special church-cleaning session is being organised. Please come along, even if only for half an hour, to lend a hand, the more the merrier (men and women!). There is a rota in the porch: please put your name down for Wednesday March 27 or Thursday the 28th, 10.30am-7pm.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** We still need volunteers to help with our sessions during 10.45am Sunday Mass. Interested? Then speak to anyone from the liturgy team or email patsymcfar@googlemail.com

**CONFIRMATIONS** Would parents (or more importantly their teenage children, who must be at least 13 by January 1, please let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know (by 31 March) if they wish to be confirmed this year.

**MARY’S MEALS** Thank you for your generosity in response to the foreign currency initiative. It raised £166.24 which means Mary’s Meals will be able to feed eight children one good meal every school day for a whole year.

**ABORTION** There are moves in Parliament to lower the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks. To support this, please send one of the postcards in the porch to your MP. The Good Counsel Network, who provide counselling for pregnant women, is organising a prayer vigil on March 23 – more details on [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**FIRE RISK** Last call: we need urgently to declutter the crypt. Could all those with items stored there please contact the parish secretary, Margaret Molloy, on selsdon@rcaos.org.uk without delay. In future it will only be possible to store a limited number of items in the crypt. If anyone is seeking voluntary work experience, such as the DofE scheme for example, we would be happy to sign this decluttering task off as part of that.

**FOOD BANK** Here is the list of things we are in need of: Pasta Sauce, Milk, Sugar, Washing Powder/pods, Tinned Veg, Jam, Tinned Meat, Washing Up liquid, Toilet Roll, Shampoo. Thanks for all the church do to support us.

**JOB VACANCY** Laleham Lea, the independent primary school in Purley, is looking for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. For more information visit <http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk> or phone 020 8660 3351.

**ALBERT KHAYYAT RIP** His funeral will take place at St Columba’s at noon on April 5 followed by interment at Greenlawns at 2pm. Please pray for the repose of Albert’s soul. Aged 84, he was a parishioner here for many years.

**MAKING A NEW START** Beginning Experience is a residential weekend for widowed, separated and divorced people. The next programme will be on April 12-14. For details phone 0208 647 4760 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** The washing of the feet will take place as usual during our 7.30pm Mass on Maundy Thursday (March 28). For that we need 12 parishioners, men and women, to volunteer. Please put your name on the list in the porch if you are willing to take part. Don’t be shy!

**CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk giving the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Una Dunne, Irena Dziewulak, Eowen Egan, Bernardo, Manuel & Maria Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Joan Hammett, Lucy Kirby, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Shirley Pitts, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Margit Symons, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley, Elizabeth Williamson. People related to parishioners for whom we pray as well are: Patrick Acholonu, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

**OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM** Itconsists of Safeguarding Officer Gill Tomei T:07787 824592

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