#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**1 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

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

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** St James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

**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 1 Sept | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* | 6pm (Sat) | Mary & Liam Brophy |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Sybil Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| Mon 2 Sept | Weekday | 10am |  |
| Tues 3 Sept | St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church & Apostle of the English | 10am |  |
| Wed 4 Sept | St. Cuthbert, Bishop | 10am |  |
| Thurs 5 Sept | Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 6 Sept | Weekday | 10am | Gordon Shurgold, RIP |
| Sat 7 Sept | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 8 Sept | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*Education Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Mrs Margarette Moore, RIP |
| 9am | Mary, Seamus & Winifred Guckian, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition (with Benediction) at 11am.
* Friday’s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday at 10am.
* Confessions: Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**MONEY MATTERS** Aug 24/25: basket £422.50 (Gift Aid £203), card machines £90 (Gift Aid £75). Thank you for your generosity. Next Sunday – Education Sunday – there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service which is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools, with over 2000 such schools, academies and colleges in England & Wales educating over 800,000 children.

**CONFIRMATION** All Sponsor Forms for Confirmation candidates need to be returned, in person to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip, by **Sunday, September 8, after Sunday Mass.** The Introduction to the course takes place on Tuesday, September 10 at 7.00pm (for all candidates and their parents/guardians), followed by a Parents/Guardians’ Session on Wednesday, September 11 at 7.00pm. Both sessions take place in the hall. Further details of the course will be distributed at the Introductory Session.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If any person would like Mass said for any intention please complete one of the small brown envelopes that are near the entrance doors of the church. The recommended donation is £10; it is useful to provide your telephone number so that, should your preferred date/time not be available, the Parish Office can contact you and arrange, if you wish, an alternative date/time.

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

**SPOT THE DINOSAUR…** This is our new QR code, a clever tech device enabling you easily to access St Columba’s parish website. How to use it? To do so you need a QR scanner on your smartphone. You may have one already but otherwise simply download one free of charge from the Google Play Store (on Android phones) or the Apple App Store (on Apple phones). Once it’s downloaded, open the reader then scan this code with it. Our parish website will then automatically open on your phone giving you access to everything on the website: Mass and service times, contact details, rotas, the newsletter, details of forthcoming events, everything on the website. Easy! Try it…

**NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING** In Spring this year, we applied to the National Lottery Community Fund, for help in refurbing our Community Hall. We are delighted to let you know we were successful and 2 weeks ago we received the funding of nearly £20,000. Huge thanks to the National Lottery team, the many groups, cafe, parishioners and community, that use our hall. Without you, this would not have been possible.

There are various conditions to the funding being granted which we are working towards, so please bear with us during this refurb time. We will try to keep the disruption minimal and hope to have the hall completed by Nov. We will keep you all informed of this exciting chapter for us.

**HALL KITCHEN** We received confirmation this week that the kitchen fitter will be on site on Wed 4th Sep. Prior to 20th Sep the kitchen will be unavailable. The Hall will still be accessible, but there will be workmen in the kitchen during working hours. Special thanks to the Cafe team for helping clear out the kitchen at such short notice, so it’s ready for the workmen to start.

**40th ANNIVERSARY OF ST COLUMBA &** **ARCHBISHOP`S VISIT** Sunday 22 September. There is a pledge-sheet on the noticeboard in the church porch inviting food items for the buffet after the 11am Mass. Please add your name and item, bringing the food with you in the morning of 22 September. Thank you.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** Due to the Hall refurb, activities will be disrupted during Sep and Oct. Please contact the various group leads directly for class & group details. Thank you for your understanding during this exciting time for us all. Some of these upcoming events may be affected:

* September 4: chair yoga at 7.30pm courtesy the St Columba’s Community Group (SCCG).
* September 18: a quiz and cake at 2pm, again courtesy the SCCG.
* September 22: mark the 40th anniversary of St Columba’s Church consecration by coming along to 11am Mass at which Abp John will be presiding, then enjoy a buffet with him in the hall afterwards. **CONFIRMED GOING AHEAD**
* October 5: after 6pm Mass test your brain cells by taking part in a parish quiz, gaining inspiration (and nourishment) from a fish’n’chip supper. Bring your family and friends too.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL** We are looking forward to Harvest Festival and currently buying in quite a lot of items. Our current needs are: Soup, Tinned meats (meals), Pasta sauce, Tinned fruit, Tinned veg, Pasta, Porridge/oats, Toilet roll, Bleach, Washing up liquid and Tuna. Thank you all for your support.

**SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING** You are warmly invited to the annual service of hope & healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. The service is on the 25th September, 6.30pm at St George’s Cathedral, SE1 7HY. Afterwards, all are invited to tie a ribbon to their ‘LoudFence’, as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for survivors and as a memorial for those lost to abuse.

**PODCAST: AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS** Canon Christopher Thomas talks about the appointment of a brand new bishop. He discusses the forthcoming Synod of Synods and looks ahead to a mini National Eucharistic Congress in September. The podcast concludes with an interview with David Evans, the lead bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/eucharist-to-service-episode-23/> to access the podcast.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Richard Sudsbury, 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, Baz Williams and Jacqueline Wheatley. Others for whom we pray are: Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson, Magdalene Wong and Terry Cronin.

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

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