# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**16 JULY 2023 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah: 55:10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 8:18-23

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 13:1-23

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 16 July | **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | Laurence Favreau, RIP | |
| 9am | John Joseph Hibberd, RIP | |
| 11am | Pro Populo | |
| Mon 17 July | Weekday | 10am | Esther Scott, RIP | |
| Tues 18 July | Weekday | 10am | Ann Mitchell, RIP | |
| Wed 19 July | Weekday | 10am | Frederick Wye | |
| Thurs 20 July | Weekday/St. Apollinaris/St. John Plessington | **No Mass** |  | |
| Fri 21 July | Weekday/St. Laurence of Brindisi | 10am | The Waite Family | |
| Sat 22 July | St. Mary Magdalene | 10.30am | Priest’s intention | |
| Sun 23 July | **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat)  9am | John Joseph Hibberd, RIP  Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Patrick & Evelyn Fletcher, RIP | |

* 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.
* Fr William is with us to cover for Fr Julian who is on annual leave for the whole of July.

**COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your contribution. The figures will be printed in the next newsletter.

**GIFT AID** There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection at the back of the church. Please do take them.

**OUR CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES** Unfortunately and rather annoyingly, 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: tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tinned veg, jam, sugar, tinned rice pudding, baby wipes, oil, nappies size 5 and 7 and sandwich paste. Your support is much appreciated.

**SUMMER FAYRE** You can still support the event by visiting the online Just Giving page and making a donation: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gillian-tomei?utm_source=EmailShare&utm_medium=email_social&utm_campaign=LFCCFUK_Day3_SDPageComp>

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre Turner; Sunday: 9am Adrian Forward, 11am Alan Thorpe. Bidding Prayers writer: Martin Baile. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Carmel & Deirdre; Sunday 9am Cathy & Mike, 11am Pat & Marion.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** 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 and Gloria Forzani.

**ANTHONY BRENNAN RIP** Keep in your prayers Anthony Brennan who tragically died recently, also his family.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please bring in your red Missio boxes for emptying.

**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.

**ANNE O’NEILL RIP** Please remember in your prayers Anne O’Neill, a long-standing member of this parish, who died last week. May she rest in peace.

**CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th plus wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on September 23. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, give your details to Deacon Philip or email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) Details needed: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** It’s on August 5; its theme, the sanctity of life; leader is Abp Kevin McDonald. Details: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) Join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** A part-time chaplain is required at St Joseph’s College, Beulah Hill. For details visit the vacancy section at the college website: stjosephscollege.org.uk

**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/)

**MICHAEL LOFTUS RIP** Please keep in your prayers Michael Loftus, formerly of this parish, who has just died. May he rest in peace. Remember his wife Carol in your prayers too.

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE** Baroness Sheila Hollins will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on "Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican" at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG) on September 19. There is free entry, all are welcome and it is followed by a drinks reception. Register at [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) or phone 020 87491321.

**ENGAGE THE DISENGAGED** An online seminar on evangelisation entitled ‘Engage the Disengaged’ will take place between 6-8pm on November 21 led by eminent evangelist, speaker and author, Sherry Weddell. Tickets are priced at £10. Bp Philip Egan of Portsmouth has described how ‘Sherry Weddell’s virtual visit to UK Catholics is an exceptional opportunity to engage with one of the leading evangelists of our time.’ For more details and to book tickets visit the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/engage-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons/>

**RACIAL JUSTICE** A seminar entitled ‘Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities’ will take place at Amigo Hall, St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, on October 28. Organisers are the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion and the speakers will include Abp John Wilson. More details:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>.

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