# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**2 OCTOBER 2022 – 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will, For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Habakkuk: 1:2-3. 2:2-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. Rv.8. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy: 1:6-8. 13-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 17:5-10

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** The third national Mass count will take place at all Sunday Masses this weekend.

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sunday 2 Oct. | Sunday XXVII of the Year  *Rosary Sunday* | 6.30pm (Saturday) | Patrick & Evelyn Fletcher, RIP |
| 8am | Priest’s intention |
| 10am | Jo & Alan Maguire, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Monday 3 Oct. | Weekday | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday 4 Oct. | St. Francis of Assisi | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday 5 Oct. | St. Faustina Kowalska | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Thursday 6 Oct. | St. Bruno | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Friday 7 Oct. | Our Lady of the Rosary *Harvest/Family Fast Day* | 10am | Jesus & Juana Malenab, RIP |
| Saturday 8 Oct. | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sunday 9 Oct. | Sunday XXVIII of the Year  *Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their families* | 6.30pm (Saturday) | Beverly Ann Charman, RIP |
| 8am | Victor Sampson, RIP |
| 10am | Annette Goldsmith, RIP |
| 2pm  6.30pm | Fr Roy  Pro Populo |

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. There is now Mass every Saturday morning at 10.30am (following 10am devotions). Confessions: on Saturdays directly after morning Mass and from 6-6.15pm.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Veronica Moor, Maithili, Chris Waring, Anesta McNichols, Pat Taylor, Anna Coppola, Martin Ford, 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 and sick residents at four local care homes.

**YOU DON’T NEED CASH** To contribute to the Offertory collection at Mass, that is. Instead, if you wish, you can use our new contactless payment machines in the church. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap your credit or 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 you give it.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Saturday 6.30pm Jouelle Dias, Sunday 8am Martin Baile, 10am Maddison Pritchard-Wallace, 6.30pm Alan Thorpe. The Bidding Prayers writer is Richard St John-Roberts.

**UCM MASS** Today at 10am followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

**FR ROY’S PRESENTATION: YOUR LAST CHANCE** That’s if you wish to mark Fr Roy’s five years as parish priest. A reception, sharing table (please bring a plate of food) and presentation will follow Mass at 2pm next Sunday (the 9th). All are invited. If you would like to contribute, please put your cash offering in one of the dedicated envelopes at the back of the church and hand it to Deacon Philip or post it through the presbytery letterbox. Use the exercise book at the back of the church to write a message to go in the parish greeting card.

**AUTUMN CHARITY FAYRE** It’s on Sunday the 23rd from 11am to 1pm. Thank you for your donations so far. We still need bottles; jewellery; plants; nearly new bric-a-brac; handicrafts; cakes (pledge sheet on notice board); sweets and cosmetics. Please leave donations in the box in the porch. No books or DVDs this year.

**ALL WILL BE REVEALED.** About our recent parish pilgrimage, that is. Enjoy an evening of recollection, videos, photographs and stories at the UCM meeting on Wednesday (the 5th) from 7:30-10pm. All are invited, male and female alike. Find out about our pilgrimage to Compostela in Spain and Fatima in Portugal.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** Divorced or separated? This residential weekend will help you heal. It is being held from October 14-16 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. Details: 01322 838415.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Priority items are tinned meats of any kind eg hotdogs, meatballs, stew, mince & onions, Fray Bentos pies, ham and corned beef. Also needed are milk, tinned veg, toilet rolls, pasta sauces (ideally plain tomato), cereals, baked beans, jam and biscuits. Any other items gratefully received too. Collection boxes are under the table in the porch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**ARE YOU A DRIVER?** If so, would you be willing to take turns with others bringing a parishioner to either Saturday or Sunday evening Mass? Contact Deacon Philip for details.

**AHOTOKUROM 100 CLUB** After all Masses this weekend, members will be invited to renew their subscriptions. If you would like to join, it will help the leprosy community in Ghana which we have adopted and support.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR LOURDES** The Handicapped Children’s Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) take disabled and disadvantaged children to the shrine at Easter. They are looking for volunteers. Interested? If so, email Jane at [group14@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group14@hcpt.org.uk) If you know of any children who would benefit from a fully-funded trip, contact Jane.

**THE WORST FOOD CRISIS IN DECADES?** That’s what is feared. The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) is gearing up to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst-affected areas. You can help by donating using the CAFOD envelopes for our parish collection or visiting the website [cafod.org.uk/fastday<](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday%3C);<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** We had a fantastic result for our annual event last week: nearly £1,000 was raised. Thank you so much. There is still time to give – see the parish website for a link to donate online.

**CAFE COLUMBA COMMUNITY CAFÉ** It’s open on Wednesday (the 5th), 10am-1:15pm, for coffees, teas, cakes and lunches at reduced prices. Come along to share some premium time, chat to friends and make new ones. It’s open to all ages and all proceeds go to charity. We will be taking names on Wednesday for our annual Christmas lunch on December 14, two courses with wine for £12 (capped at 42 maximum).

**KEEPING IN CONTACT** Based at Selsdon Community Centre next to Sainsbury’s, Contact provides neighbourly care to Selsdon residents in need of support and advice. That includes transport (eg lifts to hospital), a shopping bus, practical help (eg with gardening and shopping), loan equipment (eg wheelchairs) and social events (eg coffee mornings and outings). Willing to help or in need yourself? If so, contact Jasmine on 020 8651 4944.

**OUR PARISH WEBSITE** A copy of this newsletter, including all the items, can be found on our parish website: [www.stcolumbaschurchselsdon.uk](http://www.stcolumbaschurchselsdon.uk) along with details of all parish organisations; events, past and future; rotas for readers, Bidding Prayers writers, altar servers, church cleaners and other teams; and much more.