# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**12 MARCH 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Exodus: 17:3-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice: ‘Harden not your hearts.’ PS 94:1-2. 6-9. Rv.8

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 5:1-2. 5-8

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

**Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 12 Mar | **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm-Sat | C.P. & Rosa Maria Fernandes, RIP | |
| 9am | Mary Ellen Brydges, RIP | |
| 11am | Pro Populo | |
| **No evening Mass** | | |
| Mon 13 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Private Intention (Lee family) | |
| Tues 14 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Paeder Conneely, RIP | |
| Wed 15 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Mary Langan, well-being | |
| Thurs 16 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Kelsall Family, well-being | |
| Fri 17 Mar | St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland | 10am | Holy Souls | |
| Sat 18 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. Cyril of Jerusalem)* | 10.30am | Priest’s intention | |
| Sun 19 Mar | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  **‘Laetare Sunday’** | 6pm-Sat | Stephen Oxley, RIP | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Stanislaw Gonek, 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. **Stations of the Cross** **will be said every Friday during Lent in church at 7.30pm.** 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**.**

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for last Sunday (the 5th) amounted to £481.78, £212.50 of which was Gift-Aided. The collection for CAFOD’s Lent Fast Day last week amounted to £366.26, £70 of which was Gift-Aided. Thank you. The second collection next Sunday will be for Poor Parishes (formerly the ‘Needs of the Diocese’) which allows the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

**GIVING WITHOUT 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 or insert 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Readers: Saturday – 6pm Deirdre Turner; Sunday – 9am Mike McFarlane; 11am Beatrice Hanson-Sudsbury. The Bidding Prayers writer is Michael Abiodun.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** During Lent and Eastertide we shall recite the Apostles’ Creed rather than the usual Nicene Creed. The words of both creeds will be found on p.205 in the *Laudate* hymn-book.

**CHOIR MEETING** Every Friday evening in Lent, at 7.00pm, there will be a brief choir rehearsal in the church to prepare the liturgy for Lent, particularly for Holy Week. All are most welcome to attend.

**LAUNCH OF CARITAS SOUTHWARK**See the leaflets concerning this event taking place next Saturday (the 18th) at the 12.30pm Mass in St George`s Cathedral, Southwark. The Mass will be followed by a reception.

**WASHING OF FEET** For this annual ceremony to take place at the 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Mass we need ideally a dozen parishioners, men and women. Please put your name down on the list on the porch noticeboard.

**MOTHERS’ DAY** It’s next Sunday (the 19th). To mark the occasion the children’s liturgy group will be hosting a Mothers’ Day tea and children’s craft event in the hall after 11am Mass. All are welcome, especially Mums.

**CONFIRMATION** Application forms will be available after all Masses throughout Lent for this year`s Confirmation course, which begins later in the year. The forms must be returned before the end of Lent.

**HELP FOR UKRAINE** There is going to be another supply convoy heading for Ukraine shortly. Most needed items are: sleeping bags, water purifying tablets, dog and cat food, adult nappies, wet wipes, torches, white boards (office-equipment type) and vacuum flasks and containers (metal or plastic). Items donated can be left in the boxes in the porch next to the repository. To donate money email aidin4ukraine@gmail.com

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please don’t forget to bring in your Missio red box so that it can be emptied. Thank you.

**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 and Maria & Manuel Fernandes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most-needed items are: toilet rolls, tinned veg, long-life milk, baby wipes, nappies size 5, 5+ and 6+, squash, tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid and cleaning products including bleach and rice pudding. Please place items in the collection boxes in the porch by the side door. Many thanks for your support.

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

**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)

**ST COLUMBA’S WEBSITE** Have you visited it? You can access all the latest parish rotas including for altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers and bidding prayers writers. Plus, of course, Mass and Confession times as well as details of parish organisations, who to contact for information about various parish activities – and this newsletter is there too. There’s lots more. Just logon to stcolumbaschurchselsdon.uk

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Why do MPs want Catholics arrested for silently praying outside abortion centres? Come and find out at 7pm on Thursday (the 16th). Venue: St Wilfrid's Hall, The Oratory, Brompton Rd, London SW7 2RP. Learn about the life-saving peaceful prayerful outreach that is the halfway point of this Lent's 40 Days for Life Campaign. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745 711064 or Good Counsel on 020 7723 1740.

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**HELP FOR TURKEY & SYRIA** Contact CAFOD (cafod.org.uk), part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), if you would like to make a donation to help the earthquake victims. And pray for the victims.