#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**23 MARCH 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading:** Exodus: 3:1-8a, 13-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

**Second Reading:** 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God, Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God.

**Gospel:** Luke: 13:1-9

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** Today there will be a second collection for poor parishes in our diocese.

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 23 Mar | **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm (Sat) | Stephen Oxley, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Vera Warren, RIP |
| Mon 24 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | John Cauchi |
| Tues 25 Mar | THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | 10am | Christine Condon, RIP |
| Wed 26 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Deceased of the O`Shea Family |
| Thurs 27 Mar | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | Wellbeing of Phil |
| Fri 28 Mar  | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | Fr. Bernard Heaphy, RIP  |
| Sat 29 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 30 Mar | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT***‘Laetare Sunday’*  | 6pm (Sat) | Patrick O`Donoghue, RIP |
| 9am | Michael Goodwin, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* **There will be no exposition and adoration on Tuesday**
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.30pm
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: on Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**MONEY MATTERS** March 16/17: basket £724.41 (Gift Aid £249), card machines £211.50 (Gift Aid £105.50). CAFOD: basket £760.72 (Gift Aid £264), card machines £113 (Gift Aid £83). Building Fund £5. Thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Today there will be a second collection for poor parishes in our diocese (formerly this was called the Needs of the Diocese collection). It enables grants to be made to poorer parishes in Southwark.

**BIBLE STUDY** Back by popular request this **Wednesday** (the 26th) in the hall after 10am Mass. Do make a note in your diary: every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at this time. The topic: *The Acts of the Apostles –* called the ‘Fifth Gospel’ – which will prepare us for Eastertide when almost all of it is read on weekdays over the seven weeks leading up to Pentecost.

**CONFIRMATIONS** If any young member of the parish who will be 13 by September 1 would like to consider being confirmed, please speak to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip after Mass.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita, Sunday 9am Gill, 11am Beatrice. Bidding Prayers: Irene. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Richard.

**HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT OUR ARCHDIOCESE** A parish meeting will take place in the hall at 7.30pm on April 2 to discuss the challenge in a consultation booklet made available by our Archbishop to all parishioners – and that means you. It follows a pastoral letter from Abp John circulated at St Columba’s just before the church closed for building work. That pastoral letter was about the latest phase of *Called to Bear Fruit*, an initiative he launched in 2023. You can read more about it on the parish website. Copies of the consultation booklet can be collected at church.

**MOTHER’S DAY COFFEE MORNING** It will be after the 11am Mass next Sunday (the 30th). All mums as well as dads, children, families, everyone – all are invited. It will be hosted by Patsy and the children's liturgy team.

**OUR QUIZ NIGHT** St Columba's Community Group are hosting one in the hall on May 3 at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 per person and go on sale after all Masses from April 12. Come as a team of six or join in with others on the night. See the poster on the group's notice board in the porch for more details.

**FIRE IN THE CHURCH** We hope it will never happen but common sense dictates that we take sensible precautions to ensure that if a fire does break out in St Columba’s we are properly prepared. So this is advance notice that a meeting will take place on May 10 to discuss how we would handle it. Watch this space for further details.

**CELEBRATION!** That’s going to be the theme of a get-together for the whole diocese of Southwark taking place at The Friars, Aylesford, on June 7. And you are invited. Specifically, it will celebrate the 2025 global Jubilee Year and two anniversaries. One marks 60 years of Southwark becoming an archdiocese; the other, 175 years of Southwark being a diocese. Make a date in your diary now for a visit to Aylesford, bring a picnic and join the celebration.

**FOOD BANK** Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meats (meals), pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, tuna, porridge/oats and other cereals, toilet rolls, bleach and washing-up liquid. Place items in the boxes in the porch.

**VOLUNTEER POSTIE WANTED** Contact, your local neighbourhood care organisation, provides practical help, advice, support and information to the needy. Can you help for an hour every week or two delivering newsletters to clients living near you? For more details ring 020 8651 4944 or email info@selsdoncontact.org.uk

**SUMMER SOIREE** There is one being held to mark the 170th anniversary of St Joseph’s College, Beulah Hill. The date is July 10. Alumni, family and friends of St Joseph’s are all welcome. More details: email events@sjc.ac

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

ROB ADAMS RIP Please keep Rob and his widow, Janet, and their family in your prayers. Rob died on Thursday, aged 84. No funeral details as yet.

JEAN-CLAUDE ANTHONY RIP Remember Jean-Claude also in your prayers as well as his widow, Jacquie, and their family. Jean-Claude, who was 77, died last Saturday. No funeral details as yet.

UNA DUNNE RIP:herfuneral is being held on March 31 at 10.30am at Holy Family Church, 115 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9LF, with the committal at 12.15pm at Croydon Crematorium West Chapel, Mitcham Road, CR9 3AT. Refreshments afterwards at Farleigh Golf Club, Old Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9PE.

BRIAN LEAHY RIP Prayers too please for Brian, who died last Saturday aged 85. His funeral will take place on April 9 at 2.30pm at Croydon Crematorium West Chapel, Mitcham Road, CR9 3AT.

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

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know so that the Croydon University Hospital Catholic chaplaincy can visit with Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. In an emergency phone CUH (020 8401 3000) and ask for the on-call Catholic chaplain to be paged, giving the sick person’s name and ward.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Eoin Egan, Bernardo Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Kathy Thorpe and Sean Walsh. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Isobel Barbour, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Michael Medhurst, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace and Linda & Michael Watson.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei email: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Richard Mills E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Clare Morgado E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk and Patsy McFarlane E: selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on 020 7261 1606. If you need help, information or advice concerning possible safeguarding issues involving children or vulnerable adults, contact any of the above. Your concerns will be dealt with discreetly and efficiently. For more information about Safeguarding please see the posters in the porch and church hall.