# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**23 JULY 2023 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Wisdom: 12:13. 16-19

**Responsorial Psalm:** O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 8:26-27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 13:24-43

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 23 July | **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | John Joseph Hibberd, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Patrick & Evelyn Fletcher, RIP |
| Mon 24 July | Weekday/St. Sharbel Makhluf/St. John Boste | 10am | Josephine Cahill, RIP |
| Tues 25 July | St. James, Apostle | 10am | Anne Mitchell, RIP |
| Wed 26 July | SS. Joachim & Anne | 10am | Geoffrey Dodwell, RIP |
| Thurs 27 July | Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 28 July | Weekday | 10am | Fr Patrick Murtagh, RIP |
| Sat 29 July | SS. Mary, Martha & Lazarus | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 30 July | **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat)9am | Joao, Piadade & Michael D'Souza, RIPPro Populo |
| 11am | Irenius Joseph, 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.
* Fr William is with us to cover for Fr Julian who is on annual leave for the whole of July.

**COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your generosity.

**GIFT AID** There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection at the back of the church. Please do take them.

**OUR CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES** They are both still out of order. As an alternative please put cash in the basket at the Offertory collection or better still set up a monthly standing order.

**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), dessert (any that has a shelf life), crackers/savoury biscuits, soup, washing-up liquid, cleaning products, baby wipes. Many thanks for your support and help.

**SUMMER FAYRE** You can still support the event by visiting the online Just Giving page and making a donation: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gillian-tomei?utm_source=EmailShare&utm_medium=email_social&utm_campaign=LFCCFUK_Day3_SDPageComp>

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Richard Tomlinson; Sunday: 9am Harriet Kelsall 11am Janice Bingham. Bidding Prayers writer: Marion De Souza. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Anne & Janet; Sunday 9am Jim & Teresa, 11am Mary & Andrea.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** 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 and Simon Cardoso, Bernardo and Maria and Manuel Fernandes, Alice Barclay, Jacqueline Wheatley and Gloria Forzani.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please bring in your red Missio boxes for emptying.

**COME AND HUM ALONG TO A HYMN** Join members of the choir at a rehearsal each week at 6.30pm for an hour each Thursday. Even if you believe you cannot sing (and we'll hope to change your mind about that!) come along anyway, listen to the music and hum along. You will be surprised how much better you feel afterwards. Whichever Mass you attend and whether you are a choir member or not, all are welcome at rehearsals.

**LAST CHANCE: CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th plus wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on September 23. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, give your details to Deacon Philip or email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk Details needed: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31.

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE** Baroness Sheila Hollins will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on "Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican" at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG) on September 19. More details: info@catholicunion.org.uk or phone 020 87491321.

**ENGAGE THE DISENGAGED** This online seminar will take place on November 21 led by eminent evangelist, speaker and author, Sherry Weddell (£10 per person). Bp Philip Egan of Portsmouth has described how ‘Sherry Weddell’s virtual visit to UK Catholics is an exceptional opportunity to engage with one of the leading evangelists of our time.’ Details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/engage-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons/>

**RACIAL JUSTICE** A seminar will take place at Amigo Hall, St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, on October 28. Speakers will include Abp John Wilson. Details: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>

**WELCOMERS** The following have kindly agreed to meet’n’greet parishioners arriving for Sunday Mass: Saturday 6pm Richard and Carmel; Sunday 9am Gill, Mike Mc and Martin; Sunday 11am Terry, Marta and Anne-Marie. Michael M and Yvonne will help out at whichever Mass they attend. Thanks one and all.

**NEWCOMERS** If you are new to the parish (and even if you aren’t), we would like to extend a warm welcome. Help us to do just that and to help you find out more about our parish by filling in one of the Welcome slips in the porch. When you have completed the form, hand it to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip (or push it through the presbytery letterbox – No. 37, next door to the church). It’s good to have you with us.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL** If you are going into hospital or know of any parishioner who is, besides letting Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know, please inform the ward staff that you would like to receive a visit from the Catholic chaplaincy team and, where appropriate, Holy Communion.

**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.

**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, any time – 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.

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