# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**13 OCTOBER 2024 – 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** The national Mass count continues (week no.4)

**Entrance Antiphon:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**First Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 13 Oct | 28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR *Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families* | 6pm (Sat) | Beverly-Ann Charman, RIP |
| 9am | EB well-being |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 14 Oct | St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr | 10am | Fred Esedebe, RIP |
| Tues 15 Oct | St. Teresa of Jesus [of Avila], Virgin | 10am | Reparation |
| Wed 16 Oct | St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin | 10am | Mgr. Joe O`Connor – well-being |
| Thurs 17 Oct | St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 18 Oct | St. Luke, Evangelist | 10am | Canon Luke Smith - well-being |
| Sat 19 Oct | St. Paul of the Cross, Priest | 10.30am | Fr. James Raj – well-being |
| Sun 20 Oct | 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  *World Mission Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Kevin James Hook. 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.

**MONEY MATTERS** 5/6 October: basket £601.52 (Gift Aid £243.80), card machines £56 (Gift Aid £50). The collection for CAFOD amounted to £445 (Gift Aid £140). The standing orders for September amounted to £2,083.67 (Gift Aid £2,071.67). Thank you for your generosity.

**NEXT SUNDAY** It’s World Mission Day on the 20th. There will be a second collection for *Missio* which supports the foreign missions in areas such as church-building, hospitals, schools and vocations where the Church is new and poor. *Missio* works through local bishops and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. It is “local church directly helping local church.”

**REPOSITORY** Frances, who has looked after our repository shop for many years, wishes to retire so we`ll need one or two people to replace her. The tasks are not onerous as all the ordering is undertaken through the parish office, so if anyone is interested please approach Frances directly or Fr Julian or Deacon Philip.

**MASS INTENTIONS** After the summer hiatus, when there were few intentions, it seems that many people would now like Masses to be said, and there is now a backlog of at least two months. If you would like a Mass said in December, now is the time to book it – please use the small brown envelopes available in the porch. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION** Classes continue on Tuesday (the 15th) at 7pm. The supervising parents are Kyra and Ramunas.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Jouelle, Sunday 9am Gill, 11am Kathy. Bidding Prayers: Adrian. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: n/a.

**NATIONAL LOTTERY WIN** Our £20,000 award from the National Lottery is beginning to bear fruit. The kitchen has been refitted, new flooring laid in the hall and redecoration has begun, to be followed by new windows and completion of the kitchen. We look forward – date tbc – to the reopening of Café Columba, our community café serving local people, and the various other services provided in our hall for the wider community as well as parishioners.

**CHAIRS: HELP YOURSELF** To protect the floor in the refurbished hall, new chairs are on order. The existing chairs need to be disposed of so if you would like any of them just help yourselves. Likewise the empty plastic storage boxes at the back of the church: help yourselves if you would like any (but not the Food Bank boxes!).

**NEW CHURCH CEILING** Progress report: work won’t start until the New Year to avoid disruption over Christmas.

**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. One is Waitrose: during October they are offering a bonus to St Columba shoppers as well as donating £1,000 to five winners plus £10 for the first time you shop after signing up.

**COUNTRY WALK** It’s a lovely circular route taking in Downe village and Cuckoo Wood. We start promptly at 10.15am on Saturday (the 19th) from Cuckoo Wood car park, High Elms, Orpington BR6 7JL with a stop halfway at the Queens Head pub for lunch around 12.30. There are a couple of stiles and a short uphill section but it’s very straightforward.

**PARISH READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Find out about the new translation of the Lectionary, coming into use on November 30, by attending an introductory day on Saturday (the 19th), 11am-4pm at Sacred Heart church, Wimbledon. Take a packed lunch. Four parishioners have booked to attend. To join them, contact the parish office.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** We raised £386.60, a good sum considering the poor weather on the day. The event was well attended by parishioners and a good time was had by all. Thank you, everyone involved.

**SOCIAL & COMMUNITY GROUP** The parish meeting held last week to discuss future plans for this new group attracted strong support. Various exciting events were discussed, starting hopefully in December. Watch this space for details and dates…

**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.

**SHRINE OF SAINT JUDE** It’s in Faversham, Kent. There will be Mass followed by anointing on 26October at 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm; on the 27th at 12.30pm and the 28th at 12.30pm. For details phone 01795 539214.

**MAJOR MARRIAGE PROBLEMS?** Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped talking to each other? If so, Retrouvaille may be for you. Its programme has helped thousands of couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend from November 8-10 call 0788 7296983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Terry Cronin, Joan D`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, Richard Sudsbury, Sean Walsh and Jacqueline Wheatley. Others for whom we pray are: 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.

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