# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**25 FEBRUARY 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** Second collection today for the CAFOD Lent Fast day

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not our face from me.

**First Reading:** Genesis: 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Second Reading**: Romans 8:31-34

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!’ Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel:** Mark: 9:2-10

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 25 Feb | **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  | 6pm (Sat) | Archie Pond, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 10.45am | Private intention |
| Mon 26 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Sybil Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| Tues 27 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Cancer sufferers |
| Wed 28 Feb | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | Kathleen Hornsby, RIP  |
| Thurs 29 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Fri 1 Mar | ST. DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES*Women’s World Day of Prayer* | 10am | Geoffrey Dodwell, RIP |
| Sat 2 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 3 Mar | **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  | 6pm (Sat) | Stephen Oxley, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 10.45am | Dominika & Maciey, wedding anniversary |

* 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.
* Stations of the Cross on Friday throughout Lent at 7.30pm.
* There are devotions to Our Lady every Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: every Saturday directly after 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm**.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** February 18: the total was £594.00 of which £255.20 was gift-aided; the Clergy Support Fund collection produced £288.67 of which £97.50 was gift-aided; the card machines produced £263 of which £159 was gift-aided. The South London Concert Band collection amounted to £633.35, which will be divided between Ahotokurom, the leprosy village in Ghana which we support, and The Passage, a charity for the homeless based near Westminster Cathedral. Today there will be a second collection for CAFOD’s Lent Fast Day.

**BIBLE STUDY** This continues on Wednesday (the 28th) at 10.30am in the hall: Fr Julian will talk about ‘The Prophets’.

**ALBERT KHAYYAT RIP** Pray for the repose of the soul of Albert, a parishioner here for many years, who died last week. He was 84. Funeral details will be announced shortly. May he rest in peace.

**AID FOR PALESTINIANS** The Bethlehem Nativity Group will be selling religious articles carved from olive wood after all Masses this weekend in order to support the embattled Christian communities of Palestine. A brief talk about the group will be given at the end of each Mass.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Alan Thorpe, Sunday 9am Gill Tomei, 10.45am Sybille Kpami. Bidding Prayers writer: TBA. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Ginny & Deirdre, Sunday 9am Mike, Maria & Richard, 10.45am Andrea & Vivian.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 26th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 29th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 1st ) at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** It’s showing at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, on Wednesday (the 28th). Tickets are £45-£48 each. Interested? If so let Gill know asap: g.tomei@btopenworld.com

**WALSINGHAM** To mark the Year of Prayer 2024 Bp Philip Moger is leading a diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady’s shrine in Norfolk on April 27. Coaches have been arranged including from Virgo Fidelis, Upper Norwood. For more details see the poster in the porch. The cost is £50 per person (meals etc not included).

**ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** The Southwark Catholic Youth Service is relaunching several activities for those aged 10-35. For details visit tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or scan the QR code on the poster on our noticeboard.

**LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL** Their open week runs from March 4-8, 9:30-11:30am each day. Phone 020 8660 3351 for more details or email secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk to book a visit.

**FOOD BANK** Currently needed are: tinned veg, jars of pasta sauce (tomato), milk, jam, fruit, savoury snacks, tinned meat, juice (cordial), shampoo and cleaning products. Many thanks to those who have donated items.

EASTER SPRING CLEAN We all want St Columba’s looking its very best for the Easter services. So a special church-cleaning session is being organised. Please come along, even if only for half an hour, to lend a hand: the more the merrier (men and women!) – and the quicker the job will be done. There is a rota in the porch. Please put your name down for Wednesday March 27th or Thursday the 28th, 10.30am – 7pm.

**FIRE RISK** We need urgently to declutter the crypt. Could all those with items stored there please contact the parish secretary, Margaret Molloy, on selsdon@rcaos.org.uk without delay. In future it will only be possible to store a limited number of items in the crypt. If anyone is seeking voluntary work experience, such as the DofE scheme for example, we would be happy to sign this decluttering task off as part of that.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** We need volunteers to help with our sessions during 10.45am Sunday Mass. Interested? Then speak to anyone from the liturgy team or email patsymcfar@googlemail.com

**FOOTPRINTS OF HOPE** In the spring, a new footpath is being laid at the shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham, Kent. You can support this ‘Footprints of Hope’ project by sponsoring one or more bricks with a name of a friend or loved one engraved on each. It costs £30 per brick. The deadline is February 23. For details phone 01795 539 214 or visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk/footprints.

**PONDERING & PRAYING VATICAN II** That’s the title of a new book by our very own Abp John Wilson which is being launched on March 6 in Amigo Hall next door to St George’s Cathedral, Southwark. It starts at 6.30pm and you are invited. If you would like to understand this hugely influential Council, do go along.

**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, Lucy Kirby, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Shirley Pitts, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Margit Symons, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley, 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, 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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