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# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**28 APRIL 2024 – FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles: 9:26-31

**Responsorial Psalm:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**Second Reading**: 1st Letter of St John: 3:18-24

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 15:1-8

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES** Second collection today for the maintenance of St George`s Cathedral

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 28 Apr | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Albert Khayyat, RIP |
| 11am | Kevin James Hook, RIP |
| Mon 29 Apr | St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe | 10am | Beth, RIP & Selwood family well-being |
| Tues 30 Apr | St. Pius V, PopeDay of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse | 10am | Gabrenie Gallagher, RIP  |
| Wed 1 May | St. Joseph the WorkerDay of Prayer for God`s blessing on human work | 10am | Sybil Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| Thurs 2 May | St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 3 May | SS. Philip & James, Apostles | 10am | Desmond Sherrif, RIP & Lorna, well-being |
| Sat 4 May | The English Martyrs | 10.30am | Priest’s intention |
| Sun 5 May | **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat) | Charles, Sarah, Sven & Lloyd: healing from cancer |
| 9am | Jesus Malenab |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Exposition and Adoration until 11am. Friday’s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday mornings at 10am.
* Confessions: every Saturday after morning Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm..

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** It will be open on Wednesday (the 1st) for coffees & teas and cakes from 10am with lunches served from 11:45am-1:15pm. All proceeds go towards charities near and far. Please come along and support the Cafe.

**ST COLUMBA COMMUNITY GROUP** The next meeting will also be on Wednesday (the 1st) from 7:30pm in the hall for a new Book Club. Bring along a favourite book and discuss why you enjoyed it.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** April 20/21: basket £662.42 (Gift Aid £227.94); card machines: £140.50 (Gift Aid £90.50); ecclesiastical education - £362.50 (Gift Aid £264.50); card machines £57 (Gift Aid £57). Thank you. Today there will be a second collection for the maintenance of St George`s Cathedral, the mother church of our diocese.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Ken Lee, Sunday 9am Gill Tomei, 11am Alan Thorpe. Bidding Prayers writers: Stephen & Brigid Beck. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Carmel & Janet, Sunday 9am Jim, Teresa & Cathy, 11am Mary & Andrea

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Fr Barry Hughes,** our parish priest from 2007 to 2012, died on Maundy Thursday. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Michael & All Angels, 370 Crofton Rd., Farnborough, BR6 8NN on 13 May at 12 noon. If you are attending, please let the parish priest, Fr Alan, know in advance: 01689 851 776. He would welcome readers for the Mass. The cremation will be at Bluebell Cemetery, Old London Rd., Halstead, TN14 7AE at 1.45pm.

**Anne Pendry** died on 14 April, aged 66. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 10 May at 12 noon, followed by interment at Greenlawn Cemetery at 2pm.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**CONFIRMATIONS** Application forms are available until 12 May. Candidates (who must have attained their 13th birthday by September 1, 2024) are invited to approach Fr Julian & Deacon Philip on Sunday after Mass in order to request a form. These forms are given to the candidates only, who must be regular attenders at Sunday Mass.

**GIFT AID** New boxes are now available in church. Names are on them so would Gift Aid members please help themselves. If you are a taxpayer and haven’t yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not do so? It provides extra income for the parish at no cost to you. For example, give £10 to St Columba’s and an extra £2.50 is received. Contact Deacon Philip for more details.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Note that all Sunday and weekday Masses are now fully booked until the beginning of July.

**BIBLE STUDY** It restarts on 8 May at 10.30am (then 22 May) continuing with ‘The Prophets’, notably Jeremiah.

**SUMMER FAYRE** It will be held on 2 June, 10am to 1pm. There is a box in the church porch for donations towards this fundraising event raising funds for St. Columba’s church maintenance. Needed are: bottles, plants, jewellery, bric’a’brac (in very good condition), cosmetics and raffle prizes (all sorts). Please give generously and well before the date. Cakes will be requested the weekend before with a pledge list.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 29th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 2nd) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 3rd) at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**FOOD BANK** Here is a list of items needed: pasta sauce, milk, sugar, washing powder/pods, tinned veg, jam, tinned meat, washing-up liquid, toilet rolls and shampoo. There are bins in the porch. Thanks for all your support.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Make a note: celebrate St Columba’s feast day with a bring-a-plate international lunch at noon on June 9. Also a healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr Roy Tablizo at 2.30pm on July 20.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS** Celebrated in honour of St Joseph the Worker, it will be held on 6 May at St George's Cathedral at 12.30pm. All are invited: please come early and in national dress if you wish to join the banner procession at 12.15pm. The Mass is in celebration of all the people who live, work and contribute to life across London.

**SPRING WALK** Organised by Churches Together, it will be held on 11 May over a five-mile circular route around the Darent Valley in Kent. Meet at 10.30am in the car park at Otford (TN14 5PG). More details: 07799 108 720.

**THE GENERAL ELECTION** When it comes, we have a responsibility to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices will send a strong signal to those standing for election. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) to equip Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at key moments. Visit cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 4 May.

**DIVINE MERCY** There will be a recollection day at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on 1 June from 11am to 4:30 pm. All are welcome. Phone 07957 594 646 for the itinerary and details including coaches from London.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Una Dunne, Irena Dziewulak, Eowen Egan, Bernardo, Manuel & Maria Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Joan Hammett, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley and Elizabeth Williamson. People related to parishioners for whom we pray as well are: Patrick Acholonu, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

**OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM** Itconsists of Safeguarding Officer Gill Tomei T:07787 824592

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