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# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**14 APRIL 2024 – THIRD WEEK OF EASTER YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles: 3:13-15. 17-19

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

**Second Reading**: St John: 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 24:35-48

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 14 Apr | **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  | 6pm (Sat) | Gerry & Brian French, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Thanksgiving |
| Mon 15 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Mary Charman, RIP & Ian Cox, RIP |
| Tues 16 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Joao Vieira Ribeiro, RIP |
| Wed 17 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Christine Cole, RIP |
| Thurs 18 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 19 Apr | St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr | 10am | Pamela Sigalini, RIP |
| Sat 20 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10.30am | Priest`s intention |
| Sun 21 Apr | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*****World Day of Prayer for Vocations*** | 6pm (Sat) | George Vandort, RIP & Mick Flynn, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Private intention |

* 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.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday mornings at 10am.
* Confessions: every Saturday directly after 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** For the weekend of 6/7 April it amounted to £571.80 of which £296 was gift-aided. Thank you. A collection will be taken at all Sunday Masses next weekend (the 21st/22nd) for the Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education) which helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate; it also supports ongoing formation of the clergy.

**GIFT AID** New boxes are now available in church. Names are on them so would Gift Aid members please help themselves. If you are a taxpayer and haven’t yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not do so? It provides extra income for the parish at no cost to you. For example, give £10 to St Columba’s and an extra £2.50 is received. Contact Deacon Philip for more details.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita Egole, Sunday 9am Manfred Schroder, 11am Kathy Thorpe. Bidding Prayers writer: Adrian Forward. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Janet & Ginny, Sunday 9am Malliga & Richard, 11am Pat & tbc

**SUMMER FAYRE** Make a note in your diary: June 2, 10am to 1pm. To make it a success and raise funds for our parish, we need donations of: plants and cakes (on the day); jewellery; bric’a’brac; bottles; sweets and cosmetics.

**GIRL GUIDES** A thriving troop meets at St Columba’s in the hall every Friday evening during term time, 7.15-9pm. The girls, aged 10-14, have a great old time. More would be welcome: just email veronica.williamson@icloud.com

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Maria Antonia Valenti died on 2 March, aged 94. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the 24th at 10am, followed by interment at Streatham Park Cemetery at 12 noon. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**CONFIRMATIONS** Application forms are available until 12 May. Candidates for Confirmation later this year must have attained their 13th birthday by September 1, 2024, and should approach Fr Julian or Deacon Philip for a form.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like a Mass said for any reason, complete an envelope (to be found at the back of the church) and hand directly to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip or leave in the sacristy or post through the presbytery letterbox.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 15th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 18th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 19th) at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

***DAY FOR READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS*** *A day of reflection and renewal is being organized for those who were unable to attend the last gathering at Tooting during Advent. It will take place from 10.30am-3pm on April 27 at St Catherine of Siena church in Chessington. Let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know if you would like to go.*

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** We still need volunteers to help with our sessions during 11am Sunday Mass. Interested? Then speak to anyone from the liturgy team or email patsymcfar@googlemail.com

**MASS AT MAYDAY** Mass is being celebrated every Wednesday at 12 noon in the chapel in the grounds of Croydon University Hospital (formerly called Mayday). All are most welcome.

**CARD GAMES AFTERNOON** St Columba's Community Group are hosting a playing-cards games afternoon on Wednesday (the 17th) at 2-4pm in the hall. All are welcome.

**FOOD BANK** Here is a list of items needed: pasta sauce, milk, sugar, washing powder/pods, tinned veg, jam, tinned meat, washing-up liquid, toilet rolls and shampoo. There are bins in the porch. Thanks for all your support.

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR** One is needed at Good Shepherd primary school, 12-1pm Monday-Friday term-time only. It is a very rewarding job as our children love coming to school and are well-behaved. Closing date for applications is the 16th. More details: <https://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/vacancies>

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

**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, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley and 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, Kathleen Sampson, 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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