# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**30 JULY 2023 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading:** A reading from the first book of Kings: 3:5. 7-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord how I love your law!

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 8:28-30

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 13:44-52

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 30 July | **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | Joao, Piadade & Michael D'Souza, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Mr Irenius Joseph, RIP |
| Mon 31 July | St. Ignatius of Loyola  | 10am | Ann O'Neill, RIP & consolation of her family |
| Tues 1 Aug | St. Alphonsus Liguori | 10am | Michael Joseph, well-being |
| Wed 2 Aug | St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop | 10am | Frederick Wye |
| Thurs 3 Aug | Weekday  | 12noon | Funeral: Anthony Bennan |
| Fri 4 Aug | St. John Vianney, Priest | 10am | Liam McMunn, RIP |
| Sat 5 Aug | The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 6 Aug | **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** | 6pm (Sat)9am | Vera Curry, RIP & Bernadette Taylor, RIPEddie Aldridge, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* 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**.** Also on request.
* Thank you to Fr William who has been with us throughout July to cover for Fr Julian. We welcome back Fr Julian this week.

**COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your generosity.

**GIFT AID** There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection at the back of the church. Please do take them.

**OUR CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES** Unfortunately and rather annoyingly, despite our best efforts they are both still out of order. As an alternative please put cash in the basket at the Offertory collection or better still set up a monthly standing order.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Running low are: Jam, Rice - dried in packets, Washing Powder/pods, Milk, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veg, Tinned Tomatoes, Juice (cordial), Desert of any kind that has a shelf life, Crackers/savoury biscuits, Soup, Washing up liquid/cleaning products, Baby wipes. Many thanks to you all for your support and help.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita Egole Sunday: 9am Gill Tomei 11am Beatrice Hanson-Sudsbury. Bidding Prayers writers: Alan & Kathy Thorpe. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Ginny & Carmel; Sunday 9am Richard & Gill, 11am Pat & Marion.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** David Wallace, Pedrinha Ramos, Ann Brennan, 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, Gloria Forzani, Maria Fernandes and Mike Goodwin.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please bring in your red Missio boxes for emptying.

**COME AND HUM ALONG TO A HYMN** Join members of the choir at a rehearsal each week at 6.30pm for an hour each Thursday. 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 rehearsals.

**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. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, give your details to Deacon Philip or email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk Details needed: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** It’s on August 5; its theme, the sanctity of life; leader is Abp Kevin McDonald. Details: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) Join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Commission for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on 23 September.

**WESTMINSTER INTERFAITH GROUP** Because of a graduation, the Westminster Interfaith group will not meet in July. Archbishop Kevin's talk is postponed to October 18. The next meeting will be on September 20.

**AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS** The latest episode of this podcast can be accessed on this website link: [Accompaniment and Encounter | Episode 14 - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/accompaniment-and-encounter-episode-14/)

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE** Baroness Sheila Hollins will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on "Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican" at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG) on September 19. There is free entry, all are welcome and it is followed by a drinks reception. Register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or phone 020 87491321.

**ENGAGE THE DISENGAGED** An online seminar on evangelisation entitled ‘Engage the Disengaged’ will take place between 6-8pm on November 21 led by eminent evangelist, speaker and author, Sherry Weddell. Tickets are priced at £10. Bp Philip Egan of Portsmouth has described how ‘Sherry Weddell’s virtual visit to UK Catholics is an exceptional opportunity to engage with one of the leading evangelists of our time.’ For more details and to book tickets visit the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/engage-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons/>

**RACIAL JUSTICE** A seminar entitled ‘Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities’ will take place at Amigo Hall, St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, on October 28. Organisers are the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion and the speakers will include Abp John Wilson. More details:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>.

**Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage - Sunday 8th October 2023** This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James’s Park and Green Park. The course is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20, Fundraising goal: £300. All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness. Sign up <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

**A Mind of Their Own** The rates of young people struggling with anxiety & depression are rising. 1 in 6 children report they struggle with their mental health. A Mind of Their Own is packed with simple & effective strategies for use at home, helping you to better understand what's going on in your child's head. The Croydon event is being held at: New Life Christian Centre 5 Cairo New Road Croydon CR0 1XP on Thurs 12th October 2023 7:30pm-10pm. Complimentary tickets are in the Parish Office, otherwise early bird tickets are £6 on their website ccf.org.uk/moto

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