# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**20 AUGUST 2023 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah: 56:1. 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 11:13-15. 29-32

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 15:21-28

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 20 Aug | **20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | 6pm (Sat) | Ann O’Neil, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Croydon Catenians RIP |
| Mon 21 Aug | St Pius X, Pope | 10am | Kate, RIP |
| Tues 22 Aug | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10am | Frederick Wye |
| Wed 23 Aug | St Rose of Lima, Virgin | 10am | Mark Barretto, well-being |
| Thurs 24 Aug | St Bartholomew, Apostle | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 25 Aug | St Louis  | 10am | Holy souls |
| Sat 26 Aug | Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God  | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 27 Aug | **21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | 6pm (Sat)9am | Pro PopuloHoly souls |
| 11am | Paddy O'Shea, 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.

**THEY WHO SING PRAY TWICE** Do consider joining our choir. Our voices are God’s gift to make music for the Lord. When we sing sacred music at Mass we connect to a tradition of worship that stretches back to King David: “*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, acclaim him with music*.” (Ps 95:2).  The hymn numbers for 11am Mass today (Sunday) are: **Entrance:** **468.** **Offertory:** **857**. **Communion**: **720.** **Recessional**: **366**  We shall continue to include a sung version of the Gloria (481), Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Lord’s Prayer and Agnus Dei.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** The collection for August 6 amounted to £728.54 of which £361.55 was gift-aided. The collection for August 13 amounted to £611.64 of which £282 was gift-aided. Thank you for your generosity.

**SUCCESS AT LAST!** You can now once again make your Offertory collection offering using your credit or debit card although only one of our contactless payment machines is working. That’s the one by the side door leading into the Sacred Heart chapel. Do consider setting up a monthly standing order as an alternative – details from Deacon Philip

**CROYDON CATENIANS** The 11am Mass today (Sunday) is for deceased Brothers and ladies of Croydon Circle of the Catenian Association. We pray for Paddy O’Shea, Anne Brownsell, Lynne Strelley, John Walsh, John and Peggy Albertini, Joe Sheen, Anne Moon and Pearl Netley. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Would any ministers who were unable to attend the refresher meeting in the church recently please contact Fr Julian without delay so that he can update them on procedures at Mass.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Richard Tomlinson, Sunday: 9am Malliga Baladasan, 11am Kathy Thorpe. Bidding Prayers writer: Sita Egole. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Carmel & Deirdre, Sunday 9am Jim & Teresa, 11am Mary & Andrea.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Michael Skinner,David Wallace, Pedrinha Ramos, Ann Brennan, 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 & Simon Cardoso, Bernardo & Maria & Manuel Fernandes, Alice Barclay, Jacqueline Wheatley, Gloria Forzani, Maria Fernandes, Mike Goodwin, Jonathan Raki, Peg Casey, Sybil Fernandes and Vivian Okehie.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** Help raise funds for this amazing charity in the hall on September 22, 10am-12noon. There will be a raffle and cake stall - so please help with donations.  Come and share a lovely get-together with refreshments, cake and a chance to meet friends. We raised an incredible £1,000 last year with on-line donations.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Running low are: jam, rice - dried in packets, washing powder/pods, milk, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, juice (cordial), desert of any kind that has a shelf life, crackers/savoury biscuits, soup, washing-up liquid/cleaning products, baby wipes. Many thanks to you all for your support and help.

**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.

**SAD NEWS!** Selsdon Centre for the Retired is threatened with closure. Croydon Council are cutting off all funding which is likely to sound the death knell for the Centre early next year. In addition the Council have significantly increased their rent for the Centre’s premises next door to Sainsbury’s. Selsdon Centre currently offers a wide range of help for many of our senior citizens including bereavement support, health advice and transport provision through the minibus service. Such help is a vital lifeline not just to those using the service but also to families who are often under considerable pressure as they care for elderly relatives. Write to the Council and your MP asking them to take whatever action they can to ensure the long-term survival of this valuable community resource.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Hospital chaplains do not have automatic access to patients’ details including their religion. So if you are going into hospital it’s up to you to contact them or us (Fr Julian/Deacon Philip) direct so that visits and Holy Communion can be arranged. The Croydon University Hospital chaplaincy is on 020 8401 3105.

**CONFESSION & MOBILE PHONES** Mobiles can, apparently, ‘listen in’ to conversations around them. In order to maintain the sanctity of Confession, the bishops of England and Wales require people entering the confessional box to make sure their phones are completely switched off.

**THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL** Volunteers are needed to help tribunal judges collect evidence for cases and conduct interviews of applicants looking to have their marriages annulled. Out-of-pocket expenses would be reimbursed. Suitable candidates would be serving or retired teachers, police officers, lawyers/solicitors and similar professionals. A training day is planned for September 29. Email mabelasante@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

**SHOP AND HELP ST C’s** Thinking of buying something online? Anything? If you do you can help St Columba’s finances at the same time and at no cost to yourself. It’s simple. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register (which is quick and easy) and then go shopping online at whichever retailer you choose. Each time you buy something – anything – a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from including lots of big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**ALPHA COURSE** An 11-week course will start on September 12, 7-9pm at St John the Baptist in Purley. The Alpha course is best described as a fun, non-pressurised, completely free introduction to Christianity and to a better understanding of Jesus. It is designed both for regular church goers and those searching for answers to life’s big questions. If you are interested in attending the course email noelbrownsell@blueyonder.co.uk

**BOOKING THE HALL** Bookings for our parish hall are being handled by Gill Tomei. If you wish to make use of the hall, please contact Gill on 020 8651 4076 or email g.tomei@btopenworld.com so that she can check the diary for availability. Gill can also advise on charges and the required deposit.

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