# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**13 AUGUST 2023 – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**First Reading:** A reading from the first book of Kings: 19:9. 11-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 9:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 14:22-33

**Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 13 Aug | **19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | 6pm (Sat) | Margit Symons, (SVP) |
| 9am | Pro populo |
| 11am | Everard & Glen Fletcher, RIP |
| Mon 14 Aug | St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr | 10am | Myles & Teresa Murphy, RIP |
| Tues 15 Aug | [**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**](https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/OT2Solemnities.shtml#Assumption) **(Holyday of Obligation)** | 10am7.30pm | Mary O’Grady, RIPPro Populo |
| Wed 16 Aug | Weekday/St Stephen of Hungary | 10am | Patrick Cahill, RIP |
| Thurs 17 Aug | Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 18 Aug | Weekday | 10am | Sid Hughesdon, RIP |
| Sat 19 Aug | Weekday/St John Eudes, Priest | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 20 Aug | **20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | 6pm (Sat)9am | Ann O’Neil, RIPPro Populo |
| 11am | Croydon Catenians' intention |

* 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**.** Also on request.
* Tuesday, being the feast of the Assumption, is a Holyday of Obligation with Masses at 10am & 7.30pm.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Thank you for your generosity.

**OUR CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES** Despite our best efforts they are both still out of order. As an alternative please put cash in the basket at the Offertory collection or better still set up a monthly standing order.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Running low are: jam, rice - dried in packets, washing powder/pods, milk, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, juice (cordial), desert of any kind that has a shelf life, crackers/savoury biscuits, soup, washing-up liquid/cleaning products, baby wipes. Many thanks to you all for your support and help.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** Everyone welcome to help raise funds for this amazing charity. Church Hall on Friday 22nd Sep 10am-12noon. There will be a Raffle and Cake Stall - so please help with donations. Come and share a lovely get-together with refreshments, cake and meeting friends. We raised an incredible £1K last year with on-line donations (this will be available too).

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Susan Gower, Sunday: 9am Mike McFarlane, 11am Sita Egole. Bidding Prayers writer: Malliga Baladasan. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Janet & Ginny, Sunday 9am Cathy & Mike, 11am Pat & Marion.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Michael Skinner,David Wallace, Pedrinha Ramos, Ann Brennan, Rob Adams, Veronica Moor, Pat Taylor, Albert Khayyat, Michael & Linda Watson, Judy Freegard, Margaret Bolton, Jean-Claude Anthony, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom, Maria Baretto, Irena Dziewulak, Joan Hammett, Elida Scasso, Florinda and Simon Cardoso, Bernardo and Maria and Manuel Fernandes, Alice Barclay, Jacqueline Wheatley, Gloria Forzani, Maria Fernandes, Mike Goodwin, Jonathan Raki, Peg Casey and Sybil Fernandes.

**COME AND HUM ALONG TO A HYMN** Join members of the choir at a rehearsal each week at 6.30pm for an hour each Thursday. Even if you believe you cannot sing (and we'll hope to change your mind about that!) come along anyway, listen to the music and hum along. You will be surprised how much better you feel afterwards. Whichever Mass you attend and whether you are a choir member or not, all are welcome at rehearsals.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Commission for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on 23 September.

**WESTMINSTER INTERFAITH GROUP** Because of a graduation, the Westminster Interfaith group will not meet in July. Archbishop Kevin's talk is postponed to October 18. The next meeting will be on September 20.

**AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS** The latest episode of this podcast can be accessed on this website link: [Accompaniment and Encounter | Episode 14 - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/accompaniment-and-encounter-episode-14/)

**ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON** Being held in aid of homelessness charity The Passage, it takes place on October 8, the route including Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James’s Park and Green Park. Registration fee: £20, Fundraising goal: £300. Sign up at <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

**A MIND OF THEIR OWN** The rates of young people struggling with anxiety and depression are rising. One in six report mental health problems. A Mind of Their Own is packed with simple and effective strategies for use at home, helping you better to understand what's going on in your child's head. A meeting is being held at New Life Christian Centre, 5 Cairo New Road, Croydon CR0 1XP on October 12 at 7.30pm to look at the problem and strategies to help. Contact the parish office for complimentary tickets.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Hospital chaplains do not have automatic access to patients’ details including their religion. So if you are going into hospital it’s up to you to contact them or us (Fr Julian/Deacon Philip) direct so that visits and Holy Communion can be arranged. The Croydon University Hospital chaplaincy is on 020 8401 3105.

**CONFESSION & MOBILE PHONES** Mobiles can, apparently, ‘listen in’ to conversations around them. In order to maintain the sanctity of Confession, the bishops of England and Wales require people entering the confessional box to make sure their phones are completely switched off.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Would any ministers who were unable to attend the refresher meeting in the church recently please contact Fr Julian without delay so that he can update them on procedures at Mass.

**THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL** Volunteers are needed to help tribunal judges collect evidence for cases and conduct interviews of applicants looking to have their marriages annulled. Out-of-pocket expenses would be reimbursed. Suitable candidates would be serving or retired teachers, police officers, lawyers/solicitors and similar professionals. A training day is planned for September 29. Email mabelasante@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

**SHOP AND HELP ST C’s** Thinking of buying something online? Anything? If you do you can help St Columba’s finances at the same time and at no cost to yourself. It’s simple. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register (which is quick and easy) and then go shopping online at whichever retailer you choose. Each time you buy something – anything – a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from including lots of big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**NEWCOMERS** If you are new to the parish (and even if you aren’t), we would like to extend a warm welcome. Help us to do just that and to help you find out more about our parish by filling in one of the Welcome slips in the porch. When you have completed the form, hand it to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip (or push it through the presbytery letterbox – No. 37, next door to the church). It’s good to have you with us.

**WELCOMERS** The following have kindly agreed to meet’n’greet parishioners arriving for Sunday Mass: Saturday 6pm Richard and Carmel; Sunday 9am Gill, Mike Mc and Martin; Sunday 11am Terry, Marta and Anne-Marie. Michael M and Yvonne will help out at whichever Mass they attend. Thanks one and all.

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