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16 JANUARY 2022 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing your name, O Most High!

A reading from prophet Isaiah: 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. Rv3: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

2nd Reading: A reading from **the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 12:4-11**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Sat 15th | 6.30pm | Jill & Jim O'Donnell |
| Sun 16th | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 16th | 10.00am | Tony Melvin, well-being |
| Sun 16th | 6.30pm | Trevor Parker, RIP |
| Mon 17th | 10.00am | Henry Wei, well-being |
| Tues 18th | 10.00am | Alfred & Josephine Dickey, RIP |
| Tues 18th | 1.00pm | Funeral Mass of Keith Sandland, RIP |
| Wed 19th | 10.00am | John Walsh, RIP |
| Thurs 20th | 10.00am | Jim Proctor, RIP |
| Fri 21st | 10.00am | Daphne Muriel Owen, RIP |
| Sat 22nd | 6.30pm | The O’Dowd Family, well-being |
| Sun 23rd | 8.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sun 23rd | 10.00am | John Walsh, RIP |
| Sun 23rd | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |

* *Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am)*

THE SYNOD: YOUR LAST CHANCE

On Sunday afternoon (the 16th) you have your fourth and final opportunity to have your say about what the Church as a whole is doing right – and wrong. And how it should change in the future. Don’t miss this last chance to contribute your comments, thoughts and suggestions to be forwarded to the 2023 Synod in Rome.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

A weekly First Communion preparation course will start on February 9. It will last from 5-6pm. Parents wishing for their children to receive their First Communion in June this year should contact Fr Roy.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR | |
| Sat 15th | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Sun 16th | 2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Mon 17th | St Anthony, abbot |
| Tues 18th | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Wed 19th | Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Wulstan, Bishop (E) |
| Thurs 20th | Weekday in Ordinary Time orSt Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr |
| Fri 21st | St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr |
| Sat 22nd | Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr |
| Sun 23rd | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |

KEITH SANDLAND RIP

Keith’s Requiem Mass will take place at 1pm on Tuesday (the 18th) followed by a service at Croydon Crematorium. All are invited. Please keep Keith and his widow, Rita, and two daughters in your prayers.

THE SCANDAL OF CHRISTIAN DISUNITY

The annual week of prayer for Christian unity runs from January 18-25. We are all called to make a special effort to pray during this period for Christian unity, addressing the scandal which is a Christian Church split by disputes and disagreements. A joint service organized by Churches Together in Selsdon & Addington, of which St Columba’s is an active member, will take place at 3pm on Sunday the 23rd hosted by St Mary’s, Addington. See you there?

REMEMBER THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Albert Khayyat, Henry Wei, Alice Barclay, Vera de Souza, Teresa Trumper, Michael Edwards, Michael Watson, Lourdes Fernandes, Leslie Jeyadeva, Maria Fraggle, Jeffrey Wei, Nicola Gingell, Judy Freegard, Yvonne Bruce, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Ellen Everett, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom and sick residents at four residential homes visited by the parish St Vincent de Paul group.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACTION

Young people are the Church of tomorrow and so important for the future of our Church. So make a note. On Saturday January 29 there will be an induction afternoon for youth leaders and Confirmation catechists with the focus on post-Confirmation groups. It will take place at St Mary’s, West Croydon from 12-4pm.

Leading it will be former RE teacher, school chaplain and youth coordinator Tom Caluori.

The afternoon will be based on the LIFE programme published by Redemptorist Publications. To book and for more details phone Tom on 07982 999319 or email tomcaluori@hotmail.com

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT ST C’S

There is no longer any requirement to fill in (or email) track’n’trace forms when coming to church. However, we still need to:

* Bring and wear a face mask covering the nose as well as the mouth when in church. Remember: this protects other people.
* Use hand sanitizer, provided, both when entering and leaving the church.
* Ensure plenty of social distancing in the church and in the benches unless you are in a family group.
* Offer each other the Sign of Peace at Mass without shaking hands. Instead just exchange a bow.

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| SAFEGUARDING: BE RESPONSIBLE  We as a parish have a duty and responsibility to keep children and vulnerable adults safe when they are in church or attending church events and services. That’s what Safeguarding does. It’s active right across the diocese (and in all other dioceses as well) including here at St Columba’s.  If you have any concerns or queries about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults, contact Gill Tomei ([selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)), Richard Mills or Claire Tucker in complete confidence.  All their contact details can be found on the noticeboard at the back of the church. |  |  |

OUR LEPROSY COMMUNITY

For news from Ahotokurom, the leprosy village in Ghana which we as a parish have adopted and support, please see the latest newsletter pinned to the church noticeboard.

CELEBRATE ST COLUMBA

Colmcille 1500 has been set up to commemorate the 1500th anniversary of the birth of our very own St Columba. (See the noticeboard in the porch.)

Anyone with any relevant photos, artwork or written components is invited to share them on social media to celebrate the reach this saint has in 2022,.

To participate visit any of these three links:

[colmcille1500.com/english/](https://colmcille1500.com/english/)﻿

[www.facebook.com/Colmcille1500NW/](https://www.facebook.com/Colmcille1500NW/)﻿

[www.instagram.com/colmcille1500/](https://www.instagram.com/colmcille1500/)﻿

REGINA COELI APPLICATIONS

A message from Regina Coeli Catholic primary school in Pampisford Road, South Croydon…

“We are a friendly school with dedicated staff, hard-working and confident pupils, loyal parents, supportive governors and committed parish priests.

“We are currently holding tours on Mondays and Tuesdays and invite you to call the school office to make an appointment: 020 8688 4582”

CAFOD HELP FOR AFGHANISTAN

Eight million people in Afghanistan are on the brink of famine because of drought, a collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict and Covid.

CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water and fuel.

You can help by donating on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

KNOW OF ANYONE IN NEED?

Are you aware of any parishioners living alone or in need? If so, as well as phoning them yourself occasionally to see if they need anything, let Fr Roy or Deacon Philip know of their situation. That way, we can work together to support and help them.

JOIN THE JESUITS

The London Jesuit Centre are running a programme of events, talks and courses over coming months. It includes “Luke: A Very Jewish Gospel”, “Science & Theology”, “School of Ignation Prayer”, “Five Medieval Islamic Thinkers” and “Moral Theology: Where Are We and How Did We Get Here?”. More details from [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)

BERYL WINIFRED BILTON RIP

Pray for the repose of the soul of Beryl who died at the end of December aged 97. May she rest in peace.