# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**23 OCTOBER 2022 – 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus: 35:12-14. 16-19

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R v.7: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy: 4:6-8. 16-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 18:9-14

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** Note that there is a second collection, for World Mission Day, on Sunday.

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 23 Oct | Sunday 30th in Ordinary Time*World Mission Day**Day of Prayer for the Evangelisation**of the World* | 6.30pm (Sat) | Deacon Vincent & Mary |
| 8am | Pro Populo |
| 10am | Kevin Hook, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Eileen & Gilbert MacDonald, RIP |
| Mon 24 Oct | St Anthony Claret, bishop | 10am | Mary Clerkin, well being |
| Tues 25 Oct | Weekday | 10am | Briege (nee Keiran) Finegan, RIP |
| Wed 26 Oct | SS Chad & Cedd, bishops | 10am | Thomas, Una & Eamonn Loughran, RIP |
| Thurs 27 Oct | Weekday | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 28 Oct | SS Simon & Jude, apostles | 10am | Fred Esedebe, RIP |
| Sat 29 Oct | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 30 Oct | Sunday 31st in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 8am | Anna Sampson, RIP |
| 10am | David Walsh, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Marie Martinelli, 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Saturday 6.30pm Kathy Thorpe, Sunday 8am Martin Bayle, 10am Beatrice Hanson-Sudbury, 6.30pm Janet Adams. The Bidding Prayers writer is Malliga Baladasan.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Todayis World Mission Day and there will be a second collection for Missio (see below for details); please use the envelopes provided if possible.

**MISSIO** This is the Church`s official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England & Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

**MISSIO: YOUR RED BOXES** Our new Missio secretary, Mary Mills, has kindly taken on the organisation of the red boxes, by which we can contribute to Missio on an ongoing basis. The boxes are now ready for collection from the porch at the back of church. The next call for boxes will be made in early December. If you have any questions, such as how you contribute if you are not already doing so, please contact Mary on 020 8657 5845.

**NO NEED TO GIVE CASH** To contribute to the Offertory collection, that is (that’s the first, main collection, not second collections). Instead, if you wish, you can use our new contactless payment machines. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap your credit or 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.

**OUR AUTUMN CHARITY FAYRE** It takes place this Sunday (the 23rd) after 10am Mass. Come and join us in the hall for refreshments and to pick up a bargain or three. There are some great raffle prizes to be won as well as various stalls laden with goodies plus the ever-popular bottle stall. Meet old friends and make new ones

**CAFE COLUMBA CHRISTMAS LUNCH** You need to book early… It’s on December 14, two courses with wine for £12 (capped at 42 people maximum). Interested? Then give your name to Gill Tomei. First come, first served.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** 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 four local care homes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** The demand for support is growing. Items most needed are: cereal, milk, nappies (ideally sizes 6, 6+ and 7), jam, pasta sauces, tea and coffee. Any nice boxes of biscuits and chocolates that come in are put aside for the Christmas packages that go out mid-December. Collection boxes are under the table in the porch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**STILL NO DRIVERS!** Despite several appeals, no one has volunteered to help bring a needy parishioner to either Saturday or Sunday evening Mass. Please consider helping - contact Deacon Philip if you can.

**AID TO UKRAINE** Another convoy taking aid to these beleaguered people is being organised. Priorities are emergency foil blankets (to keep casualties of bombing, missile and drone attacks warm when their clothes are cut off), Sudocrem (hospitals don’t have enough supplies of this antiseptic cream) and, of course, money. Email angela.pritchardwallace@gmail.com

**VOLUNTEERS FOR LOURDES** The Handicapped Children’s Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) take disabled and disadvantaged children to the shrine at Easter. They are looking for volunteers. Interested? If so, email Jane at group14@hcpt.org.uk If you know of any children who would benefit from a fully-funded trip, contact Jane.

***THE WORST FOOD CRISIS IN DECADES?*** *That’s what is feared by poverty specialists looking to the future. The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) is gearing up to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst-affected areas of the world. You can help prevent it happening by donating: visit the CAFOD website* [*cafod.org.uk/fastday<*](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday%3C)*;*[*https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day*](https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day) *to find out how best to do so.*

**KEEPING IN CONTACT** Based at Selsdon Community Centre next to Sainsbury’s, Contact provides neighbourly care to Selsdon residents in need of support and advice. That includes transport (eg lifts to hospital), a shopping bus, practical help (eg with gardening and shopping), loan equipment (eg wheelchairs) and social events (eg coffee mornings and outings). Willing to help or in need yourself? There are also vacancies for a deputy manager and an IT/data administrator, both paid positions. Details: info@selsdoncontact.org.uk or phone 020 8651 4944.

**WONERSH SEMINARY** Friends of St John’s Seminary at Wonersh, sadly now closed, are invited to a Mass organised by the St John’s Association at St George’s Cathedral on Tuesday (the 25th) at 12.30pm. Celebrant will be Bp Richard Moth.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Application forms for next year will soon be available. To qualify, children must be in year three or above to be considered. Please look out for further announcements at Mass and in this newsletter.