# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**25 JUNE 2023 – TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: 20:10-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** In your great love, answer me, O God.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 5:12-15

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 10:26-33

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 25 June | **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | George Bruce, RIP & Margaret Gallagher, RIP | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Kevin Hook, RIP | |
| Mon 26 June | Weekday | 10am | Fr Francis Edwards, RIP | |
| Tues 27 June | St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor | 10am | Kathleen Gallacher, RIP | |
| Wed 28 June | St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr & Doctor | 10am | Esther Scott, RIP | |
| Thurs 29 June | **SS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**  **Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation** | 10am  7.30pm | Priest’s intention  Pro Populo | |
| Fri 30 June | The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church | 10am | Sebastian Dias, RIP | |
| Sat 1 July | St. Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr | 10.30am | Priest’s intention | |
| Sun 2 July | **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat)  9am | Lady Di  Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Danny, John & David Walsh, 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**.**
* Please note that Thursday (the 29th) is the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles, and a Holyday of Obligation: there will be two Masses – at 10am and 7.30pm.
* Owing to various circumstances Holy Hour and Benediction on Tuesday (the 27th) have had to be cancelled.
* This week we welcome Fr William to our parish: he will be supplying for Fr Julian who will be on annual leave for the whole of July. Fr. William is no stranger to this parish and no doubt he will find a warm welcome and plenty of support from all of you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Fr Julian and Deacon Philip would like to thank all those children who took part in yesterday’s First Holy Communion Mass and the parents who have supported them over the past six months. In particular, special thanks are due to Patsy, Kirsten and Madison for guiding the children through this important sacramental programme. Thank you very much.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for 18 June amounted to £614.64 of which £292.95 was gift-aided. The second collection for the Day for Lifeamounted to £293.43. Thank you very much. Next Sunday (the 2nd) there will be a second collection for Peter`s Pence:for the needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects of the Pope.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Susan Gower; Sunday: 9am Martin Baile, 11am UCM. Bidding Prayers writer Biby Onyeachon. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Ginny & Carmel Sunday 9am Jim & Teresa, 11am Mary & Andrea.

**GIFT AID** There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection at the back of the church. Please help yourself.

**OUR CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES** Unfortunately they are both still out of order. Hopefully they should be operating again soon. As an alternative please put cash in the basket at the Offertory collection or better still set up a monthly standing order.

**BIDDING PRAYERS** Will all those who compose the Bidding Prayers for Sunday Mass please email them to the parish address (selsdon@rcaos.org.uk), not to Fr Julian`s personal email address. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** 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.

**SPEAK OUT FOR CAFOD** The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development need help, volunteer speakers. Can you spare one or two weekends a year to visit parishes in your area (or further afield) to speak at Mass about CAFOD's work and involvement in communities around the world? Training and support provided. To find out more email [mailto on%20our%20website](mailto:mailto%20on%20our%20website) or [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk). They would love to hear from you.

**SEAFARERS AND FISHERS** They play a vital role in all our lives, often working in difficult, hazardous conditions. Many are reporting high levels of stress, poor mental health and abuse. July 9 is Sea Sunday when we pray for all who live and work at sea. To help, visit <http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate>. Support is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**COME AND HUM ALONG TO A HYMN** Are you looking for a way to de-stress, relax and clear your mind? Yes? Then come along and join members of the choir at a rehearsal each week at 6.30pm for an hour on Thursdays starting July 6. 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 the rehearsals.

**SUMMER FAYRE** It will take place next Sunday (the 2nd) starting at 10am. All proceeds will go to our parish groups, the parish & local charities. Items needed: good quality bric-a-brac; jewellery; sweets & cosmetics; bottles and (on the day) plants & cakes. No DVDs or books please. Leave items in the box in the church porch.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS** The UCM Mass will be next Sunday (the 2nd) at 11am.

**WINDOWS** With the warmer weather parishioners may want to open an adjacent window. If this is done it *must* be secured again before you leave the church. Thank you.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Running low are: tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tinned veg, jam, sugar, tinned rice pudding, baby wipes, oil, nappies size 5 and 7 and sandwich paste. Your support is much appreciated.

**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. Family members can attend with you. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, give your details to Deacon Philip or email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) Details needed: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31.

**50 YEARS LATER…** Half a century has passed since Contact was set up to act as a neighbourhood care scheme supporting residents of Selsdon.  Contact has flourished over those 50 years and is supported by all churches in Selsdon, including St Columba’s.  There are now nearly 300 clients who are helped and supported to stay in their homes by more than 270 volunteers. To celebrate there will be a summer concert at 6.30pm on July 8 (£10 per adult, children under 12 free) with the proceeds going to Contact. A Songs of Praise service of thanksgiving will be held at St. John’s church, Upper Selsdon Road, at 3pm on the 9th. For details email [helen.lishmund@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:helen.lishmund@blueyonder.co.uk)

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