# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**12 MAY 2024 – SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** Second collection for the Catholic Communications Network

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles: 1:15-17, 20-26

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**Second Reading**: 1 John 4:11-16

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 17:11-19

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 12 May | **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***World Communications Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Alice Barclay & family, well-being |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Colm Staunton, RIP |
| Mon 13 May | Our Lady of Fatima | 10am | Thanksgiving for blessings received |
| Tues 14 May | St. Matthias, Apostle | 10am | Mary Clerkin, RIP (1st anniversary) |
| Wed 15 May | St. John Stone, Priest & Martyr | 10am | Thomas Ryan, RIP |
| Thurs 16 May | St. Simon Stock, Priest | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 17 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Emma Lynch, RIP |
| Sat 18 May | St. John I, Pope & Martyr | **12 noon** | First Holy Communicants |
| Sun 19 May | **PENTECOST SUNDAY***Day of Prayer for the Church* | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Margaret Duke, RIP |
| 11am | Jack & Helena Hurley, RIP |

* 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: Saturday from 5.30-5.45pm and on demand

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** That’s today so expect a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network which promotes the Gospel through the media and develops the public profile of the Church and its teaching.

**GIFT AID** There are still some boxes of envelopes in church which have not been claimed. Would Gift Aid members please help themselves. Are you a taxpayer? Then why not sign up for Gift Aid? 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.

**CONFIRMATIONS** Today is the final day on which application forms will be available for this course. Candidates (who must have attained their 13th birthday by 1 Sept 2024) are invited to approach Fr Julian on Sunday after Mass in order to request a form. These forms are given to the candidates only, who must be regular attenders at one of our Sunday Masses. The forms *must* be returned by next Sunday (the 19th) – Pentecost) in person.

**BIBLE STUDY** The next session – on the Prophets, notably Ezekiel and Daniel – will be on 22 May (10.30am).

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

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre, Sunday 9am Adrian, 11am Sybille. Bidding Prayers writer: TBC. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Anne & Carmel, Sunday 9am Malliga & Maria, 11am Marion & Mary

**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 (lots please), jewellery, bric’a’brac (in very good condition), cosmetics and raffle prizes (all sorts). Please give generously and well before the day. Cakes will be requested the weekend before with a pledge sheet.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** On Monday (the 13th) there will be a rehearsal at 5pm – at least one parent/guardian must be present for each child. The Mass will be on Saturday (the 18th) at 12 noon, with the ‘breakfast’ on the Sunday after the 11am Mass. Please pray the seven children as they receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Erin O`Donnell** died on 30 April, aged 14. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on 21 May, followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium at 12.15pm. Please pray for the repose of her soul, also her family; Paul and Zoe, her parents, and Dara, her sister.

**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 Monday (the 13th) 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.

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

**ST COLUMBA’S COMMUNITY GROUP** Another book club event takes place on Wednesday (the 15th), from 2-4pm.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 13th) at 10.45-11.45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 16th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 17th) at 10.30am-1.30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**FOOD BANK** Supplies have been depleted so there is great need for milk, cereal, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned fruit, washing powder, shampoo, pasta, soup and biscuits. Thank you 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.

**DIVINE MERCY** There will be a recollection day at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on 1 June from 11am to 4.30pm. All are welcome. Phone 07957 594 646 for the itinerary and details including coaches from London.

**ABORTION CAMPAIGN** On 21 May please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Thousands of mothers have continued their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances thanks to the Good Counsel Network. Please help them to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. For details see: <http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com> A talk given during a march for life vigil speech on 27 April, the 56th anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force, can be found at <https://x.com/March4LifeUK/status/1785234052712112300?t=gQuTGnTb9UGrq5SL277h_A&s=08>

**PAINT PURLEY PURPLE** This campaign will be launched at the Purley Festival in September. The organisers will ‘cover’ c.70 trees and benches in purple to publicise the help and support available to cancer sufferers. If you are a knitter, they would love to hear from you! For more details visit <https://www.sechc.org.uk/>

**COVID INJECTIONS** Free at the Selsdon Library on May 25 and June 8 and 22, 10am to 3pm. Bring your NHS number.

**LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE VOWS** Celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to a Mass at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Family members can come too. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk giving your names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett,

Brigid Beck, 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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