# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**24 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah: 55:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians: 1:20-24. 27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 20:1-16

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 24 Sept | **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR***World Day of Prayer for Migrants &* *Refugees*  | 6pm (Sat) | Pamela Maguire, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Evelyn & Patrick Fletcher, RIP |
| Mon 25 Sept | Weekday | 10am | Mia Lambert, well-being |
| Tues 26 Sept | SS. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs | 10am | Mark Stanley, RIP |
| Wed 27 Sept | St. Vincent de Paul, Priest | 10am | Titus D'Souza, well-being |
| Thurs 28 Sept | St. Wenceslaus, Martyr  | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 29 Sept | SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels, ‘Michaelmas’ | 10am | Francisca Navamany Manoharan, RIP |
| Sat 30 Sept | St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 1 Oct | **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** *Rosary Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Victor Sampson, RIP |
| 11am | Mary & Phil Pond, anniversary |

* All weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Holy Hour; 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 Geraldine O’Sullivan, Sunday: 9am Malliga Baladasan, 11am UCM (Marion). Bidding Prayers writers: Stephen & Brigid Beck. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Carmel & Deirdre, Sunday 9am Richard & Gill, 11am Pat & Marion.

**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 17 September amounted to £497.62 of which £201.05 was gift-aided. Thank you. The second collection for the **Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization** amounted to £302.81. Next weekend (**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 II in the hall on Tuesday, 26 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.

**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>

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** Thank you to all who made this event a success. Fund raising details will be included within the newsletter next week. Parishioners can still 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

**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

**LALEHAM LEA CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOL** (3-11 years) Purley, Open Week September 25th-29th – for For further details email secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk or call: 0208 660 3351 [http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk](http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk/). 'Excellent' in all areas ISI February 2022.

**APPEAL** A Ukrainian mother and her 2 children (1 at Gresham & 1 at Riddlesdown) are desperately looking for a new Sponsor, as her present Sponsor’s circumstances have changed. As they have been living in Sanderstead for some time, and the child is settled at school, they would like to remain in the area. Sponsors are paid £500 as a Government thank you. If anyone is able to help please contact me by email mcquiney@gmail.com or 02086574087. It is a very sad position for this Mum and her children, so please ask around if you are unable to help. Or ring Julia’s mobile 07724395302. Thank you. Margaret Quiney

**VINE FOODBANK** Thank you to St Columba's for their ongoing support. We're as busy as ever. Here's the current item needs: Milk, Pasta Sauce, Soup, Tinned Meat, Sugar, Bags of Rice, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Vegetables, Tea, Coffee, Juice (cordial), Custard (in sachets), Jam, Toiletries: Toilet roll, Shampoo, Baby Wipes, Washing Powder or Pods

**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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