# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**5 MARCH 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Genesis. 12:1-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. Rv.22

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy: 1:8-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**  The second collection today will be for CAFOD’s Lent Fast Day.

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 5 Mar | **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  | 6pm-Sat | Brendan, Margaret, Nina & John & families |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Andre & Bobby MacDonald, RIP |
| **No evening Mass** |
| Mon 6 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Peggy Geary, RIP |
| Tues 7 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(SS. Perpetua & Felicity)* | 10am | Annabella Tolhurst, RIP |
|  |  | 12.30pm | Requiem: William O`Brien RIP |
| Wed 8 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. John of God)* | 10am | John Moor, RIP |
| Thurs 9 Mar | Lenten Weekday *(St. Frances of Rome)* | 10am | Kevin Holding, RIP |
| Fri 10 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | John Bowen, RIP |
| Sat 11 Mar | Lenten Weekday  | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 12 Mar | **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm-Sat | C.P. & Rosa Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| 9am | Mary Ellen Brydges, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| **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**.**

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for Sunday the 26th amounted to £568.93, £229.90 of which was Gift-Aided. The collection for the Clergy Support Fund amounted to £764.70, £442.00 of which was Gift-Aided. Thank you for your generosity. The second collection today will be for CAFOD’s Lent Fast Day.

**YOU DON’T NEED CASH!** Instead you can use our contactless payment machines for the Offertory collection. You touch the button for the amount you wish to give, tap or insert 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Readers: Saturday – 6pm Jouelle Dias; Sunday – 9am Malliga Baladasan; 11am Marion de Souza. The Bidding Prayers writer is Biby Onyeachom.

**CHOIR MEETING** Every Friday evening in Lent, at 7pm, there will be a brief choir rehearsal in the church to prepare the liturgy for Lent, particularly Holy Week. All are most welcome to attend. Stations of the Cross follow.

**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.

**WASHING OF FEET** For this annual ceremony to take place at the 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Mass we need ideally a dozen parishioners, men and women. Please put your name down on the list on the porch noticeboard.

**MOTHERS’ DAY** It’s on Sunday the 19th and to mark the occasion the children’s liturgy group will be hosting a Mothers’ Day tea and children’s craft event in the hall after 11am Mass. All are welcome, especially Mums.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** This devotion will be said every Friday during Lent in church at 7.30pm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** William Joseph O`Brien died on 31 January, aged 87. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated this **Tuesday, (the 7th) at 12.30pm** followed by interment at Mitcham Road Cemetery at 2pm. *Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**CONFIRMATION** Application forms will be available after all Masses throughout Lent for this year`s Confirmation course, which begins later in the year. The forms must be returned before the end of Lent.

**UCM MASS** Today (Sunday) at 11am with the usual refreshments in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

**HELP FOR UKRAINE** There is going to be another supply convoy heading for Ukraine shortly. Most needed items are: sleeping bags, water purifying tablets, dog and cat food, adult nappies, wet wipes, torches, white boards (office-equipment type) and vacuum flasks and containers (metal or plastic). Items donated can be left in the boxes in the porch next to the repository. To donate money email aidin4ukraine@gmail.com

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

**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 and Maria & Manuel Fernandes.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most needed items are: toilet rolls, tinned veg, milk, baby wipes, nappies size 5, 5+ and 6+, squash, tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid and cleaning products including bleach and rice pudding. Please place items in the collection boxes in the porch by the side door. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST** If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It’s being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

**ST COLUMBA’S WEBSITE** Have you visited it? You can access all the latest parish rotas including for altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers and bidding prayers writers. Plus, of course, Mass and Confession times as well as details of parish organisations, who to contact for information about various parish activities – and this newsletter is there too. There’s lots more. Just logon to stcolumbaschurchselsdon.uk

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

**HELP FOR TURKEY & SYRIA** Contact CAFOD (cafod.org.uk), part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), if you would like to make a donation to help the earthquake victims. And pray for the victims.