# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**20 NOVEMBER 2022 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING, YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the lamb that was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading:** A reading from the second book of Samuel: 5:1-3

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 121:1-5. Rcf. V2: I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Colossians: 1:12-20

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 23:35-43

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 20 Nov | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING, Solemnity*National Youth Sunday* | 6.30pm-Sat | Pro Populo |
| 8am | Sue Longridge, RIP |
| 10am | Harry McKinney, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Mrs Rose Saminathar, RIP |
| Mon 21 Nov | The Presentation of Our Lady | 10am | Deceased members of the O’Neill family, RIP |
| Tues 22 Nov | St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr | 10am | Patrick Staunton, RIP |
| Wed 23 Nov  | St. Columban, Abbot | 10am | Eileen Collins, RIP |
| Wed 23 Nov |  | 6.30pm | Mass for the bereaved |
| Thurs 24 Nov | Martyrs of Vietnam | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 25 Nov | St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr | 10am | Geoffrey & Kathleen Weston, RIP |
| Sat 26 Nov | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 27 Nov | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 6.30pm-Sat | Pro Populo |
| 8am | Christopher Sampson, RIP |
| 10am | Thomas & Darly, wedding anniversary |
| 6.30pm | Zena Dennett, RIP |

Please note that there is no Mass on Thursdays (unless it is a Solemnity or Feast of Our Lord). 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.

**NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** This is a month when, traditionally, we make a special effort to remember loved ones who have died. November Mass envelopes, to be placed in the Holy Souls box in the sanctuary, can be found at the back of the church.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Saturday 6.30pm Ken Lee, Sunday 8am Gill Tomei, 10am Harriet Kelsal, 6.30pm Sita Egole. The Bidding Prayers writer is Martin Baile.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection last Sunday amounted to £538.14. Thank you. The second collection for the Archbishop`s Fund for Diocesan Administration amounted to £469.27. Today there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service, especially youth work in this diocese.

**CASH NOT NEEDED** To contribute to the main Offertory collection only, you can use our contactless payment machines. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap 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.

**ST COLUMBA`S CHURCH CHOIR – MEETING TODAY** All existing members of the choir and anyone with an interest in joining the choir are invited to a practice today (the 20th) in church directly after the 10am Mass.

**MASS FOR ALL THE BEREAVED** Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm on Wednesday (the 23rd) for anyone in the parish who has suffered bereavement. This will immediately precede the readers` meeting (see below).

**ALL READERS – MEETING WEDNESDAY (THE 23RD**) All readers and anyone considering becoming a reader are invited to a meeting on Wednesday (the 23rd) at 7pm in the church. This is designed to clarify certain aspects of reading the Scriptures in church and to promote a degree of conformity in the overall approach.

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES** Our diocese has queried the number of Masses that are being celebrated in smaller parishes, as under Canon [Church] Law priests are supposed to celebrate two Masses only on a Sunday, although three are permitted where necessary. At present St Columba`s enjoys four Sunday Masses for a congregation of about 250. As the church can hold 150 (excluding the side chapels and organ gallery) this represents a potential capacity of 600, more than double what is required. At a recent meeting of our parish pastoral council it was accepted that one Mass could be dropped but that the parish should be consulted first. It is likely – but by no means certain – that the Sunday evening Mass is dropped, given the fact that the illness/absence of the parish priest entails far more difficulty in obtaining a supply priest for a Sunday evening than for other Masses. The priests in this diocese are in short supply and are ageing, so finding a priest to cover three Masses (two of which are close together in the morning) is easier than trying to cover four, the last Mass being over six hours later than the previous ones. There are other factors that apply including an urgent need for an organist, the availability of which may have an impact on future Mass times. Watch out for a questionnaire which will be circulated shortly with suggestions for timings for three Masses rather than the present four.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023** Application forms are now available for next year`s programme. Please collect a form from Fr Julian after any Sunday Mass from now until next weekend (November 26/27) - that is the ***last*** date they may be collected. All forms must be returned, in person, by Sunday, December 4.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Any adult who is thinking of taking this step is invited to approach Fr Julian or Deacon Philip. Please ensure that you have spoken to one or both by next weekend (November 26/27) and have provided your name and contact details.

**SOME DEFINITE SERVICE** This is a diocesan-wide approach to three areas: evangelisation, catechesis and formation. Archbishop Wilson has invited three people from each parish to an online meeting at 7.45pm on Thursday, 8 December. If anyone is interested in undertaking this role please contact Fr Julian or Deacon Philip as soon as possible. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Ian Messenger, 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, Alice Barclay and sick residents at local care homes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most-needed items: jam, pasta sauce, coffee, cereal, milk, biscuits & baby wipes. The food bank is run by the Salvation Army who also try to provide Christmas gifts for needy adults and children. Can you help with gifts such as games, books, toiletries, toys and hats/scarves/gloves (no wrapping please)? Gifts are needed by December 7 – place them in the Vine Food Bank collection boxes at the back of the church.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Available, with other Christmas goods, in the repository (shop) at the back of the church.

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

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS** Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence: Gill Tomei T:07787 824 592 E: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk; or Richard Mills T:07956 531 540 E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk. Both are parish safeguarding coordinators and can give guidance and advice.