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# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**21 APRIL 2024 – FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** Second collection for ecclesiastical education

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles: 4:8-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**Second Reading**: 1st Letter of St John: 3:1-2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 10:11-18

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 21 Apr | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***World Day of Prayer for Vocations*  | 6pm (Sat) | George Vandort, RIP & Mick Flynn, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Private intention |
| Mon 22 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Teresa Loughnane, RIP |
| Tues 23 Apr | ST GEORGE, Martyr,Patron of England, Solemnity | 10am | James Madden, RIP |
| Wed 24 Apr | SS Justus & Mellitus, Bishops | 10am | Requiem: Maria Valenti |
| Thurs 25 Apr | St Mark, Evangelist | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 26 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Lourdes Fernandes, RIP |
| Sat 27 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Sun 28 Apr | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Albert Khayyat, RIP |
| 11am | Kevin James Hook, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Exposition and Adoration until 11am. Friday’s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday mornings at 10am.
* Confessions: Saturday from 5.30-5.45pm.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** March 13/14: basket: £542.93 (Gift Aid £238) card machines: £145 (Gift Aid £120). March standing orders: £1,934.67 (Gift Aid £1,824.67) Today there will be a second collection for ecclesiastical education (the Priest Training Fund) – details below. Next weekend there will be a second collection for the maintenance of St George`s Cathedral, the mother church of our archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

**ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION 2ND COLLECTION** The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations to the priesthood, hence the second collection. This helps pay for the formation of men to become priests in our archdiocese, also permanent deacons. Our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies and prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have five men in formation to the priesthood for our archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each priestly seminarian. They study for six years before being ordained. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Jouelle Dias Sunday 9am Mike McFarlane, 11am Janice Bingham. Bidding Prayers writer: Michael Abiodun. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre & Anne, Sunday 9am Maria, Gill & Maria, 11am Alan & Kathy

**GIFT AID** New boxes are now available in church. Names are on them so would Gift Aid members please help themselves. If you are a taxpayer and haven’t yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not do so? It provides extra income for the parish at no cost to you. For example, give £10 to St Columba’s and an extra £2.50 is received. Contact Deacon Philip for more details.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Maria Antonia Valenti** died on 2 March, aged 94. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday (the 24th) at 10am, followed by interment at Streatham Park Cemetery at 12 noon.

**Fr Barry Hughes,** our parish priest from 2007 to 2012, died on Maundy Thursday. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Michael & All Angels, 370 Crofton Rd., Farnborough, BR6 8NN on 13 May at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Bluebell Cemetery, Old London Rd., Halstead, TN14 7AE (between Orpington & Sevenoaks) at 1.45pm.

**Anne Pendry** died on 14 April. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 10 May at 12 noon, followed by interment at Greenlawn Cemetery at 2pm.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**CONFIRMATIONS** Application forms are available until 12 May. Candidates for Confirmation later this year must have attained their 13th birthday by September 1, 2024, and should approach Fr Julian or Deacon Philip for a form.

**SUMMER FAYRE** Make a note in your diary: June 2, 10am to 1pm. To make it a success and raise funds for our parish, we need donations of: plants and cakes (on the day); jewellery; bric’a’brac; bottles; sweets and cosmetics.

**BOOK CLUB** St Columba's Community Group are hosting one on 1 May at 7:30pm: poster in the porch. All welcome.

**GIRL GUIDES** A thriving troop meets at St Columba’s in the hall every Friday evening during term time, 7.15-9pm. The girls, aged 10-14, have a great old time. More would be welcome: just email veronica.williamson@icloud.com

**MASS INTENTIONS** To have a Mass said for any reason, complete an envelope (to be found at the back of the church) and hand directly to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip or leave in the sacristy or post through the presbytery letterbox.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 22nd) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 25th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 26th) at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

***DAY FOR READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS*** *A day of reflection and renewal is being organized for those who were unable to attend the last gathering at Tooting during Advent. It will take place from 10.30am-3pm on Saturday (the 27th) at St Catherine of Siena church, Chessington. Let Fr Julian know if you would like to go.*

**MASS AT MAYDAY** Mass is being celebrated every Wednesday at 12 noon in the chapel in the grounds of Croydon University Hospital (formerly called Mayday). All are most welcome.

**FOOD BANK** Here is a list of items needed: pasta sauce, milk, sugar, washing powder/pods, tinned veg, jam, tinned meat, washing-up liquid, toilet rolls and shampoo. There are bins in the porch. Thanks for all your support.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Make a note: celebrate St Columba’s feast day with a bring-a-plate international lunch at noon on June 9. Also a healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr Roy Tablizo at 2.30pm on July 20.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Una Dunne, Irena Dziewulak, Eowen Egan, Bernardo, Manuel & Maria Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Joan Hammett, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley and Elizabeth Williamson. People related to parishioners for whom we pray as well are: Patrick Acholonu, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

**OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM** Itconsists of Safeguarding Officer Gill Tomei T:07787 824592

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