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23 JANUARY 2022 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place!

A reading from the book of Nehemiah: 8:2-6. 8-10.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15 R Jn 6.63: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

2nd Reading: A reading fromt**he first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 12:12-30**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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| MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Sat 22nd  | 6.30pm | The O’Dowd Family, well-being |
| Sun 23rd  | 8.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sun 23rd | 10.00am | John Walsh, RIP |
| Sun 23rd  | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Mon 24th  | 10.00am | Adeline Joscelyn, RIP |
| Tues 25th  | 10.00am | Beryl Winifred Bilton, RIP |
| Wed 26th  | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Thurs 27th  | 10.00am | Myrna Walsh, RIP |
| Fri 28th  | 10.00am | Margaret & Noel O’Neill, well-being |
| Sat 29th  | 6.30pm | Douglas Bruce, RIP |
| Sun 30th  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 30th  | 10.00am | Roque Dias, RIP |
| Sun 30th  | 6.30pm | Mr Joseph, RIP |

* *Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am)*

FIRST COMMUNIONS

There will be a meeting after 10am Mass on Sunday February 6 for parents wishing their children to receive their first Holy Communion this year. A weekly preparation course will start on February 9. It will last from 5-6pm. Parents wishing for their children to receive their First Communion (on June 25) should contact Fr Roy.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR  |
| Sat 22nd  | Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr |
| Sun 23rd  | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Mon 24th  | St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church |
| Tues 25th  | The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle |
| Wed 26th  | Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops |
| Thurs 27th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Angela Merici, Virgin |
| Fri 28th  | St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church |
| Sat 29th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Sun 30th  | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

DON’T MISS SUNDAY’S SERVICE

The annual week of prayer for Christian unity runs from January 18-25. We are all called to make a special effort to pray during this period for Christian unity, addressing the scandal which is a Christian Church split by disputes and disagreements. A joint service organized by Churches Together in Selsdon & Addington, of which St Columba’s is an active member, will take place at 3pm on Sunday (the 23rd) hosted by St Mary’s, Addington. See you there?

REMEMBER THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Albert Khayyat, Henry Wei, Alice Barclay, Vera de Souza, Teresa Trumper, Michael Edwards, Michael Watson, Lourdes Fernandes, Leslie Jeyadeva, Maria Fraggle, Nicola Gingell, Judy Freegard, Yvonne Bruce, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Ellen Everett, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom and sick residents at four residential homes visited by the parish St Vincent de Paul group.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACTION

Young people are the Church of tomorrow and so important for the future of our Church. So make a note. On Saturday January 29 there will be an induction afternoon for those interested in youth matters and for Confirmation catechists with the focus on post-Confirmation groups. It will take place at St Mary’s, West Croydon from 12-4pm.

Leading it will be former RE teacher, school chaplain and youth coordinator Tom Caluori.

The afternoon will be based on the LIFE programme published by Redemptorist Publications. To book and for more details phone Tom on 07982 999319 or email tomcaluori@hotmail.com

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT ST C’S

There is no longer any requirement to fill in (or email) track’n’trace forms when coming to church. However, we still need to:

* Bring and wear a face mask covering the nose as well as the mouth when in church. Remember: this protects other people.
* Use hand sanitizer, provided, both when entering and leaving the church.
* Ensure plenty of social distancing in the church and in the benches unless you are in a family group.
* Offer each other the Sign of Peace at Mass without shaking hands. Instead just exchange a bow.

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| SAFEGUARDING: WHO TO CONTACTWe as a parish have a duty and responsibility to keep children and vulnerable adults safe when they are in church or attending church events and services. That’s what Safeguarding does. If you have any concerns or queries about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults contact, in complete confidence:Gill Tomei (E: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07787 824 592) Claire Tucker (E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07774 659 966)Richard Mills (E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07956 531 540).  |  |  |

OUR LEPROSY COMMUNITY

For news from Ahotokurom, the leprosy village in Ghana which we as a parish have adopted and support, please see the latest newsletter pinned to the church noticeboard.

CELEBRATE ST COLUMBA

Colmcille 1500 has been set up to commemorate the 1500th anniversary of the birth of our very own St Columba. (See the noticeboard in the porch.) Anyone with any relevant photos, artwork or written components is invited to share them on social media to celebrate the reach this saint has in 2022. To participate visit any of these three links:

[colmcille1500.com/english/](https://colmcille1500.com/english/)﻿

[www.facebook.com/Colmcille1500NW/](https://www.facebook.com/Colmcille1500NW/)﻿

[www.instagram.com/colmcille1500/](https://www.instagram.com/colmcille1500/)﻿

CAFOD HELP FOR AFGHANISTAN

Eight million people in Afghanistan are on the brink of famine because of drought, a collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict and Covid.

CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water and fuel.

You can help by donating on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

KNOW OF ANYONE IN NEED?

Are you aware of any parishioners living alone or in need? If so, as well as phoning them yourself occasionally to see if they need anything, let Fr Roy or Deacon Philip know of their situation. That way, we can work together to support and help them.

JOIN THE JESUITS

The London Jesuit Centre are running a programme of events, talks and courses over coming months. It includes “Luke: A Very Jewish Gospel”, “Science & Theology”, “School of Ignation Prayer”, “Five Medieval Islamic Thinkers” and “Moral Theology: Where Are We and How Did We Get Here?”. More details from [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)

NAMES ON OUR SICK LIST

Every Sunday a list of names of those who are very sick is read out during the Bidding Prayers so that we can all pray for them. That same list appears in this weekly-updated newsletter (see above). If you know of anyone who is seriously ill and in need of our prayers but not on our list, please tell Fr Roy or Deacon Philip.

HELP A NEIGHBOUR

Selsdon Contact support about 300 people in the area with practical help and advice. Are you willing to lend a hand once a month? Contact need drivers to take people to doctors’ appointments, operate the new shopping bus or help in other ways. Contact Jasmine on 020 8651 4944.

 GOING INTO HOSPITAL? TELL US

If you or a member of your family go into hospital, let Fr Roy or Deacon Philip know. That way we can make sure you receive a visit with Holy Communion as well as keeping you in our prayers.