# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**19 MARCH 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:** A reading from the first book of Samuel: 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Ps 22. Rv.1

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians: 5:8-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**  The second collection today will be for Poor Parishes

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** | |
| Sun 19 Mar | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  **‘Laetare Sunday’** | 6pm-Sat | Stephen Oxley, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Stanislaw Gonek, RIP |
| **No evening Mass** | |
| Mon 20 Mar | ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, Solemnity (transferred from 19 March) | 10am | Nora Maloney |
| Tues 21 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Sandy Lee Rensvold |
| Wed 22 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Titus D'Souza, well-being |
| Thurs 23 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. Turibius)* | 10am | Vera Warren, RIP |
| Fri 24 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Lourdes Fernandes, RIP |
| Sat 25 Mar | THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD,  Solemnity | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 26 Mar | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm-Sat | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Bruno Sampson, RIP |
| 11am | Mary Langan, 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. **Stations of the Cross** **are said every Friday during Lent in church at 7.30pm.** 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**.**

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for last Sunday (the 12th) amounted to £592.09, £245.35 of which was Gift-Aided. Thank you very much. The second collection today will be for Poor Parishes (formerly the ‘Needs of the Diocese’) which allows the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

**YOU DON’T NEED 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 Alan Thorpe; Sunday – 9am Malliga Baladasan; 11am Sybille Kpami. The Bidding Prayers writers are Stephen & Brigid Beck.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** During Lent and Eastertide we will recite the Apostles’ Creed rather than the usual Nicene Creed. The words of both creeds can be found on page 205 in the centre of the *Laudate* hymn book (under ‘Hymn No.’ 479: *‘The Order of Mass’*).

**CHOIR MEETING** Every Friday evening in Lent, at 7pm, there will be a brief choir rehearsal in the church to prepare the liturgy for Lent, particularly Holy Week. All are most welcome to attend.

**WASHING OF FEET** For this annual ceremony to take place at the 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Mass we need ideally a dozen parishioners, men and women. Please put your name down on the list on the porch noticeboard.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Christine Han died on 9 March, aged 59. Her funeral will take place at Croydon Crematorium on Tuesday, 28 March at 3.45pm, and will be preceded by Mass offered for the repose of her soul at 10am in St Columba`s. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**MOTHERS’ DAY** To mark the occasion the children’s liturgy group will be hosting a Mothers’ Day tea and children’s craft event in the hall after 11am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome, especially Mums.

**CONFIRMATION** There are just two further opportunities for candidates to collect application forms: today and next Sunday. All forms must be returned by Palm Sunday (2 April).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** Please pray for our children undertaking this programme who will be making their First Confession next **Saturday (the 25th) at 12 noon.** Parents are reminded that the rehearsal for this Sacrament will take place in the church on **Wednesday (the 22nd) at 5pm.**

**EASTER CARDS** are now available for purchase in the repository (church shop).

**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. To donate money email aidin4ukraine@gmail.com

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please don’t forget to bring in your Missio red box so that it can be emptied. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Mary Langan, 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, Maria Baretto, Irena Dziewulak, Joan Hammett, Elida Scasso, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Bernardo and Maria and Manuel Fernandes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** 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: Wednesday (the 22nd) at St Mary’s, Addington; April 17 (at St Edward’s, New Addington) and May 17 (back at St Mary’s).

**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 next weekend (the 24th-26th); cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS** Following an announcement within the past week by our Archbishop, John Wilson, it will once again be possible at Sunday Mass to receive the Precious Blood from the shared chalice starting on the feast of Corpus Christi (June 11). In preparation, all Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are invited to a short refresher course of instruction in the church at 11.30am on May 20.

**DO YOU PLAY BRIDGE?** If so and you would like to join other parishioners who play, contact Deacon Philip.

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