#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**4 MAY 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 5:27b-32, 40b-4l

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 5:11-14

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 4 May | **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  | 6pm (Sat) | Lupacia Carraso, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | K. U. Chacko, RIP |
| Mon 5 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Jesus & Juana Malenab, RIP |
| Tues 6 May | Eastertide Weekday | **12noon** | Requiem: Rob Adams, RIP |
| Wed 7 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Thurs 8 May | Eastertide Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 9 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Val & Susie Metcalf – well-being |
| Sat 10 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 11 May | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life* | 6pm9am11am | Sienna CoatesMike Goodwin, RIPPro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am (not on Tuesday)
* On Tuesday there will be no Morning Prayer, 10am Mass or Exposition (there is a Requiem Mass at 12 noon)
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday at 10am.
* Confessions: on Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm

**MONEY MATTERS** April 20/21:basket £595.88 (Gift Aid £262.15), card machines £262 (Gift Aid £117). St George's Cathedral: £516.71 (Gift Aid £271.50). Repository: £2.50; Easter: £15; Building Fund: £13. Thank you.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** It’s open on Wednesday from 10am-1.15pm serving tea, coffee & cake followed by lunches. All profits go to charity. Come and support this worthwhile cause and meet old friends and new.

**SECOND COLLECTION** That’s next Sunday. It’s for the Priests Training Fund which helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and permanent diaconate. It also supports ongoing formation for the clergy.

**TEA & COFFEE MORNING** Come and enjoy it after the 9am Mass today (Sunday). All are welcome.

**FOOD BANK** Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meat/pies/puddings, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, tuna, porridge/oats and other cereals, toilet rolls, bleach and washing-up liquid. Place items in the boxes in the porch.

**COACH TRIP FOR A CELEBRATION!** Celebration - that’s the theme of a get-together for Southwark diocese at The Friars, Aylesford, on June 7. And you are invited. It will celebrate the 2025 global Jubilee Year of Hope and two anniversaries; 60 years of Southwark becoming an archdiocese and 175 years of Southwark being a diocese. Make a date in your diary now for a visit to Aylesford, bring a picnic and join the celebration. Holy Family Church, Sanderstead, are organising a coach for the day so you don’t have to drive: email sanderstead@rcaos.org.uk for details.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers – Saturday 6pm Sita, Sunday 9am Adrian, 11am Beatrice. Bidding Prayers: Adrian. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Martin.

**THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL** You can pre-order one (with the latest readings based on the new translation). Just put your name and phone number on the list in the repository. The price is £18.99.

**COLOMA REUNION** It will take place on May 10 at the school in Shirley starting at midday (there is Mass at 11.15am). It includes a prosecco and canapé reception, two-course lunch and afternoon tea. Teaching staff are invited too. Details/booking: phone Claire Tucker on 07774 659966 or email colomaoldgirlsassociation@gmail.com

**CELEBRATING MISSIONARIES OF HOPE** Missio red-box holders and the parish community as a whole are invited to a Mission Mass at 12 noon at St John the Baptist Church, Dale Rd, Purley, CR8 2EF on May 17. There will be a shared lunch after the Mass so bring a plate of food. Details: email redbox@missio.org.uk or ring 07593 544622.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** It’s on June 28 with Abp John - a coach will leave Virgo Fidelis Church (Upper Norwood) at 7am. There will be extra transport to take the less able from the shrine to the abbey grounds. Price is £50 each plus £5 for admission to the abbey grounds. Sign up by May 10: email norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk

**MASS AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL** It’s on July 7 at 7pm to mark the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope with the chief celebrant being the Papal Nuncio and music by Westminster Cathedral Choir. There will be a blessing with St Thomas Becket’s relics and a champagne/chocolates reception. To book (by May 16) email info@canterburyjubilee2025.com

**JOB VACANCY** The Manna Day Centre are advertising for a Senior Housing & Welfare Advice Worker. Details are on the church noticeboard. Closing date for applications is June 8. More information: [www.mannasociety.org.uk](http://www.mannasociety.org.uk)

**CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited by Abp John to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 12. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Abp John email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is the middle of May.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know so that the Croydon University Hospital (CUH) Catholic chaplaincy can visit with Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. In an emergency phone CUH (020 8401 3000) and ask for the on-call Catholic chaplain to be paged, giving the sick person’s name and ward.

**FREE MONEY FOR ST COLUMBA’S** Buying something online? Anything? If so you can help St Columba’s at no cost to yourself. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and register (which is quick and easy). Then shop online wherever and whenever you choose – there are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from including all the big-name High Street stores. Each time you then buy anything online (after clicking on the easy fundraising link), a donation is made to St Columba’s. The total we have received so far is £326.90. That’s money for free.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Eoin Egan, Bernardo Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Margit Symons, Kathy Thorpe and Sean Walsh. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Isobel Barbour, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Michael Medhurst, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Margit Symons.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei email: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Richard Mills E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Clare Morgado E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk and Patsy McFarlane E: selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on 020 7261 1606. If you need help, information or advice concerning possible safeguarding issues involving children or vulnerable adults, contact any of the above. Your concerns will be dealt with discreetly and efficiently. For more information about Safeguarding please see the posters in the porch and church hall.