# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**6 NOVEMBER 2022 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Maccabees: 7:1-2. 9-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. Rv.15: I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians: 2:16-3:5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke: 20:27-38

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, nest restful waters he leads me.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** Please note that there will be no Mass on Thursday

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 6 Nov | Sunday 32nd in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm (Sat) | Deceased of the Fletcher & Hook families |
| 8am | Pro Populo |
| 10am | Father Gus, Golden Jubilee |
| 6.30pm | Richard Scott, RIP |
| Mon 7 Nov | Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. George | 10am | Norman Cutler, RIP |
| Tues 8 Nov | St. Willibrord, Bishop | 10am | Loughran Family, RIP |
| Wed 9 Nov  | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 10am | Celieu Lobo, RIP |
| Thurs 10 Nov | St. Leo the Great, Pope | **No Mass** | **No Mass** |
| Fri 11 Nov | St. Martin of Tours, Bishop | 10am | Gillian Elizabeth Toby, RIP |
| Sat 12 Nov | St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 13 Nov | Sunday 33rd in Ordinary Time*Remembrance Sunday**World Day of the Poor* | 6.30pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 8am | St Cecilia, Music Ministry |
| 10am | Tommy King, RIP |
| 6.30pm | Rena Jordan, RIP |

We welcome Fr Gus Kinnane to the 10am Mass on Sunday, 6 November, at which he will preside and preach. This is to celebrate his golden jubilee and he will be presented with a gift from the parish. After Mass there will be a reception in his honour in the hall, kindly organised by the Union of Catholic Mothers.

Mass for deceased clergy of the Deanery will be celebrated at noon, Wednesday, 9 November at St Aidan’s, Coulsdon.

Fr Julian will bless the graves at Greenlawns Cemetery at 3pm on Sunday, 13 November. All are welcome to attend.

Please note that there is no Mass on Thursdays (unless it is a Solemnity or Feast of Our Lord). 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. There is now Mass every Saturday morning at 10.30am (following 10am devotions). Confessions: on Saturdays directly after morning Mass and from 6-6.15pm.

**NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** This is a month when, traditionally, we make a special effort to remember loves ones who have died. November Mass envelopes, to be placed in the Holy Souls box in the sanctuary, can be found at the back of the church.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS & WRITERS** Saturday 6.30pm Deirdre Turner, Sunday 8am Gill Tomei, 10am Susan Gower, 6.30pm Geraldine O’Sullivan. The Bidding Prayers writer is Michael Abiodun.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection last Sunday amounted to £605.47. Thank you very much. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Archbishop`s Fund for Diocesan Administration to focus on three important areas of diocesan life:

1. Youth & Evangelisation – *to strengthen the Faith in schools & parishes, especially for youth.*
2. Faith in Action – *to display love for all people of the world especially in terms of supporting social outreach projects in parishes & schools.*
3. Clergy Care & Formation – *to care for sick & retired priests in old age & ill-health; to support the formation of priests & deacons, all clergy in active ministry and to foster vocations.*

You may donate online at rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or tel. 020 7960 2504 (weekdays: 9am-5pm) or place cash or a cheque in one of the envelopes at the back of church.

**CASH NOT NEEDED** To contribute to the main Offertory collection only, 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.

**ALTAR SERVERS** All altar servers are invited to a meeting **this Tuesday, 8 November** at 5pm in the church. The meeting is open also to any young person who would like to join the altar-serving team. No experience necessary: training/support provided.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023** Application forms are now available for next year`s programme. Please collect a form from Fr Julian after any Sunday Mass from now until 26/27 November. All forms must be returned, in person, by Sunday, 4 December.

**CONFIRMATION** It is hoped that a Confirmation programme will be organised next year with a view to the celebration taking place towards the end of 2023. The parish is in need of more catechists for this programme so if any adult would be interested in joining our team, then please approach Fr Julian, Deacon Philip or any of our catechists.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Any adult who is thinking of taking this step is invited to approach Fr Julian or Deacon Philip over coming weeks. By 26/27 November (the First Sunday of Advent) please ensure that you have spoken to one or both and that you have provided your name and contact details. It is hoped that a programme will be put in place early next year with the intention that applicants will be received into full communion with the Church at Easter, 2023 (on 9 April).

**ST COLUMBA`S CHURCH CHOIR** All existing members of the choir and anyone who has an interest in joining are invited to a meeting in the church on **Sunday, 20 November after 10am Mass.** “One who sings well, prays twice” (*attributed* to St. Augustine, d.430). Singing is a very important part of our celebration of Mass and the parish needs singers, so please come along.

**SOME DEFINITE SERVICE** This is a diocesan-wide approach to three areas: evangelisation, catechesis & formation. Archbishop Wilson has invited three people from each parish to an online meeting at 7.45pm on Thursday, 8 December. If anyone is interested in undertaking this role please contact Fr. Julian or Deacon Philip as soon as possible. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Ian Messenger, 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, Antelene Manley, Alice Barclay and sick residents at five local care homes.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** Funeral directors offer counselling to the family after bereavement – that includes the loss of something dear to you, for example a family pet. If you need someone to talk to, you can also phone Diane English, St Columba’s bereavement support representative on 01883 627138

**THE VINE FOOD BANK** Most-needed items: jam, pasta sauce, coffee, cereal, milk, biscuits & baby wipes. The food bank is run by the Salvation Army who also try to provide Christmas gifts for the needy, adults and children alike. Can you help with gifts such as games, books, toiletries, toys and hats/scarves/gloves (please don’t wrap them)? Gift items are needed by December 7. All these items should be placed in the Vine Food Bank collection boxes at the back of the church.

**AID TO UKRAINE** Another convoy taking aid is being organised. Priorities are emergency foil blankets (to keep casualties of bombing, missile and drone attacks warm) and Sudocrem (hospitals don’t have enough supplies of this antiseptic cream) – there is a box at the back of the church. Email angela.pritchardwallace@gmail.com to donate hard cash.