# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**18 MAY 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 14:21b-27

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:1-5a

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia

**Gospel:** John 13:31-33a, 34-35

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 18 May | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  *Safeguarding Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Mary Martin, RIP |
| 9am | George & Elizabeth Hibberd, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 19 May | St. Dunstan, Bishop | 10am | Frank Hogan, RIP |
| Tues 20 May | St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest. *Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse* | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Wed 21 May | SS. Christopher of Magallanes, Priest & companions, Martyrs of Mexico | 10am | Erin O`Donnell, RIP |
| Thurs 22 May | St Rita of Cascia, Religious | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 23 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Walsh & O`Leary Families (living & dead) |
| Sat 24 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 25 May | **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat)  9am  11am | In memory of Helga Schroder  Pro Populo  Evelyn & Patrick Fletcher, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition & Benediction finishing at 11am
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* 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

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY** is today. Abp John says, ‘Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a responsibility. Each of us – clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners – is called to remain vigilant, informed and committed to the well-being of every member of our community”. More details: www.rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25

**MONEY MATTERS** May 10/11: basket £513.09 (Gift Aid £244.63), card machines £162.50 (Gift Aid £197.50). Priests Training Fund: £534.78 (Gift Aid £256.90). Repository: £18.99. Building Fund: £5. Thank you for your generosity.

**FIRST COMMUNION DAY** Pray for the five children who yesterday (Saturday) received their first Holy Communion. They were: Kendrick, Summer, Justin, Gabriela and Michael. Visit the parish website for a lovely photograph.

**TEA & COFFEE MORNING** will take place today, Sunday, after 11am Mass. All are welcome.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers – Saturday 6pm Ken, Sunday 9am Gill, 11am Sybille. Bidding Prayers: Stephen & Brigid. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Mike

**COACH TRIP FOR A CELEBRATION!** Celebration - that’s the theme of a get-together for Southwark diocese at The Friars, Aylesford, on June 7. And you are invited. It will celebrate the 2025 global Jubilee Year of Hope and two anniversaries; 60 years of Southwark becoming an archdiocese and 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. Holy Family Church, Sanderstead, are organising a coach for the day so you don’t have to drive: email [sanderstead@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sanderstead@rcaos.org.uk) for details.

**MAUREEN COFFEY RIP** The funeral for Maureen, 92, will take place at 2pm on June 6 with interment following at Beckenham Cemetery, Elmers End Rd,BR3 4TD at 4pm. Please keep Maureen and her family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**POT PLANTS** In this hot weather would anyone attending Mass please assist by watering them. Thank you

**SPRING WALK** It’s on May 31, a circular route to Limpsfield Chart and covers 4.5 miles, mostly on level ground. Meet at St Peter’s church, High Street, Limpsfield RH8 0DG at 10.30am. Details: 07799 108 720.

**WHAT’S ON THIS COMING WEEK** Monday 10.45-11.45am Keep Fit (Gill: 07787 824 592); Thursday 7-8pm (Sue: 07721 088 487); Friday 7-9.30pm Guides (Veronica: veronica.williamson@icloud.com).

**SUMMER FAYRE** It’s going to be on June 8 from 10am to 1pm. Good quality bric'a'brac, jewellery, bottles, sweets and raffle & tombola prizes would be most welcome (plants & cakes on the day). A box for donations is in the porch.

**SITUATION VACANT** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are looking for a full-time receptionist for their Kennington HQ. Salary is £26,000; the deadline for applications, May 23. Details: www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam

**STATUE & RELICS** The national pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fàtima with the relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco are being displayed at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on May 17-18 from 12 noon. Abp John will crown and bless the statue and celebrate Mass. For details visit www.rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/national-statues-of-our-lady-of-fatima-visiting-st-george-s

**DAY FOR LIFE** It will take place on June 15. In preparation, the bishops invite us all to pray the Novena for Life from May 23 until the Feast of the Visitation on the 31st. Details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

**LAST CHANCE: MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited by Abp John to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 12. Family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Abp John email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is the middle of May.

**CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK** It’s being held on June 21 from 10am-4pm starting at St Pauls United Reformed Church, South Croydon, and visiting seven different churches. Details: visit [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

**FOOD BANK** Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meat/pies/puddings, 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.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** It’s on June 28 with Abp John - a coach will leave Virgo Fidelis Church, Upper Norwood, at 7am. There will be extra transport to take the less able from the shrine to the abbey grounds. Price is £50 each plus £5 for admission to the abbey grounds. Sign up by May 10: email [norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Eoin Egan, Bernardo Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Margit Symons, 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](mailto:email:%20selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Richard Mills E: [selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Clare Morgado E: [selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) and Patsy McFarlane E: [selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.