#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**11 AUGUST 2024 – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** Second collection for the Spiritan mission appeal

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**First Reading:** Kings: 19:4-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians: 4:30-5:2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6:41-51

**Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 11 Aug | **19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR***(Spiritan Mission Appeal)*  | 6pm (Sat) | Roy Charman, RIP (1st anniversary) |
| 9am | Giuseppe Sarracino, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 12 Aug | St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious | 10am | Myles & Teresa Murphy, RIP |
| Tues 13 Aug | SS. Pontian & Hippolytus, Martyrs  | 10am | Florie Murphy |
| Wed 14 Aug | St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr  | 10am | Mary Boylan |
| Thurs 15 Aug | **THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY****Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation**  | 10am7.30pm | Christian Vincente, RIPPro Populo |
| Fri 16 Aug | St. Stephen of Hungary | 10am | Padsy Sheerin |
| Sat 17 Aug | Our Lady`s Saturday | 10.30am | All parishioners: thanks |
| Sun 18 Aug | 20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  | 6pm (Sat) | Anniversary |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Glenn & Everard Fletcher, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition (with Benediction) until 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.

**FR JULIAN WRITES…** I wish to express my thanks to all those people who were so kind and generous last Sunday on the occasion of my 70th birthday. I knew ‘something was up’ but I presumed it was being organised for other parishioners. I have been overwhelmed by the number of cards I have received, bottles, chocolates and ‘coloured’ paper! Thank you all very much indeed: it almost makes it worth actually *being* 70! I will be offering a Mass as a ‘thank you’ to all parishioners on Saturday (the 17th) at 10.30am. Next year, I suspect, it will be a little quieter!

**MISSION TO THE POOR** Today (the 10th/11th) there is an appeal at all Masses given by a Spiritan priest, Fr Godwin. The mission of the Spiritan order is evangelisation of the poor, helping those whose needs are the greatest.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** That’s on Thursday (the 15th) which is a Holyday of Obligation when we are all called to celebrate Mass. So as well as at 10am, there will also be an evening Mass at 7.30pm.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** During August there is a summer break so no Keep Fit from Gill on Mondays. Likewise, there will be none of Sue’s Yoga Classes on Thursdays and no art group on Fridays. Everything restarts in September.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Geraldine, Sunday 9am Adrian, 11am Alan. Bidding Prayers: Alan & Kathy. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Martin.

**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…

**FR BARRY HUGHES RIP** His ashes will be interred at St Giles, Farnborough, garden of remembrance on August 21 at 11.30am. Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome. May he rest in peace.

**MONEY MATTERS** Offertory collection August 4/5: basket £694.44 (Gift Aid £409.32), card machines £140 (Gift Aid £60). Thank you for your generosity. By the way, there is no need to feel uncomfortable, awkward or guilty when the Offertory collection basket arrives in your bench during Mass and you don’t put anything in it because you have already made an offering by standing order or the card machine. Our Lord knows even if the collector doesn’t – and the collectors don’t take any notice anyway. More parishioners paying by standing order or card machine would be most welcome. Contact Deacoon Philip if you would like to set up a standing order.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL** Supplies are running low and demand is going up. So please can you help? Most needed items are: toilet rolls, rice pudding (tinned) or any other dessert, jam, tinned meat (ham/corned beef), any tinned meat meals, shampoo, tinned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce (just tomato), tea, juice, deodorant and cereal. Huge thanks for your support.

**MAKE A NOTE** Here are some dates of upcoming parish events so that you can put them in your diaries now.

* September 4: chair yoga at 7.30pm courtesy the St Columba’s Community Group.
* 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.
* 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.

**SHOP AND HELP ST COLUMBA’S** Buying something online? Anything? If you do you can help St Columba’s at no cost to yourself. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), register (which is quick and easy) and then shop online wherever and whenever you choose. Each time you buy something a donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from, among them Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s.

**A LIFT TO MASS?** An elderly parishioner who lives alone would like to attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass but is unable to walk well enough to use public transport. Could anyone give her a lift in their car? Contact Deacon Philip.

**MASS AT MAYDAY** Please note that there will be no Masses at Croydon University Hospital during August.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE WEST OF IRELAND** Taking place from October 15-18, it will include visits to Knock, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey and Westport. Cost is £550pp. Email Fr Malachy Keegan for more details: malachykeegan@rcaos.org.uk or phone 020 8657 1728.

**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 and Magdalene Wong.

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