# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**26 FEBRUARY 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Genesis. 2:7-9. 3:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned. Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. Rcf.v3

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 5:12-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Communion Antiphon:** Ones does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**  Second collection today for the Clergy Support Fund

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 26 Feb | **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** ***Day of Prayer for the Unemployed***  | 6pm-Sat | Mary Lennard |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Abel & Clara Carrasco, well-being |
| **No evening Mass** |
| Mon 27 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Kate Gould, well-being |
| Tues 28 Feb | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Brigit Chacko, RIP |
| Wed 1 Mar | St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales | 10am | Michael Geraghy, RIP |
| Thurs 2 Mar | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Fri 3 Mar | Lenten Weekday *CAFOD Fast Day. Women`s World Day of Prayer* | 10am | Archie Pond, RIP |
| Sat 4 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. Casimir)* | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 5 Mar | **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm-Sat | Brendan, Margaret, Nina & John & families |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Andre & Bobby MacDonald, RIP |
| **No evening Mass** |

* Please note the new Sunday Mass times – **there is no Sunday evening Mass**. 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**.**

**COLLECTIONS** Last Sunday’s (the 19th) amounted to £647.47, £302.49 of which was Gift-Aided. Thank you very much. Today we have a second collection for the Clergy Support Fund. This fund enables the diocese to care for priests in their retirement, old age and in times of ill-health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people. To donate online visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf> Next Sunday the second collection will be for CAFOD’s Lent Fast Day – there are some envelopes in the church. The Gift Aid envelope (coloured yellow) marked ‘Poor Parishes’ dated 5 March should now be used on Sunday 19 March.

**YOU DON’T NEED CASH!** Instead you can use our contactless payment machines for the Offertory collection. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap or insert your credit/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.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Readers: Saturday – 6pm Richard Tomlinson; Sunday – 9am Martin Baile; 11am UCM. The Bidding Prayers writer is Malliga Baladasan.

**CHOIR MEETING** Today (the 26th) there will be a brief meeting in church following the 11am Mass (about 12 noon) for anyone interested in joining the choir – even temporarily during Holy Week. If you are at all interested do come along or contact Fr Julian at the parish office, the details of which are on the newsletter.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** This devotion will be said every Friday during Lent in church at 7.30pm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** William Joseph O`Brien died on 31 January, aged 87. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 7 March at 12.30pm followed by interment at Mitcham Road Cemetery at 2pm. *Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**CONFIRMATION 2023** Application forms will be available after all Masses throughout Lent for this year`s Confirmation course, which begins later in the year. The forms must be returned before the end of Lent.

**HELP FOR UKRAINE** There is going to be another supply convoy heading for Ukraine shortly. Most needed items are: sleeping bags, water purifying tablets, dog and cat food, adult nappies, wet wipes, torches, white boards (office-equipment type) and vacuum flasks and containers (metal or plastic). Items donated can be left in the boxes in the porch next to the repository. To donate money email aidin4ukraine@gmail.com

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Can you please bring in your Missio red boxes so that they can be emptied. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Mary Langan, Anne Brownsell, Ian Messenger, Veronica Moor, Anesta McNichols, Pat Taylor, Anna Coppola, 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, Maria Baretto, Irena Dziewulak, Joan Hammett, Elida Scasso, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Bernardo and Maria & Manuel Fernandes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most needed items are: toilet rolls, tinned veg, milk, baby wipes, nappies size 5, 5+ and 6+, squash, tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid and cleaning products including bleach and rice pudding. Please place items in the collection boxes in the porch by the side door. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

**TAIZE SERVICES** Several have been organised for coming months, all starting at 7.30pm: February 27 at St Edward’s, New Addington; March 22 at St Mary’s, Addington; April 17 (St Edward’s) and May 17 (St Mary’s).

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER** SycamOre is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on Tuesday (the 28th). For more details or to register, visit the website: [Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (rcaos.org.uk)](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together)

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST** If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It’s being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

**UCM MASS** Next Sunday (the 5th) at 11am. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

**UCM MEETING** It’son Wednesday (the 1st) and will be our AGM. Benediction beforehand at 7.30pm.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** Come into the hall this Wednesday (the 1st) from 10am for tea, coffee, delicious home-made cakes and, at lunchtime, light lunches, all at bargain prices – plus good company and good conversation.

**THY KINGDOM COME** This annual worldwide ecumenical event, endorsed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is being launched at 11am tomorrow (Monday the 27th), unveiling resources and plans for a global wave of prayer for evangelisation. Details: [TKC Launch Event 2023 Tickets, Mon 27 Feb 2023 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tkc-launch-event-2023-tickets-547820705477)

**HELP FOR TURKEY & SYRIA** Contact CAFOD (cafod.org.uk), part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), if you would like to make a donation to help the earthquake victims. And pray for the victims.