# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**5 FEBRUARY 2023 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There is a second collection for CARJ – see below.

**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 prophet Isaiah: 58:7-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright. Ps 111:4-9. Rv.4

**Second Reading**: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 2:1-5

**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:** Matthew 5:13-16

**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 -** There will be a collection today for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 5 Feb | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*****Racial Justice Sunday***  | 6pm-Sat\* | Douglas Bruce, RIP |
| 9am\* | Eugene Clerkin, RIP |
| 11am\* | Pro Populo, Fr Julian’s induction Mass |
| **No Evening Mass** |
| Mon 6 Feb | SS Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs | 10am | Julie Lennard |
| Tues 7 Feb | Weekday | 10am | Maureen Coffey, well-being |
| Wed 8 Feb | St Jerome Emiliani*Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking* | 10am | Armella Nachbauer, RIP |
| Thurs 9 Feb | Weekday | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 10 Feb | St Scholastica, Virgin | 10am | Kathleen Hornsby, RIP |
| Sat 11 Feb | Our Lady of Lourdes*World Day of Prayer for the Sick* | 10.30am | Priest`s intention |
| Sun 12 Feb | **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm-Sat\* | Annarose Meusburger |
| 9am\* | Pro Populo |
| 11am\* | John Walsh, RIP & family |
| **No Evening Mass** |

* Please note the new Sunday Mass times. 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 (new time)**.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for Sunday, 29 January amounted to £566.84, £288.14 of which was Gift-Aided. Thank you very much. Today there will be a collection for CARJ – the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

**AND YOU DON’T NEED CASH!** Instead you can use our contactless payment machines. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap your credit/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.

**NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES** From today (Sunday) the following Mass times will apply, at least for a couple of months, to see how they work out: **6pm (Saturday); 9am & 11am (Sunday).**

**INDUCTION MASS** Fr Julian will be formerly appointed as Parish Priest at the 11am Mass today (Sunday), by Canon Gerard Bradley, Episcopal Vicar for SW London. After Mass the UCM has kindly organised tea and coffee in the hall. All are welcome.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Readers: Saturday – 6pm Ken Lee; Sunday – 9am Mike McFarlane, 11am Marion de Souza. The Bidding Prayers writers are Alan and Kathy Thorpe.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

* Rita Slevin died on 16 January aged 94. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, 20 February at 12.30pm** followed by interment at Greenlawn Memorial Park at 2pm.
* Clifford Flynn died on 24 December aged 70. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, 23 February at 12 noon** followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 1.30pm.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Can you please bring in your Missio red boxes so that they can be emptied. Thank you.

**MARRIAGE WEEK** It takes place nationally from February 7-14. If you are fortunate enough to be in a marriage you should look after it – visit [https://marriage-week.org.uk/](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmarriage-week.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7CKatherine.Bergin%40abdiocese.org.uk%7C3afab853d628435332c908daf9366c74%7C2bf5dbc217ef4efca1c9ab2dc4edefd0%7C0%7C0%7C638096309898473250%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d6qTGv6ueAuaQvHKT4m4W1DLhiggOw4m2lSeiQcmZpQ%3D&reserved=0) for ideas and suggestions.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Mary Langan, Anne Brownsell, Ian Messenger, Veronica Moor, Anesta McNichols, Pat Taylor, Anna Coppola, 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, Maria Baretto, Irena Dziewulak, Joan Hammett, Elida Scasso, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Bernardo, Maria & Manuel Fernandes and sick residents at local care homes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Many thanks for your ongoing support. Please place items in the Vine food bank collection boxes at the back of the church.

**TAIZE SERVICES** Several have been organised for coming months, all starting at 7.30pm: February 27 at St Edward’s, New Addington; March 22 at St Mary’s, Addington; April 17 (St Edward’s) and May 17 (St Mary’s).

**TWO WEEKS TO LENT!** It’s just around the corner - this year Lent starts on February 22. Now is the time to start thinking about how best to make use of this important period of preparation. One thought: join a Lenten house group along with members of the other Christian churches in Selsdon. More details and a sign-up list with dates and venues (plus info on a Zoom version) can be found on the church noticeboard.

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<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/january-2023/UNIVERSE-27-JAN-2023.pdf>

**CONFIRMATIONS** November 22, 2023 (with Mass at 7pm), is the date for Confirmations. Application forms will be available throughout Lent, followed by a meeting after Easter for all candidates and their parents. The programme (of about seven/eight sessions) will begin in September (the long gap from Easter to the autumn is to provide ample time for the collection of essential documentation). Young people who will have attained 13 years of age by 1 September, 2023 are eligible to apply.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING** **CONTACTS** Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence: Gill Tomei T:07787 824 592 E: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk; or Richard Mills T:07956 531 540 E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk. They are our parish safeguarding coordinators and can provide advice and guidance.