# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**30 OCTOBER 2022 – 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Wisdom: 11:22-12:2

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. Rcfv.1: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians: 1:11-2:2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 19:1-10

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 30 Oct | Sunday 31st in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 8am | Anna Sampson, RIP |
| 10am | David Walsh, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Marie Martinelli, RIP |
| Mon 31 Oct | Weekday (‘All Hallows Eve’) | 10am | Martin Cowie, well-being |
|  |  | 11.30am | Midday Prayer & Benediction |
| **Tues 1 Nov** | **ALL SAINTS, Solemnity &**  **Holyday of Obligation** | **10am**  **7.30pm** | Breda Loughnane, well-being  Pro Populo |
| **Wed 2 Nov** | **ALL SOULS** | **10am**  **7.30pm** | Baby Freddie Bibby, well-being  All the Faithful Departed |
| Thurs 3 Nov | St Winefride, Virgin | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 4 Nov | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop | 10am | Father William Sewell, RIP |
| Sat 5 Nov | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 6 Nov | Sunday 32nd in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm (Sat) | Departed Souls of the Fletcher & Hook families |
| 8am | Pro Populo |
| 10am | Father Gus, Golden Jubilee |
| 6.30pm | Richard Scott, RIP |

**Please note there will be no Holy Hour on Tuesday as it is All Saints Day: it is transferred to the previous day (Monday 31 October) and will conclude at 11.30am with Midday Prayer & Benediction.** Please note that there is no Mass on Thursdays, unless it is a Solemnity or Feast of Our Lord. Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is usually followed by Holy Hour; Friday’s Mass, by the rosary. There are devotions to Our Lady every Saturday morning at 10am. There is now Mass every Saturday morning at 10.30am (following 10am devotions). Confessions: on Saturdays directly after morning Mass and from 6-6.15pm.

The Requiem Mass for Bishop Howard Tripp, RIP, will be celebrated at St. George`s Cathedral on Thursday, (the 3rd) at 12 noon.

We welcome Fr. Gus Kinnane to the 10am Mass on Sunday, November 6, at which he will preside and preach. This is to celebrate his jubilee and he will be presented with a gift from the parish. After Mass there will be a reception in his honour in the hall, kindly organised by the Union of Catholic Mothers.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Saturday 6.30pm Jouelle Dias, Sunday 8am Mike McFarlane, 10am Union of Catholic Mothers, 6.30pm Alan Thorpe. The Bidding Prayers writer is Biby Onyeachom.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection last Sunday amounted to £535.97 and the second collection (for *Missio*) amounted to £480.69. The Art Exhibition on the weekend of October 15/16 raised £218 for the parish, and the Autumn Charity Fayre on 23 October 23, £1,280. Thank you very much.

**MISSIO: YOUR RED BOXES** Our new Missio secretary, Mary Mills, has kindly taken on the organisation of the red boxes, by which we can contribute to Missio on an ongoing basis. The boxes are now ready for collection from the porch at the back of church. The next call for boxes will be made in early December. If you have any questions, such as how you contribute if you are not already doing so, please contact Mary on 020 8657 5845.

**CASH NOT NEEDED** To contribute to the main Offertory collection only, you can use our new contactless payment machines. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap your credit or 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.

**UCM MEETING** It’s on Wednesday (the 2nd) following the 7:30pm Mass (for All Souls). Father Julian will join us for a talk on “Church Triumphant, Suffering and Militant”. New members would be most welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023** Application forms are now available for next year`s programme. Please collect a form from Fr Julian after any Sunday Mass from this weekend until November 26/27. All forms must be returned, in person, by Sunday, November 4.

**CONFIRMATION** It is hoped that a Confirmation programme will be organised next year with a view to the celebration taking place towards the end of the year. The parish is in need of more catechists for this programme so if any adult would be interested in joining our team, then please approach Fr Julian, Deacon Philip or any of our catechists.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Any adult who is thinking of taking this step is invited to approach Fr Julian or Deacon Philip over the next few weeks. By November 26/27 (the First Sunday of Advent) please ensure that you have spoken to one or both of them and that you`ve provided your name and contact details. It is hoped that a programme will be put in place early next year with the intention that applicants will be received into full communion with the Church at Easter, 2023 (April 9).

**ALTAR SERVERS** All altar servers are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday (the 8th**) at 5pm in the church.

The meeting is open also to any young person who would like to join the altar-serving team. No experience is necessary, as training and support will be given.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** It takes place in Lisbon from July 31 to August 7, 2023. The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35). Bookings for WYD are now open: the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3\* accommodation (shared room), transfers, registration fee and meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

**CAFE COLUMBA COMMUNITY CAFÉ** It’s open on Wednesday (the 2nd), 10am-1:15pm, for coffees, teas, cakes and lunches at reduced prices. All ages are welcome. All proceeds go to charity. We will be taking names for our annual Christmas lunch on December 14, two courses with wine for £12 (capped at 42 people maximum).

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Veronica Moor, Maithili, Chris Waring, Anesta McNichols, Pat Taylor, Anna Coppola, Martin Ford, 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 and sick residents at four local care homes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** The demand for support is growing. Items most needed are: cereal, milk, nappies (ideally sizes 6, 6+ and 7), jam, pasta sauces, tea and coffee. Any nice boxes of biscuits and chocolates that come in are put aside for the Christmas packages that go out mid-December. Collection boxes are under the table in the porch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**AID TO UKRAINE** Another convoy taking aid to these beleaguered people is being organised. Priorities are emergency foil blankets (to keep casualties of bombing, missile and drone attacks warm when their clothes are cut off), Sudocrem (hospitals don’t have enough supplies of this antiseptic cream) and, of course, money. Email [angela.pritchardwallace@gmail.com](mailto:angela.pritchardwallace@gmail.com)