# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**9 JULY 2023 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There will be a second collection today for Sea Sunday

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Zechariah:9:9-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:8:9. 11-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 11:25-30

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 9 July | **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR***Sea Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | John Joseph Hibberd, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Eileen, Christine & Jamie, RIP |
| Mon 10 July | Weekday | 10am | Albert Sequeira, RIP |
| Tues 11 July | St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe | 10am | Basil Carrasco, RIP |
| Wed 12 July | Weekday/St. John Jones | 10am | Nora Madden, RIP |
| Thurs 13 July | Weekday/ St. Mildred/St. Henry | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 14 July | Weekday/St. Camillus de Lellis Requiem  | 10am12.30pm | Juana Martinez-Malenab, RIPEsther Scott RIP |
| Sat 15 July | St. Bonaventure | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 16 July | **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat)9am | Laurence Favreau, RIPJohn Joseph Hibberd, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* 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.
* Fr William is with us to cover for Fr Julian who is on annual leave for the whole of July. Fr William is no stranger to this parish and no doubt will enjoy a warm welcome and plenty of support from all.

**COLLECTIONS** The collection for 2nd July amounted to £636.90 of which £292.40 was gift-aided. The second collection on 2nd July for Peter's Pence amounted to £233.20. Thank you for your generosity. Today (the 9th) there will be a second collection for Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) which provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers. Stella Maris is part of an international network working in more than 250 ports around the world supporting seafarers, who work in lonely, harsh and dangerous conditions, often away from home for long periods. Stella Maris relies on voluntary contributions, particularly this collection.

**ESTHER SCOTT RIP** The funeral Requiem Mass for the late Esther Scott will take place on Friday (the 14th) at 12.30pm followed by interment at Bandon Hill Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Please pray for her and her family.

**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 effort 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: tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tinned veg, jam, sugar, tinned rice pudding, baby wipes, oil, nappies size 5 and 7 and sandwich paste. Your support is much appreciated.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Jouelle Dias; Sunday: 9am Malliga Baladasan, 11am Sita Egole. Bidding Prayers writer: Michael Abiodun Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Janet & Ginny; Sunday 9am Martin & Malliga, 11am Mary & Andrea.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** 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 and Gloria Forzani.

**ANTHONY BRENNAN RIP** Keep in your prayers Anthony Brennan who tragically died recently, also his family.

**SUMMER FAYRE** A big thank you to all who supported our summer fayre last Sunday. It raised the impressive sum of £1,213.40 for the parish and local charities. If you didn’t go, you can still support the event by visiting the online Just Giving page and making a donation: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gillian-tomei?utm_source=EmailShare&utm_medium=email_social&utm_campaign=LFCCFUK_Day3_SDPageComp>

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

**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.

**CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th plus wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on September 23. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, give your details to Deacon Philip or email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk Details needed: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** It’s on August 5; its theme, the sanctity of life; leader is Abp Kevin McDonald. Details: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) Join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** A part-time chaplain is required at St Joseph’s College, Beulah Hill. For details visit the vacancy section at the college website: stjosephscollege.org.uk

**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.

**URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL** School admissions open evenings/mornings for the main school and the sixth form are now detailed on [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk) Booking is required.

**WESTMINSTER INTERFAITH GROUP** Because of a graduation, the Westminster Interfaith group will not meet in July. Archbishop Kevin's talk is postponed to October 18. The next meeting will be on September 20.

**AHOTOKUROM 100 CLUB WINNERS** The prizes in the latest draw went to John Litchfield (£60), Cora Litchfield (£40) and Eileen Bowden (£20). To join the Ahotokurom leprosy village 100 Club ring Paul on 020 8651 0386.

**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/)

**ENGAGE THE DISENGAGED** An online seminar on evangelisation entitled ‘Engage the Disengaged’ will take place between 6-8pm on November 21 led by eminent evangelist, speaker and author, Sherry Weddell. Tickets are priced at £10. Bp Philip Egan of Portsmouth has described how ‘Sherry Weddell’s virtual visit to UK Catholics is an exceptional opportunity to engage with one of the leading evangelists of our time.’ For more details and to book tickets visit the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/engage-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons/>

**RACIAL JUSTICE** A seminar entitled ‘Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities’ will take place at Amigo Hall, St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, on October 28. Organisers are the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion and the speakers will include Abp John Wilson. More details:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>.

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