# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**2 JULY 2023 – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There is a second collection today for Peter`s Pence

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First Reading:** A reading from the second book of Kings: 4:8-11. 14-16

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 6:3-4. 8-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 10:37-42

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and all within me, his holy name.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 2 July | **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | Lady Di | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Danny, John & David Walsh, RIP | |
| Mon 3 July | St. Thomas, Apostle | 10am | Diana Evans, well-being | |
| Tues 4 July | Weekday/St. Elizabeth of Portugal | 10am | Anne Brownsell, RIP | |
| Wed 5 July | Weekday/St. Anthony Zaccaria | 10am | John Walsh, RIP | |
| Thurs 6 July | Weekday/St. Maria Goretti | **No Mass** |  | |
| Fri 7 July | Weekday | 10am | Mary Molloy, RIP | |
| Sat 8 July | Weekday/Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest’s intention | |
| Sun 9 July | **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  *Sea Sunday* | 6pm (Sat)  9am | John Joseph Hibberd, RIP  Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Eileen, Christine & Jamie, RIP | |

* 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**.** Also on request.
* Today we welcome Fr William to supply for Fr Julian who will be on annual leave for the whole of July. Fr William is no stranger to this parish and no doubt will enjoy a warm welcome and plenty of support from all.

**SUMMER FAYRE** It takes place today (Sunday) from 10am till 1pm. All proceeds will go to parish groups, local charities and the redecoration of the hall and church. So do please come along and support this event, which is also an ideal opportunity to meet up with friends and other parishioners and enjoy a chat, a coffee and a light lunch as well as spotting some bargains. Donations can be made on: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gillian-tomei?utm_term=JWrp98eY3>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Fr Julian and Deacon Philip would like to thank all those children who took part in last week’s First Holy Communion Mass and the parents who have supported them over the past six months. Special thanks to Patsy, Kirsten and Madison for guiding the children through this important sacramental programme. A group photograph and details of the First Holy Communion day can be found on the parish website.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for 25 June amounted to £586.54 of which £255.96 was gift-aided. Thank you very much. Today (the 2nd) there will be a second collection for **Peter`s Pence** to support the needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects of the Holy Father. Next Sunday (the 9th, Sea Sunday) there will be a second collection for **Stella Maris** (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) which provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers. Stella Maris is part of an international network working in more than 250 ports around the world supporting seafarers, who work in lonely, harsh and dangerous conditions, often away from home for long periods. Stella Maris relies on voluntary contributions, particularly this collection.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre Turner; Sunday: 9am Malliga Baladasan, 11am Sybille Kpami. Bidding Prayers writer Michael Abiodun Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Anne & Janet Sunday 9am Richard & Gill, 11am Andrea & Pat.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** The café will be open on Wednesday (the 5th) from 10am offering light refreshments and lunches. Do come along and enjoy good food, good company and good conversation.

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

**BIDDING PRAYERS** Will all those who compose the Bidding Prayers for Sunday Mass please email them to the parish address (selsdon@rcaos.org.uk), not to Fr Julian`s personal email address. Thank you.

**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.

**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, Jacqueline Wheatley and Gloria Forzani.

**MISSIO** Please bring in your red Missio boxes for emptying.

**COME AND HUM ALONG TO A HYMN** 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 better you feel afterwards. Whichever Mass you attend and whether you are a choir member or not, all are welcome at rehearsals.

**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** Running low are: tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tinned veg, jam, sugar, tinned rice pudding, baby wipes, oil, nappies size 5 and 7 and sandwich paste. Your support is much appreciated.

**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. 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.

**50 YEARS LATER…** Half a century has passed since Contact was set up to act as a neighbourhood care scheme supporting residents of Selsdon. Contact has flourished over those 50 years and is supported by all churches in Selsdon, including St Columba’s. There are now nearly 300 clients who are helped and supported to stay in their homes by more than 270 volunteers. To celebrate there will be a summer concert at 6.30pm on July 8 (£10 per adult, children under 12 free) with the proceeds going to Contact. A Songs of Praise service of thanksgiving will be held at St. John’s church, Upper Selsdon Road, at 3pm on the 9th. For details email [helen.lishmund@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:helen.lishmund@blueyonder.co.uk)

**JOIN THE PASSAGE** The Passage charity for the homeless are holding their Secret Garden Party on 20 July at 6pm in the beautiful college garden at Westminster Abbey. Enjoy a barbecue, buffet, unlimited drinks, entertainment, raffle, silent auction and lots more. Your ticket purchase will directly support this charity. Details: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/secret-garden-party/> or phone 020 7592 1856.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** It’s on August 5; its theme, the sanctity of life; leader is Abp Kevin McDonald. Details: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) Join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** A part-time chaplain is required at St Joseph’s College, Beulah Hill. For details visit the vacancy section at the college website: stjosephscollege.org.uk

**SAVE THE DATE** The Commission for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on 23 September.

**ABP JOHN’S PODCAST** It’s for Refugee Week:<<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/refugee-week-2023/>

**URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL** School admissions open evenings/mornings for main school and sixth form are now detailed on [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) Booking required.

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