# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**16 OCTOBER 2022 – 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** T

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call, for you shall surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Exodus: 17:8-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 120. R cf. v.2: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy: 3:14-4:2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 18:1-8

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 16 Oct | Sunday XXIX in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm (Sat) | Deacon Phil & Mary Pond |
| 8am | Barbara Feast, RIP |
| 10am | Rory Moore, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Mon 17 Oct | St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr | 10am | Fred Esedebe, RIP |
| Tues 18 Oct | St. Luke, Evangelist | 10am | John de Souza, RIP |
| Wed 19 Oct | St. Philip Howard, Martyr | No Mass | Patricia Gallen, well-being |
| Thurs 20 Oct | Weekday | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 21 Oct | Weekday | 10am | Adrian Evans, well-being |
| Sat 22 Oct | St. John-Paul II, Pope | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 23 Oct | Sunday XXX in Ordinary Time*World Mission Day**Day of Prayer for the evangelisation of the world* | 6.30pm (Sat) | Deacon Vincent & Mary |
| 8am | Pro Populo |
| 10am | Kevin Hook, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Eileen & Gilbert MacDonald, RIP |

**Please note that there will be no Masses on Thursdays in future unless it is a Solemnity or a 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Saturday 6.30pm Richard Tomlinson, Sunday 8am Malliga Baladasan, 10am Harriet Kelsal, 6.30pm Sita Egole. The Bidding Prayers writer is Jim Madden.

**COLLECTIONS** Last Sundays collections amounted to £535.47 (£226.60 of which was Gift Aided); the collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day amounted to £287.46 (£43 of which was Gift Aided). Thank you very much.

**Next Sunday, World Mission Day** there will be second collection for Missio (please see overleaf for further detail) so please collect your envelopes from the back of church.

**MISSIO** This is the Church`s official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England & Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

**MISSIO: YOUR RED BOXES** Our new Missio Secretary, Mary Mills, has kindly taken on the organisation of the Red Boxes, by which we can contribute all the time to Missio. The boxes are now ready for collection from the porch at the back of church. The next call for boxes will be made in early December. If you have any questions, such as how you contribute if you are not already doing so, please contact Mary on 020-8657-5845.

**NO CASH NEEDED** To contribute to the Offertory collection, that is. Instead, if you wish, you can use our new contactless payment machines. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap your credit or 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.

**AUTUMN CHARITY FAYRE** Sunday 23rd October. We have some fantastic raffle prizes to be won so put a date in your diary. We still need donations of bottles; jewellery; plants; bric- a-brac; handicrafts; cakes (pledge sheet on notice board) and sweets & cosmetics. A box for donations is in the porch. No books or DVDs this year.

**CAFE COLUMBA CHRISTMAS LUNCH** If you would like to come to the annual Christmas lunch on December 14, two courses with wine for £12 (capped at 42 maximum), make sure to give your name to Gill Tomei.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** 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 and sick residents at four local care homes.

**FR. ROY`S RETURN** Many thanks to all concerned for those who helped to organise and those who participated in the Mass and Presentation to Fr. Roy last Sunday, as we thanked him for his five years work in this parish. It was a very happy occasion as we welcomed not only our own parishioners but visitors from his previous parishes and also from Woolwich who clearly enjoyed themselves. We ate, drank and were certainly merry!

**RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE** They will be on display at St George’s Cathedral (October 19-20) and Aylesford Priory (October 24-28). For details visit the Southwark diocesan website.

**DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE…** Here is an opportunity to attend an online Building a Better Marriage course from 9am-1pm on Saturday October 22. It means that you can attend from your own living room and there is no group sharing. This course is for couples with average or good marriages who would like to make them better. More details: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 07913 904 997.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** With Harvest Festival we've had some good donations. Mainly tins which has restocked a lot of areas but interestingly a few shelves still a little bare. The items that are still in need are: Cereal, Milk, Nappies size 6 and 6+ and 7 if possible, Jam, Pasta Sauces, Tea and Coffee. We are starting to put aside any nice boxes of biscuits and chocolates that come in for the Christmas packages that go out mid-December, just mentioning it!! Collection boxes are under the table in the porch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**DRIVERS STILL NEEDED** Despite appeals, no one has yet volunteered to take turns bringing a parishioner to either Saturday or Sunday evening Mass. Can you help? Contact Deacon Philip for details.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR LOURDES** The Handicapped Children’s Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) take disabled and disadvantaged children to the shrine at Easter. They are looking for volunteers. Interested? If so, email Jane at group14@hcpt.org.uk If you know of any children who would benefit from a fully-funded trip, contact Jane.

***THE WORST FOOD CRISIS IN DECADES?*** *That’s what is feared. The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) is gearing up to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst-affected areas. You can help by donating, using the CAFOD envelopes for our parish collection or visiting the website* [*cafod.org.uk/fastday<*](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday%3C)*;*[*https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day*](https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day)

**KEEPING IN CONTACT** Based at Selsdon Community Centre next to Sainsbury’s, Contact provides neighbourly care to Selsdon residents in need of support and advice. That includes transport (eg lifts to hospital), a shopping bus, practical help (eg with gardening and shopping), loan equipment (eg wheelchairs) and social events (eg coffee mornings and outings). Willing to help or in need yourself? There are also vacancies for a deputy manager and an IT/data administrator, both paid positions. Details: info@selsdoncontact.org.uk or phone 020 8651 4944.