#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**16 MARCH 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face, It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading:** Genesis: 15:5-12, 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading** Philippians: 3:17-4:1

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my beloved Son, listen to him’. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

**Gospel:** Luke: 9:28b-36

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** Today there will be a second collection for CAFOD

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 16 Mar | **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm (Sat) | Bill Hickey |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Fedele Lucia, RIP |
| Mon 17 Mar | St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland | 10am | Patrick O`Donoghue, RIP |
| Tues 18 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(Commem. of St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)* | 10am | Patrick & Maureen Cardin, RIP |
| Wed 19 Mar | St Joseph, Husband of Our Lady, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity | 10am | Evelyn & Patrick Fletcher, RIP |
| Thurs 20 Mar | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | The Mahoney Family |
| Fri 21 Mar  | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | Stanislaw Gonek |
| Sat 22 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 23 Mar | **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm (Sat) | Stephen Oxley, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Vera Warren, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* **There will be no exposition and adoration on Tuesday**
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* Stations of the Cross are held on Friday at 7.30pm
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: on Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**MONEY MATTERS** March 8/9: basket £722.52 (Gift Aid £397.65), card machines £828.50 (Gift Aid £692.50). Repository £10. Building Fund £25. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** Today (Sunday) there will be a second collection for CAFOD, following Family Fast Day last Friday. Thank you for your donations and prayers. Today also we welcome a speaker from CAFOD, Marcela Saavedra- Keech, to update us on their work. How about volunteering to help CAFOD in their important work for the poor of the world? Email southwark@cafod.org.uk for details or speak to Marcela after Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY** It’s for Poor Parishes in our diocese.

**BIBLE STUDY** Back by popular request! It will resume on **March 26** in the hall after 10am Mass – do make a note in your diary. The plan is to meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the same time. We shall be looking at *The Acts of the Apostles –* called the Fifth Gospel – which will prepare us for Eastertide when almost all of it is read on weekdays over the seven weeks leading up to Pentecost.

**CONFIRMATIONS** If any young member of the parish who will be 13 by September 1st would like to consider being confirmed, please speak to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip after Mass.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre, Sunday 9am Manfred, 11am Janice. Bidding Prayers: Anne. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Roger.

**SAVE THE DATE** St Columba's Community Group are hosting a quiz night on May 3 at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 per person and go on sale after all Masses from April 12. Come as a team of six or join in with others on the night. See the poster on the group's notice board for more details.

**FOR THE BEREAVED** *Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ* is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. The weekend, from March 21-23, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – ring 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

**LET’S TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE** A parish meeting will take place at 7.30pm on April 2 to discuss the challenge in a consultation booklet made available by our Archbishop to all parishioners – and that means you. It follows a pastoral letter from Abp John circulated at St Columba’s just before the church closed for building work. That pastoral letter was about the latest phase of *Called to Bear Fruit*, an initiative he launched in 2023. You can read more about it on the parish website. Copies of the consultation booklet can be collected at church.

**FIRE IN THE CHURCH** We hope it will never happen but common sense dictates that we take sensible precautions to ensure that if a fire does break out in St Columba’s we are properly prepared. So this is advance notice that a meeting will take place on May 10 to discuss how we would handle it. Watch this space for further details.

**CELEBRATION!** That’s going to be the theme of a get-together for the whole diocese of Southwark taking place at The Friars, Aylesford, on June 7. And you are invited. Specifically, it will celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year and two important anniversaries. One marks 60 years of Southwark being an archdiocese; the other, 175 years of Southwark being a diocese. Make a date in your diary now for a visit to Aylesford, bring a picnic and join the celebration.

**FOOD BANK** Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meats (meals), pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, tuna, porridge/oats and other cereals, toilet rolls, bleach and washing-up liquid. Place items in the boxes in the porch.

**BECOME A BEFRIENDER** By volunteering with Selsdon Contact you can play a vital role in providing companionship and support to those most in need: those facing loneliness and social isolation, the elderly, people with disabilities. No prior experience is necessary; just a kind heart and a willingness to listen. To learn more ring 020 8651 4944 or email info@selsdoncontact.org.uk

**SUMMER SOIREE** There is one being held to mark the 170th anniversary of St Joseph’s College, Beulah Hill. The date is July 10. Alumni, family and friends of St Joseph’s are all welcome. More details: email events@sjc.ac

**UNA DUNNE RIP** Pray for the repose of her soul and for her family. May she rest in peace. No funeral details yet.

**MIKE GOODWIN RIP** Mike’s funeral will take place on Thursday (the 20th) at noon at St Bartholomew’s, 159 Ellison Rd, Norbury, SW16 5DE, followed by cremation at 2pm at Croydon Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Una Dunne, Eoin Egan, Bernardo Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Kathy Thorpe and Sean Walsh. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Isobel Barbour, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Michael Medhurst, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace and Linda & Michael Watson.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei email: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Richard Mills E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Clare Morgado E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk and Patsy McFarlane E: selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on 020 7261 1606. If you need help, information or advice concerning possible safeguarding issues involving children or vulnerable adults, contact any of the above. Your concerns will be dealt with discreetly and efficiently. For more information about Safeguarding please see the posters in the porch and church hall.