# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**3 SEPTEMBER 2023 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry toyou all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: 20:7-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

**Second Reading**: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: 12:1-2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew: 16:21-27

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 3 Sept | **22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | Ann Brennan & her family, well-being | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Barbara & Desmond McCarthy, RIP | |
| Mon 4 Sept | St Cuthbert, Bishop | 10am | Gordon Shurgold, RIP | |
| Tues 5 Sept | Weekday | **12noon** | Requiem William ‘Roy’ Charman, RIP | |
| Wed 6 Sept | Weekday | 10am | Magdelene Wei, well-being | |
| Thurs 7 Sept | Weekday | **No Mass** |  | |
| Fri 8 Sept | The Nativity of Our Lady | 10am | Lee Hui, RIP | |
| Sat 9 Sept | St Peter Claver, Priest | 10.30am | Priest’s intention | |
|  |  | 2.30pm | (Healing Mass: Fr Roy) | |
| Sun 10 Sept | **23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  *Education Sunday (with 2nd collection)* | 6pm (Sat)  9am | Bridget McGrath, well-being  Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Ann Mitchell, John, David & Danny Walsh, RIP | |

* **Please note that, owing to the Requiem Mass for Roy Charman at 12 noon on Tuesday (the 5th), there will be no Morning Prayer, 10am Mass, Holy Hour or Benediction on that day.**
* All weekday Masses except, this week, Tuesday’s, 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.

**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 (rehearsal every 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 727, Offertory 857, Communion 748 & 907.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** The collection for 27 August amounted to £530.72 of which £232.25 was gift-aided. Thank you very much. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service which supports Catholic education in England & Wales, not least by providing financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Jouelle Dias, Sunday: 9am Harriet Kelsall, 11am Janice Bingham. Bidding Prayers writer: Mohan Fernando. Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 6pm Ginny & Carmel, Sunday 9am Martin & Malliga, 11am Mary & Andrea.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** William Royston ‘Roy’ Charman died on 12 August, aged 88. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday (the 5th) at noon, followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 1.30pm. *Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

**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 Fernandes, Mike Goodwin, Jonathan Raki, Sybil Fernandes and Vivian Okehie.

**UCM MASS** It’s today (Sunday) at 11am (refreshments afterwards). The UCM meeting is on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** It will be open on Wednesday (the 6th) in the hall from 9.30am-1.15pm serving tea, coffee & cake followed by lunches. All profits go to charity. Come and support this worthwhile cause and meet old friends and new.

**HEALING MASS** It will be celebrated next Saturday (the 9th) by Fr Roy at 2:30pm followed by an exquisite afternoon tea in the hall. Everyone welcome - just turn up and leave the rest to us. Need a lift? Let us know. If you are able to help and/or donate towards the cost, contact Gill on 020 8651 4076 or email [g.tomei@btopenworld.com](mailto:g.tomei@btopenworld.com)

**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>

**FITNESS CLASS** It’s for parishioners and friends in the church hall every Monday at 10:45-11:45am starting this Monday (the 4th). 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)

**ALPHA COURSE** Running for 11 weeks, it starts on September 12, 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)

**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

**COMPUTER CLUB** Would you like to learn how to use the internet, MS Office, Zoom, emails and social media platforms such as Facebook? Head to St John’s church in Upper Selsdon Road, on Sept 20, 10am till noon for free fortnightly sessions. Laptops are provided or bring a laptop, tablet or phone. More details: 07504 721294 or visit [www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsselsdon.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS** It’s on September 30 and all catechists including those involved in the Liturgy of the Word for children are invited. Venue: Amigo Hall/St George`s Cathedral, SE1 6HR. Book at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23>

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

**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)

**ST COLUMBA’S ART GROUP** They apologise that they have been unable to hold their annual exhibition this year.

**WELCOMERS** The following have kindly agreed to meet’n’greet parishioners arriving for Sunday Mass: Saturday 6pm Richard and Carmel; Sunday 9am Gill, Mike Mc and Martin; Sunday 11am Terry, Marta and Anne-Marie. Michael M and Yvonne will help out at whichever Mass they attend. Thanks one and all.

**OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS** Gill Tomei T: 07787 824 592 E: [selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) and Richard Mills T:07956 531 540 E:selsdonsg3@safeguarrcaos.org.uk