# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**13 NOVEMBER 2022 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Malachi: 3:19-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 97:5-9. R cf. V.9: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians: 3:7-12

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 21:5-19

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** There will be a second collection today – details below

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 13 Nov | Sunday 33rd in Ordinary Time*Remembrance Sunday**World Day of the Poor*  | 6.30pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 8am | St Cecilia, music ministry |
| 10am | Tommy King, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Rena Jordan, RIP |
| Mon 14 Nov | Weekday | 10am | Eileen Brophy, RIP |
| Tues 15 Nov | St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor | 10am | Jennifer McAuliffe, well-being |
| Wed 16 Nov  | St. Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop | 10am | Deceased family & friends of the Skinner family, RIP |
| Thurs 17 Nov | St. Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 18 Nov | The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul | 10am | Deceased relatives of the Brown family, RIP |
| Sat 19 Nov | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 20 Nov | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING*National Youth Sunday* | 6.30pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 8am | Sue, RIP |
| 10am | Harry McKinney, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Mrs Rose Saminathar, RIP |

Fr Julian will bless the graves at Greenlawns Cemetery at 3pm today (Sunday). All are welcome to attend.

Please note that there is no Mass on Thursdays (unless it is a Solemnity or Feast of Our Lord). 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. There is now Mass every Saturday morning at 10.30am (following 10am devotions). Confessions: on Saturdays directly after morning Mass and from 6-6.15pm.

**NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** This is a month when, traditionally, we make a special effort to remember loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes, to be placed in the Holy Souls box in the sanctuary, can be found at the back of the church.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Saturday 6.30pm Kathy Thorpe, Sunday 8am Gill Tomei, 10am Madison Pritchard-Wallace, 6.30pm Janet Adams. The Bidding Prayers writer is Stephen & Brigid Beck.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection last Sunday amounted to £608.94. Thank you very much.

Today there will be a second collection for the Archbishop`s Fund for Diocesan Administration. This is intended to focus attention on three important areas of diocesan life:

1. Youth & Evangelisation – *to strengthen the Faith in schools & parishes, especially for Youth.*
2. Faith in Action – *to display love for all people of the world especially in terms of supporting social outreach projects in parishes & schools.*
3. Clergy Care & Formation – *to care for sick & retired priests in old age & ill-health; to support the formation of priests & deacons, all clergy in active ministry, and to foster vocations.*

You may donate online at rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or tel. 020-7960-2504 (weekdays: 0900 – 1700) or place cash or a cheque in one of the envelopes at the back of church.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service, especially youth work in the diocese.

**CASH NOT NEEDED** To contribute to the main Offertory collection only, you can use our contactless payment machines. 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.

**ST. COLUMBA`S CHURCH CHOIR – MEETING: NEXT SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER** All existing members of the choir, and any person who has an interest in joining the choir, are invited to a meeting next Sunday, 20 November directly after the 1000 Mass in church. “One who sings well, prays twice” (*attributed* to St. Augustine, d.430). Singing is a very important part of our celebration of Mass and the parish needs singers, so please come along and join in.

**MASS FOR ALL THE BEREAVED** Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 23 November for anyone in the parish who has suffered bereavement. This will precede immediately the readers` meeting (see below).

**ALL READERS – MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER** All readers, and any person who is considering becoming a reader, are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, 23 November at 7.00pm in the church. This is designed to clarify certain aspects of reading the Scriptures in church and to promote a degree of conformity in the overall approach.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023** Application forms are now available for next year`s programme. Please collect a form from Fr Julian after any Sunday Mass from now until 26/27 November. All forms must be returned, in person, by Sunday, 4 December.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Any adult who is thinking of taking this step is invited to approach Fr Julian and Deacon Philip over the next few weeks. By 26/27 November (the First Sunday of Advent) please ensure that you have spoken to one, or both, of them and that you`ve provided your name and contact details. It is hoped that a programme will be put in place early next year with the intention that applicants will be received into full communion with the Church at Easter, 2023 (9 April).

**SOME DEFINITE SERVICE** This is a diocesan-wide approach to three areas: evangelisation, catechesis & formation. Archbishop Wilson has invited three people from each parish to an online meeting at 7.45pm on Thursday, 8 December. If anyone is interested in undertaking this role please contact Fr. Julian or Deacon Philip as soon as possible. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Ian Messenger, Veronica Moor, Maithili, Chris Waring, Anesta McNichols, Pat Taylor, Anna Coppola, Martin Ford, 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 and sick residents at local care homes.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** Funeral directors offer counselling to the family after bereavement – that includes the loss of something dear to you, for example a family pet. If you need someone to talk to, you can also phone Diane English, St Columba’s bereavement support representative on 01883 627138

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most-needed items: jam, pasta sauce, coffee, cereal, milk, biscuits & baby wipes. The food bank is run by the Salvation Army who try to provide Christmas gifts for needy, adults and children. Can you help with gifts such as games, books, toiletries, toys and hats/scarves/gloves (no wrapping please) Gifts are needed by 7th Dec. Items should be placed in the Vine Food Bank collection boxes at the back of the church.

**AID TO UKRAINE** Another aid convoy is being organised. Priorities are emergency foil blankets (to keep casualties of bombing, missile and drone attacks warm) and Sudocrem (hospitals don’t have enough supplies of this) – there is a box at the back of the church. Email angela.pritchardwallace@gmail.com to donate cash.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** They are now available to buy, along with other Christmas goods, in the repository (shop) at the back of the church.