# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**18 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** Second collection today for the Clergy Support Fund

**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**First Reading:** Genesis: 9:8-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your ways, Lord are faithfulness and love.

**Second Reading**: First letter of St Peter: 3:18-22

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel:** Mark: 1:12-15

**Communion Antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 18 Feb | **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm (Sat) | CP & Rosa Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo  |
| 10.45am | Anthony Lawrence, RIP |
| Mon 19 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Ms Mayling Manley, RIP |
| Tues 20 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Maria, RIP |
| Wed 21 Feb | Lenten Weekday *(St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)* | 10am | Godchildren well-being |
| Thurs 22 Feb | THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Fri 23 Feb | Lenten Weekday *CAFOD Fast Day* *(St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr)* | 10am | Pàdraig Leader, RIP |
| Sat 24 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10.30am | Carmen O’Connor, RIP |
| Sun 25 Feb | **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  | 6pm (Sat) | Archie Pond, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 10.45am | Private Intention |

* 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** The collection for 11 February amounted to £606.67 of which £194.45 was gift-aided. Today there will be a second collection for the Clergy Support Fund; next Sunday there will be a second collection for CAFOD’s Lent fast day (February 23).

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 19th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**BIG BAND CONCERT TODAY** The South London Concert Band are returning to give us another scintillating performance: in the church today (Sunday the 18th) at 3pm. It will definitely get your feet tapping! Refreshments will be served in the interval in the hall. There is no charge but a collection for charity will be taken at the end.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Jouelle Dias, Sunday 9am Malliga Baladasan, 10.45am Beatrice Hansen-Sudsbury. Bidding Prayers writer: Martin Baile. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Carmel & Janet, Sunday 9am Malliga, Roger & Cathy, 10.45am tba & Mary.

**CLIMATE ACTION** A ten-day vigil started outside Parliament and Downing Street on Ash Wednesday. The demand is for climate and environmental justice for all. It will conclude with a service outside Downing Street on Saturday (the 24th). Details: https://christianclimateaction.org/2023/12/08/join-us-for-the-no-faith-in-fossil-fuels-lent-vigil-for-climate-justice-14-24-february-2024/ (See the newsletter on our parish website to access this link more easily.)

**PETITION** The future of the Interfaith Network, which fosters dialogue and respect between different faiths, is threatened by Government cuts. To sign a petition in protest at the cuts visit <https://chng.it/QxBt2XK2vk>

**FOOD BANK** Currently needed are: tinned veg, jars of pasta sauce (tomato), milk, jam, fruit, savoury snacks, tinned meat, juice (cordial), shampoo and cleaning products. Many thanks to those who have donated items.

**AID FOR PALESTINIANS** The Bethlehem Nativity Group will be selling religious articles carved from olive wood after all Masses next weekend (the 24th/25th) in order to support the embattled Christian communities of Palestine. A brief talk about the group will be given at the end of each Mass.

**HELPING UKRAINE** Caritas and St John of God Hospitaller Services work to provide help for those fleeing the ongoing conflict, including the hosting programme which has been extended to March. Further details are on the noticeboard (together with prayer cards) or visit [www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk](http://www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk)

**FIRE RISK** We need urgently to declutter the crypt. Could all those with items stored there please contact the parish secretary, Margaret Molloy, on selsdon@rcaos.org.uk without delay. In future it will only be possible to store a limited number of items in the crypt. If anyone is seeking voluntary work experience, such as the DofE scheme for example, we would be happy to sign this decluttering task off as part of that.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** We need volunteers to help with our sessions during 10.45am Sunday Mass. Interested? Then speak to anyone from the liturgy team or email patsymcfar@googlemail.com

**FOOTPRINTS OF HOPE** In the spring, a new footpath is being laid at the shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham, Kent. You can support this ‘Footprints of Hope’ project by sponsoring one or more bricks with a name of a friend or loved one engraved on each. It costs £30 per brick. The deadline is February 23. For details phone 01795 539 214 or visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk/footprints.

**CONTACT** Could you spare an hour or two to take an elderly person to a medical appointment? Contact, which helps people in need in Selsdon and is supported by Churches Together (including us), needs volunteers for this most- valued service. Out-of-pocket expenses would be reimbursed. For details ring Jasmine or Nina on 020 8651 4944.

**OUR REPOSITORY** That’s the shop at the back of the church: there you can buy cards, calendars, diaries and children's books. Available throughout the year are baptism, first communion, confirmation, Mass intention and sympathy cards plus others. Also available are rosaries, missals, CTS booklets and other goods.

**PONDERING & PRAYING VATICAN II** That’s the title of a new book by our very own Abp John Wilson which is being launched on March 6 in Amigo Hall next door to St George’s Cathedral, Southwark. It starts at 6.30pm and you are invited. If you would like to understand this hugely influential Council, do go along.

**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, Margit Symons, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley, Elizabeth Williamson. There are a number of people, related to parishioners, for whom we pray as well: Patrick Acholonu, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Albert Khayyat, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

**OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM** Itconsists of Safeguarding Officer Gill Tomei T:07787 824592

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