# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**18 JUNE 2023 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** Second collection for the **Day for Life**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**First Reading:** A reading from the Book of Exodus: 19:2-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 5:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 9:36-10:8

**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 18 June | **ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | Veronica Moor, birthday (SVP) | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Kathleen Pond, RIP | |
| Mon 19 June | St. John Rigby, Martyr | 10am | Lilian Low, RIP, Tony Low, RIP, David & Jenny Low, well-being | |
| Tues 20 June | St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain | 10am | James Haddad, RIP | |
| Wed 21 June | St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious | 10am | Meenakshi Solomon, RIP | |
| Thurs 22 June | SS. John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs | **No Mass** |  | |
| Fri 23 June | St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess | 10am | Mary Clerkin, RIP | |
| Sat 24 June | THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**,** Solemnity**. First Holy Communion Mass** | 12 noon | First Holy Communion children | |
| Sun 25 June | **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat)  9am | George Bruce, RIP & Margaret Gallagher, RIP  Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Kevin Hook, RIP | |

**Please note that there will be no 10.30am Mass next Saturday (the 24th): Mass will be at 12 noon for those children receiving their First Holy Communion.**

* 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**.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Please pray for those children of our parish who will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this Saturday (the 24th). The First Holy Communion Mass will be at 12 noon and there will be no10.30am Mass that day. Confession times are not affected.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for 11 June amounted to £586.15 of which £290.80 was gift-aided. Thank you. Today, the 18th, there will be a second collection for the Day for Life: the proceeds provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life-related activities supported by the Church.

**GIFT AID** There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection at the back of the church. Please help yourself.

**OUR CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES** Unfortunately they are both still out of order. Hopefully they should be operating again soon. As an alternative please put cash in the basket at the Offertory collection or better still set up a monthly standing order.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita Egole; Sunday: 9am Gill Tomei, 11am Janice Bingham. Bidding Prayers writer Tom Tracey. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Anne & Janet; Sunday 9am Cathy & Mike, 11am tbc.

**CONFIRMATION** All candidates should now have received a covering letter and a list of dates outlining the programme; all parents/guardians should have received further details from Paul O`Donnell, the administrator of the programme. If any family have not received anything, please contact the parish office (by email or telephone: details are on the newsletter) as soon as possible. It is important to note that the sessions, which begin in September, will be held on **Tuesday** evenings, not Wednesdays as originally intended. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** 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 and Jacqueline Wheatley.

**OUR SICK LIST** There are some names in the list above which we don’t recognise. If there are family members of yours, seriously ill, in the list and you wish them to continue to be included please inform Fr Julian or Deacon Philip.

**COME AND HUM ALONG TO A HYMN** Are you looking for a way to de-stress, relax and clear your mind? Yes? Then come along and join members of the choir at a rehearsal each week at 6.30pm for an hour on Thursdays starting July 6. 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, all are welcome at the rehearsals.

**SUMMER FAYRE** It will take place on July 2 from 10am and we need your help to make it happen. To get involved contact Debbie Martin at [deborah.martin21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deborah.martin21@yahoo.co.uk). All proceeds will go to our parish groups, the parish itself and local charities. Items needed: good quality bric-a-brac; jewellery; sweets & cosmetics; bottles and (on the day) plants & cakes. (No DVDs or books please.) Leave items in the box in the church porch.

**WINDOWS** With the warmer weather parishioners may want to open an adjacent window. If this is done it *must* be secured again before you leave the church. Thank you.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most needed items are: tinned veg, tinned rice, cordial/juice, milk, sugar, soup, noodles – dried, quick-cook-in-a-packet; jam, baby wipes, tinned tomatoes, cleaning products (bleach, washing-up liquid, multi-purpose cleaners), cooking oil and nappies – sizes 5, 5+, 6+, 7. Please place items in the collection boxes in the porch by the side door. Thank you

**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. Family members can attend with you. 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.

**COLOMA OLD GIRLS LUNCH** It will be held on July 8 at the school and booking is now open. All old girls are warmly invited to attend this annual celebration. For further information and a booking form email [colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com) or phone Claire Tucker on 07774 659966.

**SITUATIONS VACANT** St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls has vacancies (with a September start) for: a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Teaching Assistant and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. For details email [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk) or phone 020 8642 2025. For further information see the school website: <https://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>

**SHOP AND HELP ST C’s** Thinking of buying something online? Anything? If you do you can help St Columba’s finances at the same time and at no cost to yourself. It’s simple. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), register (which is quick and easy) and then go shopping online at whichever retailer you choose. Each time you buy something – anything – a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from including lots of big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**NEW PARISH SECRETARY** We welcome Margaret Molloy who has now started work in the church office.

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