# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**6 AUGUST 2023 – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**First Reading:** A reading from the first book of Daniel: 7:9-10. 13-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of Peter: 1:16-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him.. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 6 Aug | **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** | 6pm (Sat) | Vera Curry RIP & Bernadette Taylor, RIP |
| 9am | Eddie Aldridge, RIP  |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 7 Aug | Weekday/St Sixtus II/St Cajetan, Priest | 10am | Geoff Turner RIP |
| Tues 8 Aug | St Dominic, Priest | 10am | Christopher Francis, well being |
| Wed 9 Aug | St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, patron of Europe | 10am | Godchildren conversion |
| Thurs 10 Aug | St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 11 Aug | St Clare, Virgin, | 10am | Holy Souls |
| Sat 12 Aug | St Jane Frances de Chantal | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 13 Aug | **19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | 6pm (Sat)9am  | Margit Symons (SVP)Pro Populo |
| 11am | Everard & Glen Fletcher 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. 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**.** Also on request.

**COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your generosity.

**GIFT AID** There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection at the back of the church. Please do take them.

**OUR CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES** Unfortunately and rather annoyingly, despite our best efforts they are both still out of order. As an alternative please put cash in the basket at the Offertory collection or better still set up a monthly standing order.

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Running low are: jam, rice - dried in packets, washing powder/pods, milk, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, juice (cordial), desert of any kind that has a shelf life, crackers/savoury biscuits, soup, washing-up liquid/cleaning products, baby wipes. Many thanks to you all for your support and help.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please bring in your red Missio boxes for emptying.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre Turner, Sunday: 9am Martin Baile, 11am UCM (Marion). Bidding Prayers writer: Jim Madden. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre & Anne, Sunday 9am Martin & Malliga, 11am Mary & Andrea.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** David Wallace, Pedrinha Ramos, Ann Brennan, Rob Adams, Veronica Moor, Pat Taylor, Albert Khayyat, Michael & Linda Watson, Judy Freegard, Margaret Bolton, Jean-Claude Anthony, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom, Maria Baretto, Irena Dziewulak, Joan Hammett, Elida Scasso, Florinda and Simon Cardoso, Bernardo and Maria and Manuel Fernandes, Alice Barclay, Jacqueline Wheatley, Gloria Forzani, Maria Fernandes and Mike Goodwin.

**COME AND HUM ALONG TO A HYMN** Join members of the choir at a rehearsal each week at 6.30pm for an hour each Thursday. Even if you believe you cannot sing (and we'll hope to change your mind about that!) come along anyway, listen to the music and hum along. You will be surprised how much better you feel afterwards. Whichever Mass you attend and whether you are a choir member or not, all are welcome at rehearsals.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Commission for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding an Autumn Assembly on 23 September.

**AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS** The latest episode of this podcast can be accessed on this website link: [Accompaniment and Encounter | Episode 14 - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/accompaniment-and-encounter-episode-14/)

**ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON** Being held in aid of homelessness charity The Passage, it takes place on October 8, the route including Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James’s Park and Green Park. Registration fee: £20, Fundraising goal: £300. Sign up at <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

 **A MIND OF THEIR OWN** The rates of young people struggling with anxiety and depression are rising. One in six report mental health problems. A Mind of Their Own is packed with simple and effective strategies for use at home, helping you better to understand what's going on in your child's head. A meeting is being held at New Life Christian Centre, 5 Cairo New Road, Croydon CR0 1XP on October 12 at 7.30pm to look at the problem and strategies to help. Contact the parish office for complimentary tickets.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Hospital chaplains do not have automatic access to patients’ details including their religion. So if you are going into hospital it’s up to you to contact them or us (Fr Julian/Deacon Philip) direct so that visits and Holy Communion can be arranged. The Croydon University Hospital chaplaincy is on 020 8401 3105.

**CONFESSION & MOBILE PHONES** Mobiles can, apparently, ‘listen in’ to conversations around them. In order to maintain the sanctity of Confession, the Bishops of England & Wales require people entering the confessional box to make sure their phones are completely switched off.

**A BIG ‘THANK-YOU’ FROM FR WILLIAM** Having left us last Monday after his month-long stay, Fr William has written to Fr Julian: ‘I write to thank you for the opportunity you gave to me to work in your parish. The people were so nice to me and the Deacon was so supportive.’ Please keep Fr William in your prayers.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** On July 30 it totalled £557.71 of which £288 was gift-aided. Thank you all.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Would any ministers who were unable to attend the refresher meeting in the church recently please contact Fr Julian without delay so that he can update them on procedures at Mass.

**THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL** Volunteers are needed to help tribunal judges collect evidence for cases and conduct interviews of applicants looking to have their marriages annulled. Out-of-pocket expenses would be reimbursed. Suitable candidates would be serving or retired teachers, police officers, lawyers/solicitors and similar professionals. A training day is planned for September 29. Email mabelasante@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

**SHOP AND HELP ST C’s** Thinking of buying something online? Anything? If you do you can help St Columba’s finances at the same time and at no cost to yourself. It’s simple. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register (which is quick and easy) and then go shopping online at whichever retailer you choose. Each time you buy something – anything – a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from including lots of big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**NEWCOMERS** If you are new to the parish (and even if you aren’t), we would like to extend a warm welcome. Help us to do just that and to help you find out more about our parish by filling in one of the Welcome slips in the porch. When you have completed the form, hand it to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip (or push it through the presbytery letterbox – No. 37, next door to the church). It’s good to have you with us.

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