# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**7 APRIL 2024 – SECOND WEEK OF EASTER YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles: 4:32-35

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Second Reading**: St John: 5:1-6

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 20:19-31

**Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 7 Apr | **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo | |
| 9am | Mr Saminathar, RIP | |
| 11am | Moira & Tom Toms, RIP | |
| Mon 8 Apr | THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD  *(deferred from 25 March)* | 10am | Dave Pearson, well-being | |
| Tues 9 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Rosemary Greig, well-being | |
| Wed 10 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Weronika Lawicka, RIP | |
| Thurs 11 Apr | St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr | **No Mass** |  | |
| Fri 12 Apr | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Elizabeth Hibberd, RIP &  McAllister family, RIP | |
| Sat 13 Apr | St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr | 10.30am | Priest`s intention | |
| Sun 14 Apr | **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat) | Gerry & Brian French, RIP | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Thanksgiving | |

* 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 directly after 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** March 24: £604.34 of which £241.14 was gift-aided. The collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday came to £575.97 (£20 gift-aided). The Easter Offering amounted to £2,052.35 of which £729.80 was gift-aided. Fr. Julian would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the past two weeks, and would also like to thank all those parishioners who have sent cards and donations.

**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Maria Antonia Valenti died on 2 March, aged 94. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the 24th at 10am, followed by interment at Streatham Park Cemetery at 12 noon. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre Turner, Sunday 9am Irene Gonsalvez, 11am Sybille Kpami. Bidding Prayers writer: SE. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Anne & Carmel, Sunday 9am Cathy, Mike & Roger, 11am Andrea & Vivien

**CONFIRMATIONS** Application forms will be available from next Sunday until 12 May. Candidates for Confirmation later this year must have attained their 13th birthday by September 1, 2024 and should approach Fr Julian or Deacon Philip for a form.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like a Mass said for any reason, complete an envelope (to be found at the church doors) and hand directly to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip or leave in the sacristy or post through the presbytery letterbox.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 8th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 11th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 12th) at 10:30am-1:30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** We still need volunteers to help with our sessions during 11am Sunday Mass. Interested? Then speak to anyone from the liturgy team or email patsymcfar@googlemail.com

***GIRL GUIDES*** *A thriving troop meets at St Columba’s in the hall every Friday evening during term time, 7.15-9pm. The girls, aged 10-14, have a great old time. More would be welcome: just email* [*veronica.williamson@icloud.com*](mailto:veronica.williamson@icloud.com)

**CARD GAMES AFTERNOON** Following the success of Wednesday’s session, St Columba's Community Group are hosting a second playing-cards games afternoon on the 17th (2-4pm) in the hall. All are 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.

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR** One is needed at Good Shepherd primary school, 12-1pm Monday-Friday term-time only. It is a very rewarding job as our children love coming to school and are well-behaved. Closing date for applications is the 16th. More details: <https://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/vacancies>

**MAKING A NEW START** Beginning Experience is a residential weekend for widowed, separated and divorced people. The next programme will be on April 12-14. For details phone 020 8647 4760 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) giving the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

**SUMMER FAYRE** Make a note in your diary: June 2, 10am to 1pm. To make it a success and raise funds for our parish, we need donations of: plants and cakes (on the day); jewellery; bric’a’brac; bottles; sweets and cosmetics.

**SHOP AND HELP ST COLUMBA’s** Thinking of buying something online? If you do you can help St Columba’s finances at no cost to yourself. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register (which is quick and easy) and then shop online wherever you choose. Each time you buy something a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers including big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**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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