# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**17 MARCH 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** Second collection for poor parishes

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading:** Jeremiah: 31:31-34

**Responsorial Psalm:** A pure heart create for me, O God.

**Second Reading**: Hebrews: 5:7-9

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel:** John: 12:20-30

**Communion Antiphon:** Amen, Amen I say to you: unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 17 Mar | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm (Sat) | Kieran Connery, RIP | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 10.45am | Andre & Bob MacDonald, RIP | |
| Mon 18 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St Cyril of Jerusalem)* | 10am | John James Donaghy, RIP | |
| Tues 19 Mar | St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of the universal Church, Solemnity | 10am | Marie Smith, RIP | |
| Wed 20 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Stanislaw Gonek, RIP | |
| Thurs 21 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Mary & Liam Brophy, well-being | |
| Fri 22 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Private intention | |
| Sat 23 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St Turibius of Mongrovejo)* | 10.30am | Priest’s intention | |
| Sun 24 Mar | **PALM SUNDAY**  **OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD** | 6pm (Sat) | Bill Hickey, RIP | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am\* | Joann Zimmerman, RIP | |

**\*Note the later time: please go directly to the hall to collect your palms – they will be blessed there and then we shall process into the church.**

* 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.
* Stations of the Cross on Friday throughout Lent at 7.30pm.
* There are devotions to Our Lady every Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: every Saturday directly after 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm**.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** March 10: the basket collection amounted to £513.37 of which £244 was gift-aided. The card machines produced £66 of which £46 was gift-aided. Thank you for your generosity.

**MASS TIME CHANGE** From Palm Sunday (the 24th) the time for the 10.45am Sunday Mass will revert to 11am.

**SECOND COLLECTION** There will be one today (Sunday) at all Masses for poor parishes. Formerly known as a collection for the needs of the diocese, it enables grants to some of the poorer parishes in Southwark diocese.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 18th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 21st) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 22nd) at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Ken Lee, Sunday 9am Gill Tomei, 11am TBC. Bidding Prayers writers: Alan & Kathy Thorpe. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre & Anne, Sunday 9am Mike, Roger & Malliga, 11am Mary & Andrea

EASTER SPRING CLEAN We all want St Columba’s looking its very best for the Easter services. So a special church-cleaning session is being organised. Please come along, even if only for half an hour, to lend a hand, the more the merrier (men and women!). There is a rota in the porch: please put your name down for Wednesday March 27 or Thursday the 28th, 10.30am-7pm.

**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

**CARD NIGHT** The St Columba's Community Group are organising a playing cards night for the evening of April 3 at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

**CONFIRMATIONS** Would parents (or more importantly their teenage children, who must be at least 13 by January 1, 2025) please let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know by March 31 if they wish to be confirmed this year.

**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.

**JOB VACANCIES** Laleham Lea, the independent Catholic primary school in Purley, is looking to fill various vacancies. For more information and to book your child's taster day visit <http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk> or phone 020 8660 3351.

**ABORTION** There are moves in Parliament to lower the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks. To support this, please send one of the postcards in the porch to your MP. The Good Counsel Network, who provide counselling for pregnant women, is organising a prayer vigil on Saturday (the 23rd) – more details on [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**ALBERT KHAYYAT RIP** His funeral will take place at St Columba’s at noon on April 5 followed by interment at Greenlawns at 2pm. Please pray for the repose of Albert’s soul. Aged 84, he was a parishioner here for many years.

**MAKING A NEW START** Beginning Experience is a residential weekend for widowed, separated and divorced people. The next programme will be on April 12-14. For details phone 020 8647 4760 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** The washing of the feet will take place as usual during our 7.30pm Mass on Maundy Thursday (March 28). For that we need 12 parishioners, men and women, to volunteer. Please put your name on the list in the porch if you are willing to take part. Don’t be shy!

**CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later 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 July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) giving the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

**BABY THINGS** A parishioner wishes to donate a number of items: carrycot, baby bath, car seat with wheels and a swing. If you are interested email jessica1702@hotmail.it

**SHOP AND HELP ST COLUMBA’s** Thinking of buying something online? If you do you can help St Columba’s finances 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, Lucy Kirby, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Shirley Pitts, 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, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

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