#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**6 APRIL 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11

**Communion Antiphon:** Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 6 Apr | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  | 6pm (Sat) | Adrian Mullen, RIP |
| 9am | Michael Goodwin, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 7 Apr | Lenten Weekday (St John Baptist de la Salle,Priest) | 10am | Srikantha Rasakatnam, RIP |
| Tues 8 Apr | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Wed 9 Apr | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Brian Leahy, RIP |
| Thurs 10 Apr | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | Weronika Lawicka |
| Fri 11 Apr  | Lenten Weekday (St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr) | 10am | Rob Adams & Prima Meewella, RIP |
| Sat 12 Apr | Lenten Weekday | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 13 Apr | **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** | 6pm (Sat) | CP & Rosa Maria Fernandes |
| 9am | Margaret Charman – birthday |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* **There will be no exposition and adoration on Tuesday**
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.30pm
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: on Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm; also on demand.

**MONEY MATTERS** March 30/31: basket £564.91 (Gift Aid £293.50), card machines £196.20 (Gift Aid £146.20). Building Fund £50. Poor Parishes £11.50. Thank you for your generosity.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please bring yours in to be emptied: leave in the sacristy: collect from the porch. Thank you.

**LAST CALL FOR CONFIRMATIONS** If any young member of the parish, who will be 13 by September 1, would like to consider being confirmed, please speak to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip after Mass. There will be no further announcements concerning this course.

**SINGING FOR HOLY WEEK** If you would like to join the singing for all or part of Holy Week (Holy Thursday at 7.30pm; Good Friday at 3pm; the Easter Vigil at 8.30pm) join a short meeting in the hall directly after the 11am Mass today (the 6th). Do come along even if you can attend only one of the Holy Week liturgies.

**PART-TIME CLEANER** One is required to clean the hall floor, toilets and kitchen on a Monday morning any time between 8:30am and 10:30am. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday **6pm Richard**, Sunday 9am Malliga, 11am Beatrice. Bidding Prayers: Jim. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Maria.

**BIBLE STUDY** Don’t forget: it’s at 10.30am on Wednesday (the 9th) in the hall. The subject: the Acts of the Apostles.

**THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL** You can now 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.

**OUR QUIZ NIGHT** St Columba's Community Group are hosting it in the hall on May 3 at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 each. See the poster on the group's notice board in the porch for more details.

**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

**CELEBRATION!** That’s going to be the theme of a get-together for the whole diocese of Southwark taking place at The Friars, Aylesford, on June 7. And you are invited. Specifically, it will celebrate the 2025 global Jubilee Year and two anniversaries. One marks 60 years of Southwark becoming an archdiocese; the other, 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: email sanderstead@rcaos.org.uk for details.

**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.

**CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT** Following our meeting on Wednesday, a group has been set up to discuss the future role of our parish and the diocese itself. Join them for one hour starting 7.30pm on April 16 with the course running for six weeks. Copies of *Called To Bear Fruit* are available in the church. For more details contact Deacon Philip.

**SITUATION VACANT** The Secular Clergy Common Fund (known as ‘Big M’) wishes to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to sick/retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6 FTE: it offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. Email secretary@secularclergy.org.uk for details. Closing date: April 28.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** If you are using those provided at church for special second collections, it is essential to fill in your name and address in the space provided. Otherwise the Gift Aid – 25p for each £1 given – cannot be reclaimed.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

BRIAN LEAHY RIP Pray for Brian, who died on March 15 aged 85. His funeral will take place tomorrow (the 9th) at 2.30pm at Croydon Crematorium West Chapel.

ROB ADAMS RIP Keep Rob and his widow, Janet, and their family in your prayers also. Rob died on March 20, aged 84. His funeral will take place at noon on May 6 with interment at Greenlawns at 2pm.

JEAN-CLAUDE ANTHONY RIP Remember too Jean-Claude as well as his widow, Jacquie. Jean-Claude, who was 77, died on March 15. His funeral will take place at noon on April 28 followed by interment at 2pm at Croydon Cemetery.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**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.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE** This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. This BABM day at St Mary’s, West Croydon, starts at 9.30am and finishes by 4.30pm. More details – telephone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

**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, 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 and Linda & Michael Watson.

**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.