# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**3 MARCH 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading:** Exodus: 20:1-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

**Second Reading**: Corinthians: 1:22-25

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel:** John: 2:13-25

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow the nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 3 Mar | **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm (Sat) | Stephen Oxley, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 10.45am | Dominika & Maciey, wedding anniversary |
| Mon 4 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. Casimir)* | 10am | Eugene Clerkin, RIP |
| Tues 5 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Thomas Freeman, RIP |
| Wed 6 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Beatrice Sudsbury, birthday thanksgiving |
| Thurs 7 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(SS. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)* | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Fri 8 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. John of God, Religious)* | 10am | Kevin Holding, RIP |
| Sat 9 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. Frances of Rome, Religious)*  | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 10 Mar | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** ‘Laetare Sunday’ | 6pm (Sat) | Virginia, Colin & Douglas Bruce, RIP |
| 9am | Esme Sin Hodge, RIP |
| 10.45am | Pro Populo |

* 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** The main collection raised £562.76 (Gift Aid = £217.10). The CAFOD collection raised £481.54 (Gift Aid = £50). The card machines produced £147 (main collection Gift Aided £102, Non-Gift Aided £15, CAFOD Gift Aided £30). Thank you for your generosity.

**CONFIRMATIONS** Would parents (or more importantly their teenage children, who must be at least 13 by 1 January, 2025) please let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know (by 31 March) if they wish to be confirmed this year.

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

**MASS TIME CHANGE** From Palm Sunday (24 March) the time for the 10.45am Sunday Mass will revert to 11am.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Richard Tomlinson, Sunday 9am Irene Gonsalvez, 10.45am Sita Egole. Bidding Prayers writer: Anne Rodrigues. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Anne & Carmel, Sunday 9am Jim, Teresa & Gill, 10.45am Pat & Kathy.

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!). There is a rota in the porch: please put your name down for Wednesday March 27 or Thursday the 28th, 10.30am-7pm.

**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

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** Our community cafe will be open onWednesday 6th March from 9:45am-1:15pm. Please come along and support us by enjoying hot drinks and delicious home-made cakes, light lunches too. All proceeds go to charity.

**ST COLUMBA’S COMMUNITY GROUP** It will meet again in the hall at 7:45pm on Wednesday 6th March. Please join us for a Beetle Drive.

**THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP** We received this message following last Sunday’s event: ‘Thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for the needy Christian families in the Holy Land.’ Carvings can be ordered online at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk)

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday 4th at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday 7th at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); the Art Group on Friday the 8th at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863); and Guides on Friday 8th at 7-9pm. Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**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.

**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.

**JOB VACANCY** Laleham Lea, the independent primary school in Purley, is looking for a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. For more information visit <http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk> or phone 020 8660 3351.

**PONDERING & PRAYING VATICAN II** That’s the title of a new book by our very own Abp John Wilson which is being launched on Wednesday 6th March 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.

**YOUTH DAY** For those aged 10-14, it takes place on Saturday 9th March at Richard Challoner School, New Malden. Details: <https://wix.us22.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ce4fc5887527e3c0a17cd0367&id=2fc8be22d9&e=9c24270694>

**MAKING A NEW START** Beginning Experience is a residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers who have themselves experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. The next programme will be on April 12-14. For details phone 0208 647 4760 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

**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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