# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**25 MAY 2025 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia

**Gospel:** John 14-23-29

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 25 May | **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat) | In memory of Helga Schroder |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Evelyn & Patrick Fletcher, RIP |
| Mon 26 May | St. Philip Neri, Priest | 10am | Mei mei, RIP |
| Tues 27 May | St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Wed 28 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Joe Madden, RIP |
| Thurs 29 May | **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  **Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation** | 10am  7.30pm | Mary Brophy, RIP  Pro Populo |
| Fri 30 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am |  |
| Sat 31 May | The Visitation of Our Lady | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 1 June | **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  *World Communications Sunday* | 6pm (Sat)  9am  11am | Una Dunne, RIP  Rob Adams, RIP  Pro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition & Benediction finishing at 11am
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* 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** 17/18 May: basket £644.80 (Gift Aid £240.20), card machines £146.50 (Gift Aid £102.50). Repository: £58.99; St George’s Cathedral £2; Priests Training Fund £4. Thank you for your generosity.

**SUMMER FAYRE** It’s on June 8, 10am to 1pm. Good bric'a'brac, jewellery, bottles, sweets and raffle and tombola prizes are very much needed (also plants and cakes on the day). Leave in the box in the porch.

**WHAT’S ON THIS COMING WEEK** Monday 10.45-11.45am Keep Fit (Gill: 07787 824 592); Thursday 7-8pm Yoga (Sue: 07721 088 487); Friday 7-9.30pm Guides (Veronica: veronica.williamson@icloud.com).

**COACH TRIP FOR A CELEBRATION!** Over 2,000 people from around the Archdiocese of Southwark are expected at the Jubilee celebration day at The Friars, Aylesford on June 7. Will you be one of them? Leaflets in the porch give full details. To sign up as a volunteer helper visit bit.ly/southwarkhelper. The website to register for 90-minute sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4) is <http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee%20celebration> (first come, first served). There are also other activities for children. Holy Family Church, Sanderstead, are organising a coach for the day so you don’t have to drive: email [sanderstead@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sanderstead@rcaos.org.uk) for details.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers – Saturday 6pm Geraldine, Sunday 9am Martin, 11am Alan. Bidding Prayers: Martin. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Jim

**TEA & COFFEE MORNING** It will take place next Sunday after 9am Mass. All are welcome.

**MAUREEN COFFEY RIP** The funeral for Maureen, 92, will take place at 2pm on June 6 with cremation following at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Rd, BR3 4TD at 4pm. Please keep Maureen and her family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**SECOND COLLECTION** That’s next Sunday and it’s for World Communications Day.

**POT PLANTS** Would anyone attending Mass please assist by watering the pot plants. Thank you

**FIRST AID COURSE**. Would you like to update your skills? (Some previous knowledge is required.) There are three places available at a cost of £42 each on June 18, 1pm-4pm. A certificate is supplied. Details: 020 8651 4076.

**SPRING WALK** It’s on Saturday (the 31st), a circular route to Limpsfield Chart and covers 4.5 miles, mostly on level ground. Meet at St Peter’s church, High Street, Limpsfield RH8 0DG at 10.30am. Details: 07799 108 720.

**FREE MONEY FOR ST COLUMBA’S** Buying something online? Anything? If so you can help St Columba’s at no cost to yourself. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and register (which is quick and easy). Then shop online wherever and whenever you choose – there are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from including all the big-name High Street stores. Each time you then buy anything online (after clicking on the easy fundraising link), a donation is made to St Columba’s. The total we have received so far is £326.90. That’s money for free.

**DAY FOR LIFE** It will take place on June 15. In preparation, the bishops invite us all to pray the Novena for Life until the Feast of the Visitation on the May 31. Details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

**LAST CHANCE: MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited by Abp John to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 12. Family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Abp John email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is tomorrow (the 26th).

**CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK** It’s being held on June 21 from 10am-4pm starting at St Paul’s United Reformed Church, South Croydon, and visiting seven different churches. Details: visit [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

**FOOD BANK** Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meat/pies/puddings, 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.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** It’s on June 28 with Abp John - a coach will leave Virgo Fidelis Church, Upper Norwood, at 7am. There will be extra transport to take the less able from the shrine to the abbey grounds. Price is £50 each plus £5 for admission to the abbey grounds. Coach details: email [norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk)

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know so that the Croydon University Hospital (CUH) 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, 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, Margit Symons, 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](mailto:email:%20selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Richard Mills E: [selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Clare Morgado E: [selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) and Patsy McFarlane E: [selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.