# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**17 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus: 27:30-28:7

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 14:7-9

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening : you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 18:21-35

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** Second collection for the **Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 17 Sept | **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR***Home Mission Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Mark Stanley, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Sean Walsh, birthday (SVP) |
| Mon 18 Sept | St. Edith of Kemsing | 10am | Ann O’Neill, RIP |
| Tues 19 Sept | St. Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop | 10am | Anthony Lawrence, RIP |
| Wed 20 Sept | SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang & the Martyrs of Korea | 10am | Thanksgiving for favours received |
| Thurs 21 Sept | St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 22 Sept | Weekday | 10am | Loughran family, RIP |
| Sat 23 Sept | St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest [Padre Pio] | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 24 Sept | **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR***World Day of Prayer for Migrants &* *Refugees* | 6pm (Sat)9am | Pamela Maguire, RIPPro Populo |
| 11am | Evelyn & Patrick Fletcher, RIP |

* 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Ken Lee, Sunday: 9am Gill Tomei, 11am Sybille Kpami. Bidding Prayers writer: Michael Abiodun. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Janet & Ginny, Sunday 9am Jim & Teresa, 11am Mary & Andrea.

**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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** The collection for 10 September amounted to £524.15 of which £237.45 was gift-aided. Thank you very much. The second collection for the **Catholic Education** **Service** amounted to £365.53 of which £178.45 was gift-aided. Today, 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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF APPEAL** Over the weekend of **September 30/October 1,** there will be an appeal by a visiting priest, Fr. Henry, on behalf of the SMA (Society of African Missions). Each year the diocese supports an appeal in all parishes on behalf of a missionary order, and this year it is the SMA for whom we are holding a diocesan-wide collection.

**CONFIRMATION** The Confirmation course continues this week with Session I in the hall on Tuesday, 19 September starting at 7.00pm and concluding by 8.15pm.

**RCIA** *‘The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults’* is designed for the preparation of adults for the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist). Not all adults, however, require Baptism if they have been baptised already into another Christian Church. If there is anyone who is not a Catholic, yet is interested in joining the Church, please make yourself known to either Fr Julian or Deacon Philip (in person or by telephone or email) by **October 31.** Thank you.

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS – SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 2023** All catechists (including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process) are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists at the Amigo Hall and St. George`s Cathedral, SE1 6HR. Booking is via an online form available at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23>

**THE ARCHBISHOP`S CERTIFICATE 2023/5** The Archbishop`s Certificate is 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 two years, starting on 7 October, 2023, and full details are available on the parish noticeboard (pamphlets are also available) and at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

**UCM MASS** Monday 18th September is the UCM daily Mass Scheme. Members are encouraged to attend Mass if possible, to pray especially for marriage & family life, for those who suffer for their Faith, for a growth in Faith and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**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>

**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

**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.

**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

**SEMINAR** A Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. There will be contributions from the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark and more. For info <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W> or racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

**AHOTOKUROM** Trudy Kilcullen from Ahotokurom, thanked the UCM for the donation of £303.35 raised at the charity fayre in June.

**FITNESS CLASS** The new term of general fitness has started well; if you are interested in seeing what we do, come along for a taster. Every Monday at 10:45am in the church hall. Comfy leisure wear & trainers, if you have an exercise mat, weights & stretch bands, bring them with you. All ages, any ability. g.tomei@btopenworld.com

**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.

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