# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**19 FEBRUARY 2023 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Leviticus: 19:1-2. 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love. PS 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. Rv.8

**Second Reading**: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 3:16-23

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 19 Feb | **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm-Sat | Virginia & Colin Bruce, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Kathleen Hornsby, RIP |
| **No Evening Mass** |
| Mon 20 Feb | Weekday | 10am | Juana Martinez-Malenab, RIP |
|  |  | 12.30pm | Requiem: Rita Slevin RIP  |
| Tues 21 Feb | St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor‘Shrove Tuesday’  | 10am | Joao, Piadade & Michael D'Souza, RIP |
| Wed 22 Feb | **ASH WEDNESDAY***Day of Fasting & Abstinence*  | 10am7.30pm | Vincent & Lupacia Carrasco, RIPPro Populo |
| Thurs 23 Feb | Lenten Weekday *(St Polycarp)* | 10am | Doreen Fuller, RIP |
|  |  | 12noon | Requiem: Clifford Flynn RIP |
| Fri 24 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Lourdes Fernandes, RIP |
| Sat 25 Feb | Lenten Weekday *(St. Ethelbert)* *St. George`s Cathedral: Rite of Election* | 10.30am | Jessica Sudsbury, well-being |
| Sun 26 Feb | **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** *Day of Prayer for the Unemployed*  | 6pm-Sat | Mary Lennard |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Abel & Clara Carrasco, well-being |
| **No Evening Mass** |

* Please note the new Sunday Mass times. 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 (new time)**.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for last Sunday, (the 12th) amounted to £482.58, £235 of which was Gift-Aided.

Next Sunday we shall be having the Clergy Support Fund second collection. This fund enables the diocese to care for priests in retirement, old age and ill-health after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people. Please collect a Clergy Support Fund envelope as you leave Mass today.

**WHO NEEDS CASH!** Instead you can use our contactless payment machines for the Offertory collection. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap or insert your credit/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.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Readers: Saturday – 6pm Kathy Thorpe; Sunday – 9am Mike McFarlane; 11am Sybille Kpami. The Bidding Prayers writer is Jim Madden.

**LENT** It begins this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday, the 22nd) and continues for 40 days (excluding Sundays which we celebrate as the Day of Resurrection) until Holy Saturday. Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence, when we receive ashes as a sign of our mortality, sets the tone for this important season. It is marked by austerity in the liturgy (eg purple vestments, no ‘Gloria’, no ‘Alleluia’). We are encouraged to fast and abstain throughout Lent, to devote more time for prayer and to be generous to charitable causes.

**HELP FOR UKRAINE** There is going to be another supply convoy heading for Ukraine shortly. Most needed items are: sleeping bags, water purifying tablets, dog and cat food, adult nappies, wet wipes, torches, white boards (office-equipment type) and vacuum flasks and containers (metal or plastic). Items donated can be left in the boxes in the porch next to the repository.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

* Rita Slevin died on 16 January aged 94. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday (the 20th) at 12.30pm followed by interment at Greenlawn Memorial Park at 2pm.
* Clifford Flynn died on 24 December, aged 70. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday (the 23rd) at 12 noonfollowed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 1.30pm.
* William O`Brien died on 31 January, aged 87. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 7 March at 12.30pmfollowed by interment at Mitcham Road Cemetery at 2pm.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS** It will be celebrated in Croydon University Hospital’s chapel at 12 noon with distribution of ashes. All are welcome. Note - this is the only Mass during Lent in the hospital chapel.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Can you please bring in your Missio red boxes so that they can be emptied. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Mary Langan, Anne Brownsell, Ian Messenger, Veronica Moor, Anesta McNichols, Pat Taylor, Anna Coppola, 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, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Irena Dziewulak, Joan Hammett, Elida Scasso, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Bernardo, Maria & Manuel Fernandes and sick residents at local care homes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most needed items are: toilet rolls, tinned veg, milk, baby wipes, nappies size 5, 5+ and 6+, squash, tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid and cleaning products including bleach and rice pudding. The biscuit and chocolate supply from Christmas, also soup, was so large that we don't need any for a while. Please place items in the collection boxes in the porch by the side door. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

**TAIZE SERVICES** Several have been organised for coming months, all starting at 7.30pm: February 27 at St Edward’s, New Addington; March 22 at St Mary’s, Addington; April 17 (St Edward’s) and May 17 (St Mary’s).

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER** SycamOre is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on February 28. For more details or to register, visit the website: [Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (rcaos.org.uk)](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together)

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST** If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It’s being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

**HELP FOR TURKEY & SYRIA** Contact CAFOD (cafod.org.uk), part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), if you would like to make a donation to help the earthquake victims. And pray for the victims.