# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**4 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Job: 7:1-4. 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 9:16-19. 22-23

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark: 1:29-39

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 4 Feb | **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | 6pm (Sat) | Pedrina Ramos, well-being (SVP) |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 10.45am | Marlene & family, well-being (SVP) |
| Mon 5 Feb | St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr | 10am | Patsy Rooney, RIP |
| Tues 6 Feb | SS. Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs | 10am | Private intention |
| Wed 7 Feb | Weekday | 10am | Residents of Langley Oaks, well-being (SVP) |
| Thurs 8 Feb | Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 9 Feb | Weekday | 10am | Sybil Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| Sat 10 Feb | St. Scholastica, Virgin | 10.30am | Priest`s intention |
| Sun 11 Feb | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*World Day for the Sick**Day for the Unemployed* | 6pm (Sat) | Juana Martinez-Malenab, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 10.45am | James Newton, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Holy Hour. Friday’s Mass is followed by the rosary.
* 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 collection for 28 January amounted to £610.73 of which £324.38 was gift-aided. The card-payment machines produced £236 of which £170 was gift-aided (that’s 72% which is outstanding). The 2nd collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice amounted to £191.87. Thank you for your donations.

**SIGN UP FOR LENT** The annual Lenten course organised by St Columba’s in cooperation with Churches Together will this year focus on discipleship and how we can learn from Jesus about prayer, possessions and power. There will be five weekly sessions in house groups. Choose your day/time, find out more and sign up using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlOGVhj_dts7OFSs0gKCDBhVpci7RX8s3rS_R46ZiEOlTjwA/viewform> For more details contact Deacon Philip.

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

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Geraldine O’Sullivan, Sunday 9am Adrian Forward, 10.45am Janice Bingham. Bidding Prayers writer: Michael Abiodun. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Janet & Ginny, Sunday 9am Jim, Teresa & Richard, 10.45am Mary & Andrea.

**BIG BAND CONCERT** The South London Concert Band are returning by popular demand to give us another scintillating performance: in the church on Sunday the 18th at 3pm. It will definitely get your feet tapping! Refreshments will be served in the interval in the hall. There is no charge but a collection for charity will be taken at the end.

**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 Note that volunteers need to undergo a Safeguarding check.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** It will be open on Wednesday (the 7th) for coffee/tea and cake from 10am. Lunch will be served from 11:45am-1:15pm. Come and meet old friends and new. You will be most welcome.

**ST COLUMBA’S COMMUNITY GROUP** We meet again this Wednesday (the 7th): Benediction at 7:30pm followed at 7:45pm by a Lenten talk in the hall. Refreshments will be served.

**SCHOOL GOVERNOR** One is required at Laleham Lea Catholic Independent School in Purley. This is an unpaid voluntary position. For more details email secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk or phone 0208 660 3351.

**PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION** The Good Counsel Network offer help and moral support to pregnant women, everything from advice to accommodation and financial assistance. Join a campaign of prayer, particularly on Saturday (the 10th). More details: [http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com/)

**CHRISTIAN CLIMATE ACTION** On Ash Wednesday (the 14th) a 24/7, ten-day vigil of mostly silent prayer will start outside Parliament and Downing Street. The demand is for climate and environmental justice for all. It will be preceded by an inter-denominational service at St John’s, Waterloo, at 12.30pm and conclude with a service outside Downing Street on the 24th. Details: <https://christianclimateaction.org/2023/12/08/join-us-for-the-no-faith-in-fossil-fuels-lent-vigil-for-climate-justice-14-24-february-2024/>

**ROME PILGRIMAGE** It will take place from September 10-19 led by Fr Roy, also visiting Pisa, Florence and Assisi. Cost is £1,795pp. Interested in coming? Then contact Gill Tomei on 020 8651 4076 asap.

**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.

# AID FOR PALESTINIANS There will be various items from Palestine, many hand carved, on sale at all Masses over the weekend of February 17/18. Money raised from their sale will go to help the beleaguered people of Palestine.

# BIG LENT WALK Walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. This challenge has been set by the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD). You choose when and where you walk over those 40 days, alone or with friends. Details: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/sign-up>

**FILM EXTRAS REQUIRED** Fancy yourself as a film extra? Lots are needed for *Testament*, a modern retelling of the Acts of the Apostles. It’s being made by the same people who produced *Chosen*. For more information visit the <https://vimeo.com/903266455/e9ffd55f84> Dates when extras are needed include days in February, March and April.

**THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS** This wonderful event will take place on July 13, at 3pm in St George's Cathedral. For a personal invitation from Abp John to celebrate your wedding anniversary email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

**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, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Shirley Pitts, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Margit Symons, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley, Elizabeth Williamson. There are a number of people, related to parishioners, for whom we pray as well: Patrick Acholonu, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Albert Khayyat, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

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