# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

37 Queenhill Road, Selsdon, South Croydon, CR2 8DW, Parish website: [www.stcolumbaschurchselsdon.uk](http://www.stcolumbaschurchselsdon.uk)

Parish Priest: Fr Julian Shurgold, T: 020 8657 3747 E: selsdon@rcaos.org.uk

Deacon: Rev Philip Pond, T: 020 8651 4653 E: [philippond@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:philippond@rcaos.org.uk)

**12 FEBRUARY 2023 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus: 15:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** They are happy who follow God’s law! Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. Rv1

**Second Reading**: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 2:6-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:17-37

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 12 Feb | **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm-Sat | Annarose Meusburger |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | John Walsh, RIP & family |
| **No Evening Mass** | |
| Mon 13 Feb | Weekday | 10am | Geoff Turner, RIP |
| Tues 14 Feb | SS Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe | 10am | Maura Jenkins, RIP |
| Wed 15 Feb | Weekday | 10am | Adriana Carrion, RIP |
| Thurs 16 Feb | Weekday | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 17 Feb | The Seven Holy Founders of the Servites | 10am | Michael Geraghty, RIP |
| Sat 18 Feb | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest`s intention |
| Sun 19 Feb | **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm-Sat | Virginia & Colin Bruce, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Kathleen Hornsby, RIP |
| **No Evening Mass** | |

* Please note the new Sunday Mass times. Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Holy Hour; Friday’s Mass, by the rosary. There are devotions to Our Lady every Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: on Saturdays directly after 10.30am Mass and from **5.30pm to 5.45pm (new time)**.

**COLLECTIONS**

The collection for last Sunday (the 5th) amounted to £576.25, £357.25 of which was Gift Aided.

The collection for CARJ – the Catholic Association for Racial Justice – amounted to £283.62, £5 of which was GiftAided. Thank you very much.

**WHO NEEDS CASH!**

Instead you can use our contactless payment machines for the Offertory collection. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap your credit/debit card on the keypad and, if you wish St Columba’s to benefit from Gift Aid (an extra 25p at no cost to you for every £1 you give as a taxpayer), then touch that button too. Thank you for your offering, however given.

**NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES** We will continue with the following Mass times, at least for a couple of months, to see how they work out: 6pm Saturday; 9am and 11am Sunday. Note: no Sunday evening Mass.

**INDUCTION MASS** Fr Julian would like to thank all parishioners for the support that he received last Sunday on the occasion of his Induction Mass, in particular the generous reception provided afterwards in the hall by the members of the Union of Catholic Mothers. Thank you very much.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Readers: Saturday – 6pm Geraldine O’Sullivan; Sunday – 9am Martin Baile; 11am Beatrice Hanson-Sudsbury. The Bidding Prayers writer is Tom Tracey.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

* Rita Slevin died on 16 January aged 94. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 20 February at 12.30pm followed by interment at Greenlawn Memorial Park at 2pm.
* Clifford Flynn died on 24 December, 2022, aged 70. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 23 February at 12 noon followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 1.30pm.
* William Joseph O`Brien died on 31 January, aged 87. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 7 March at 12.30pm followed by interment at Mitcham Road Cemetery at 2pm.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Can you please bring in your Missio red boxes so that they can be emptied. Thank you.

**MARRIAGE WEEK** It is taking place nationally this week (February 7-14). If you are fortunate enough to be in a marriage you should look after it – visit [https://marriage-week.org.uk/](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmarriage-week.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7CKatherine.Bergin%40abdiocese.org.uk%7C3afab853d628435332c908daf9366c74%7C2bf5dbc217ef4efca1c9ab2dc4edefd0%7C0%7C0%7C638096309898473250%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d6qTGv6ueAuaQvHKT4m4W1DLhiggOw4m2lSeiQcmZpQ%3D&reserved=0) for ideas and suggestions.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Mary Langan, Anne Brownsell, Ian Messenger, Veronica Moor, Anesta McNichols, Pat Taylor, Anna Coppola, Chris Jones, Albert Khayyat, Michael Edwards, Michael & Linda Watson, Leslie Jeyadeva, Judy Freegard, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom, Antelene Manley, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Irena Dziewulak, Joan Hammett, Elida Scasso, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Bernardo, Maria & Manuel Fernandes and sick residents at local care homes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Many thanks for your ongoing support. Please place items in the Vine food bank collection boxes at the back of the church.

**TAIZE SERVICES** Several have been organised for coming months, all starting at 7.30pm: February 27 at St Edward’s, New Addington; March 22 at St Mary’s, Addington; April 17 (St Edward’s) and May 17 (St Mary’s).

**ONE WEEK TO LENT!** It starts on February 22. How about joining a Lenten house group along with members of the other Christian churches in Selsdon? Details and a sign-up list with dates and venues (plus info on a Zoom version) can be found on the church noticeboard. Tomorrow (Monday) is the cut-off point for signing up.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE** How to get the marriage you want out of the marriage you have. This Saturday morning online course on February 18 is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing. Details: email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or phone 07983 524 727.

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER** SycamOre is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on February 28. For more details or to register, visit the website: [Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (rcaos.org.uk)](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together)

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST** If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It’s being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING** **CONTACTS** Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence: Gill Tomei T:07787 824 592 E: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk; or Richard Mills T:07956 531 540 E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk. They are our parish safeguarding coordinators and can provide advice and guidance.