# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**10 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Ezekiel: 33:7-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 13:8-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 18:15-20

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** There is a 2nd collection today for Education Sunday

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 10 Sept | **23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  *Education Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Bridget McGrath, well-being | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Ann Mitchell, John, David & Danny Walsh, RIP | |
| Mon 11 Sept | Weekday | 10am | Magdelene Wei, well-being | |
| Tues 12 Sept | The Most Holy Name of Mary | 10am | Lee Hui, RIP | |
| Wed 13 Sept | St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor | 10am | Sebastian Dias, RIP | |
| Thurs 14 Sept | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS & DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH (1984) | 10am | Priest’s intention | |
| Fri 15 Sept | Our Lady of Sorrows | 10am | Sonia Daye, RIP | |
| Sat 16 Sept | SS. Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs | 11.30am | UCM | |
| Sun 17 Sept | **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  *Home Mission Sunday* | 6pm (Sat)  9am | Mark Stanley, RIP  Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Sean Walsh, birthday (SVP) | |

* All weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Friday’s Mass is followed 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.
* This week, there will be no Adoration and Benediction after Mass on Tuesday (the 12th).

Please note that Thursday (the 14th) is a double celebration – the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the anniversary of the dedication of St Columba`s in 1984 – so there will be Mass at 10am. Also, there will be no Mass at 10.30am on Saturday (the 16th): it will be celebrated for the Union of Catholic Mothers at 11.30am.

**11AM OR 10.45AM SUNDAY MASS?** Feedback from parishioners since Sunday Mass times changed a few months ago suggests that a time earlier than 11am might be more welcome. As 10.30am would be too early for our organist, an option is 10.45am instead. Let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know which you prefer: 11am or 10.45am?

**THEY WHO SING PRAY TWICE** Do join our choir (rehearsals Thursday 6.30-7.30pm). Our voices are God’s gift to make music for the Lord. When we sing sacred music at Mass we connect to a tradition of worship that stretches back to King David: Hymns for today (Sunday): **Entry tba, Offertory tba, Communion tba, Recessional 238.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** The collection for 3 September amounted to £632.46 of which £262.72 was gift-aided. Thank you very much. Today (Education Day) there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Education** **Service** which supports Catholic education in England and Wales. Next Sunday (Home Mission Sunday) there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization** which supports the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre Turner, Sunday: 9am Martin Baile, 11am Beatrice Hansen-Sudsbury. Bidding Prayers writer: Biby Onyeachom . Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre & Anne, Sunday 9am Cathy & Mike, 11am Pat & Marion.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Magdalene Wong, Michael Skinner,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, Alice Barclay, Jacqueline Wheatley, Gloria Forzani, Maria (Sybil) Fernandes, Mike Goodwin, Jonathan Raki and Vivian Okehie.

**CONFIRMATIONS** This year`s course begins at **7pm on Tuesday (the 12th)** with a meeting in the parish hall for all candidates; it will be supplemented by a meeting for all parents in the hall the following evening (**7pm** **Wednesday the 13th**). *Please note that the course is only for those who have already been enrolled at the April meeting and who have completed all the documentation. No further applications can be considered for this year.*

**ALPHA COURSE** Running for 11 weeks, it starts on Tuesday (the 12th), 7-9pm at St John the Baptist in Purley; a fun, non-pressurised, free introduction to Christianity and to a better understanding of Jesus. Its’s designed for regular Mass goers also those searching for answers to life’s big questions. Details: [noelbrownsell@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:noelbrownsell@blueyonder.co.uk)

**CAFOD** The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development in Southwark are holding an evening of Mass and music and refreshments on Friday (the 15th) from 6.45-9pm. All are welcome. Guest speaker is CAFOD Head of Region: Africa, Kayode Akintola. Venue is St Mary's, West Croydon. Register here to attend <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-cafod-for-an-inspirational-evening-in-the-croydon-deanery-tickets-712872289207?aff=oddtdtcreator>

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES** This course begins in mid-September and is an internationally recognised qualification providing an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. Full details are on the parish noticeboard (pamphlets are also available) and at aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs or visit ccrs@rcaos.org.uk

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** Help raise funds for this amazing charity in the hall on September 22, 10am-12noon. There will be a raffle and a cake stall - so please help with donations. Come and share a lovely get together with refreshments, cake and a chance to meet friends. We raised an incredible £1,000 last year including on-line donations. Parishioners can click on this link to donate: <http://www.justgiving.com/cm23000068>

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS** All catechists (including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for children and the RCIA process) are invited to attend this annual event at the Amigo Hall and St George`s Cathedral, SE1 6HR on September 30. All booking is via an online form available at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23>

**THE SEASON OF CREATION** It runs from now till October 4 with the theme “*Let Justice and Peace Flow like a Mighty River*”. Join a 7km walk along the River Thames on Saturday (the 9th) starting at 10am from Our Lady & St Catherine’s church, Bow, or 11am from the Cutty Sark (bring a packed lunch) Details: [kate-midgley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate-midgley@hotmail.co.uk)

**THE ARCHBISHOP`S CERTIFICATE** Thisis an online, systematic course for anyone wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply and to develop skills to share this faith with others. It is taken over 2 years, starting on October 7. Details: see the parish noticeboard (pamphlets are also available) or visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

**BUTTERFLY SERVICE** This annual event is being held at St Barnabas church at Croydon University Hospital on October 8 at 3pm and is for any families who have lost a baby or child or had a miscarriage.

**FITNESS CLASS** It’s for parishioners and friends in the church hall every Monday at 10:45-11:45am. Bring your mat and some water and, if you have hand weights and a stretch band, all the better. Any age, all abilities are welcome. Details: phone 020 8651 4076 or email [g.tomei@btopenworld.com](mailto:g.tomei@btopenworld.com)

**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 October 6-8; cost £230 single, £210 shared. Details: phone 01622 717272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

**NEW BEGINNINGS** For those who have suffered a divorce or separation or the death of their spouse, this Beginning Experience residential weekend will help provide healing. It’s on October 13-15 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For details ring Maura on 07795 498445 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

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