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4 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom: 9:13-18.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. Rv.1: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon: 9-10. 12-17

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: Luke: 14:25-33

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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| MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Sat 3rd  | 6.30pm | Oluchi Ndukuba, RIP |
| Sun 4th  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 4th  | 10.00am | Catherine Acholonu, RIP |
| Sun 4th  | 6.30pm | Annette Noguer, RIP |
| Mon 5th  | 10.00am | Priest’s Intention |
| Tues 6th  | 10.00am | Mira Hauschel, RIP |
| Wed 7th  | 10.00am | Barbara Kavanagh, RIP |
| Thurs 8th  | **7.30pm** | Private Intention (SVP) |
| Fri 9th  | 10.00am | Margarette Moore, RIP |
| Sat 10th  | 6.30pm | Tina Guida, RIP |
| Sun 11th  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 11th  | 10.00am | Phil & Mary Pond, 51st wedding anniversary |
| Sun 11th  | 6.30pm | Cath Penney, RIP |

Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Holy Hour; Friday’s Mass, by the rosary. Note: Thursday’s Mass is at 7.30pm. There are devotions to Our Lady every Saturday morning at 10am. Confessions: on demand.

WELCOME, FR JULIAN

We welcome our new parish priest, Fr Julian Shurgold. Please keep him and Father Roy in your prayers.

CONSIDER CONTACTLESS

If you usually put cash in the Offertory collection basket, do consider going contactless and using the payment machines in the church. You use your credit or debit/ATM card to make an offering. Using the machines is simple. Touch the button for the amount of money you wish to give, tap your credit or debit card on the key pad – and that’s it. Oh yes, 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), touch that button too. Thank you for your offering, however you give it.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR |
| Sat 3rd  | St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church |
| Sun 4th  | [23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/OT4Sunday.shtml#OT23) |
| Mon 5th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Tues 6th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Wed 7th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time  |
| Thurs 8th  | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Fri 9th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Peter Claver, Priest |
| Sat 10th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Sun 11th  | [24TH Sunday in Ordinary Time](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/OT4Sunday.shtml#OT23) |

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: 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 and sick residents at four local care homes.

UCM MASS: 10AM SUNDAY

The 10am Mass this Sunday is for the Union of Catholic Mothers, with refreshments in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

UCM MEETING WEDNESDAY

The UCM meeting will be held on Wednesday (the 7th), starting with Benediction at 7.30pm, followed by a talk on massage and its many health benefits given by Janet Buck. New members welcome.

HEALING MASS

It will be celebrated on Saturday the 10th at 2pm – Fr Roy is returning to preside. Anyone suffering mentally, physically, spiritually or emotionally is welcome. Afterwards, luxury afternoon tea in the hall. Transport can be provided – contact Deacon Philip.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: WHAT HAPPENED

Find out by joining us for an evening of recollection, videos, photographs and stories at the UCM meeting on October 5 at 7:30pm. All are invited, male and female alike. Come and find out about our pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain and Fatima in Portugal.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Aimed at engaged and married couples, this free, online Sycamore course consists of four hour-long sessions enabling you to explore your faith together and enrich your relationship. It runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on the 6th and continuing on the 13th, 20th and 27th. Register on: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkd-CqqjwiH9A1bewRr___ikaPzOBCDpLg>

RED MISSION BOXES

If you handed in one of these for emptying, you can now collect it from the back of the church. If you would like to have one in your home for loose change to help the missions, contact Deacon Philip.

RESTORED LIVES

Struggling after the breakdown of a significant relationship, now or in the past? This eight-session online course is for you. It runs for consecutive Monday evenings, 7-9.30pm starting October 3. More details: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/restored-lives-32666416387

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

Recently bereaved? Emotions out of control? Feeling at a loss? This weekend is for those who are in mourning. A time for you. A space for you. It’s being held at Aylesford Priory from October 7-9. More details: 01622 717272

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Divorced or separated? This residential weekend will help you heal. It is being held from October 14-16 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. Details: 01322 838415 or email johnabrotherton@gmail.com

NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS

The readers for next weekend are as follows: Saturday 6.30pm Ken Lee, Sunday 8am Malliga Baladasan, 10am Marion de Souza, 6.30pm Geraldine O’Sullivan. Bidding Prayers writer is Michael Abiodun.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by the UCM will take place in the hall on Friday the 23rd from 10am till noon. Please donate raffle prizes (you can hand them in to any UCM committee member) and homemade cakes (bring them on the day). Everyone is welcome. For more details and to make a donation online visit <https://thyg.uk/BUS007399592>

STEPHEN SRIKANTHA

Stephen will shortly be starting his studies for the priesthood based at the English College in Rome. Please keep him in your prayers, his family too.

QUIET MORNING

Organised by Churches Together in Selsdon & Addington, it will take place from 10am-12.30pm on September 10 at St Mary’s, Addington. Recharge your spiritual batteries.

KEEP FIT

Sessions start again on Tuesday (the 6th) at St John the Divine Hall, Upper Selsdon Road from 12:30-1:30pm with Gill (T: 020 8651 4076)

CAFÉ COLUMBA

Our community café is open on Wednesday (the 7th) from 10am-1:15pm serving teas, coffees, cakes and, served from 11:45am, lunches. All are welcome.

AUTUMN CHARITY FAYRE

It will take place on Sunday October 23 after the 10am Mass. Items are needed for various stalls: bottles, jewellery, raffle items, plants and books. You can leave them in the box in the church porch. Other items needed will be listed next week.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence:

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Richard Mills E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk T:07956 531 540. All are safeguarding coordinators.

ONE, TWO, THREE…

We need volunteers to help with counting the Sunday Offertory collection. The counting takes places mid week a few days later. A rota is being drawn up so that volunteers can take it in turns, perhaps doing the job once a month. More details from Deacon Philip.