#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**1 DECEMBER 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**First Reading:** Jeremiah: 33:14-16

**Responsorial Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Second Reading:** Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 1 Dec | **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**[Year C begins & the new lectionary is introduced] | 6pm (Sat) | Mrs. F. C. Pears, RIP |
| 9am | Christopher Sampson, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 2 Dec | Advent Weekday  | 10am | Maria Fernandes |
| Tues 3 Dec | St. Francis Xavier, Priest. *Day of Prayer for Migrants* | 10am | Reparation |
| Wed 4 Dec | St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor | 10am | Vincenti & Piadade Dias, RIP |
| Thurs 5 Dec | Advent Weekday  | 10am | Eileen Collins |
| Fri 6 Dec  | St. Nicholas, Bishop  | 10am | Elizabeth Staunton |
| Sat 7 Dec | St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor | 10.30am | Bp John Hine, RIP |
| Sun 8 Dec | \*2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Rob Adams – well-being |

\* The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, normally celebrated on the 8th, is deferred until Monday (the 9th) to avoid clashing with the Sunday celebration.

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition & Benediction until 11am.
* During Advent Mass will be celebrated on Thursdays at the normal weekday time of 10am.
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**LITURGICAL YEAR 2024-2025** The new one, Year C (the Year of St. Luke), begins today, the First Sunday of Advent, with the introduction of the new lectionary. All readers are exhorted to arrive in church earlier than usual to familiarize themselves with a translation and layout which are different from those used previously.

**MONEY MATTERS** 23/24 November: basket £620.25 (Gift Aid £188.20), card machines £185.50 (Gift Aid £101.50).

The collection for Catholic Youth Services amounted to £377.05 (Gift Aid £223). Thank you for your generosity.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please bring them in to be emptied: leave them in the sacristy and then collect from the porch.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** It will be open on Wednesday (the 4th) for refreshments and lunches from 10am – 1.15pm. A quality brunch with a heartwarming pudding will be served from 11:45am. Do come: all are welcome.

**TODAY: CHRISTMAS MINI FAYRE & SOCIAL** It’s today (Sunday) 10am to 1pm. Come and celebrate the reopening of our newly refurbished hall and help support parish groups. Donations can still be made, especially bottles and cakes. This is a good opportunity to view the parish hall, now complete, in all its glory.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita. Sunday 9am Malliga. 11am Sybille. Bidding Prayers: Adrian. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Teresa.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Richard Frank Sudsbury, husband of Beatrice, died on 26 October, aged 78. His cremation will take place at Croydon Crematorium (East Chapel) tomorrow (Monday) at 12.45pm.

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Application forms for 2025 are available after all Masses from today (Sunday) until 5 January. They must be returned, in person, to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip by 12 January at the latest.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA CHRISTMAS LUNCH** It’s on December 11, noon for 12.30pm: there are still a couple of spaces left at £14pp for a traditional Christmas meal or a vegetarian option. Sign up in the church porch or see Gill Tomei.

**OUR REPOSITORY** Please support our shop at the back of the church: there you can buy Christmas cards, Advent calendars, diaries and children's books. Available throughout the year are Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Mass intention and sympathy cards plus others. Also available are rosaries, missals and CTS booklets and other items.

**NATIVITY FUN RUN** Organised by CAFOD, it’s on Saturday (the 7th) on Clapham Common. Registration is at 10am by the bandstand; start 11am. All are welcome. For more details and sign-up visit cafod.org.uk/nativityfunrun

**HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS** Come and join us singing around the wards at Croydon University Hospital on 18 December: meet at 6pm in the chapel for a 6.30pm start, returning by 7:30pm for mince pies and mulled wine.

**MARY'S MEALS** BuyingyourChristmas presents from their online shop supports their vital work to bring food, education and hope to hungry children across the world. Check out their website at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/shop](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/shop)

**HELP ST COLUMBA’S** **BY SHOPPING ONLINE** Buying something online? Anything? If so you can help St Columba’s at no cost to yourself. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) and register (which is quick and easy). Then shop online wherever and whenever you choose. Each time you then buy anything online (after clicking on the easyfundraising link), a donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from.

**FOOD BANK** Please help. Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meats (meals), pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, tuna, porridge/oats and other cereals, toilet rolls, bleach and washing-up liquid. Thank you for your support.

**CAFOD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS** Take a catalogue home with you or check it out online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts It’s a wonderful way for our parish to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** All are invited to sing outside Selsdon Sainsbury’s from 11am till noon on 21 December. It’s being organised by Churches Together to show local people that Christians are alive and well and active in Selsdon.

**SANCTUARY CURTAINS** When the church is being redecorated, hopefully in mid January, they will be taken down. If anyone has a use for them, let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know and they are yours, without charge.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Let Fr Julian/Deacon Philip know so that you can be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**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, Marion de Souza, Vera de Souza, Una Dunne, Irena Dziewulak, Eoin Egan, Bernardo, Manuel & Maria Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Joan Hammett, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh and Jacqueline Wheatley. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Michael Medhurst, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei email selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Richard Mills E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Clare Morgado E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk and Patsy McFarlane E: selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on 020 7261 1606. If you need help, information or advice concerning possible safeguarding issue involving children or vulnerable adults, contact any of the above. Your concerns will be dealt with discreetly and efficiently. For more information about Safeguarding please see the posters in the porch and church hall.