#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**14 JULY 2024 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** A second collection today, Sea Sunday, is in aid of Stella Maris

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**First Reading:** Amos: 7:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians: 1:3-14

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

**Gospel:** Mark: 6:7-13

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 14 July | **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR***Sea Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo  |
| 9am | Helga Schroder, RIP |
| 11am | Eileen, Christine & Jamie, RIP |
| Mon 15 July | St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor | 10am | Ann Molahan |
| Tues 16 July | Our Lady of Mount Carmel | 10am | Nora Madden, RIP |
| Wed 17 July | Weekday | 10am | Monica & Colin Furk – well-being |
| Thurs 18 July | Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 19 July | Weekday | 10am | Margaret O`Brien – well-being |
| Sat 20 July | Weekday/Our Lady/St. Apollinaris | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 21 July | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) | Mary Molloy, RIP |
| 9am | Juana Martinez-Malendab |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* 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.

**DEACONS SUNDAY** Today has been named as a day for the permanent diaconate: to promote it, publicise it and encourage diaconal vocations to it. Single and married men throughout our diocese, including in this parish, are invited to consider whether they have a vocation to this sacred ministry. Parishioners are invited to pray for and support permanent deacons in their ministry. This decision to have a Deacons Sunday by our Abp John is a first: it will now be an annual event linked to the 15th Sunday of the year in ordinary time. Interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate? Contact Deacon Philip who will be happy to answer any questions.

**GIFT AID** Would Gift Aid members please help themselves to the remaining boxes. If you are a taxpayer, consider signing up for Gift Aid e.g. if you give £10 to St Columba’s an extra £2.50 is received. Contact Deacon Philip for more details. If you are a Gift Aid member but *not* a taxpayer it is imperative that you contact the Parish Offic.

**HEALING MASS** This popular annual event will take place at 2.30pm next Saturday (the 20th), celebrated by Fr Roy Tablizo. If you feel in need of healing, whether for physical, mental, emotional or spiritual sickness, do come along and receive a special blessing. There will be a ‘Ritz Tea’ in the hall afterwards. Sign up using the list in the porch.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita, Sunday 9am Irene, 11am Beatrice. Bidding Prayers: Stephen & Brigid. Eucharistic ministers: n/a.

**FRAUD WARNING** When using your credit or debit card to make a payment using our two contactless payment machines, make sure to shield the card so that it is not visible to anyone nearby. Recently in an adjoining parish two women approached a parishioner making such a payment, said they were checking the machines and took a photograph as the parishioner’s card was being presented. Because the bank account details are printed on the card, the women were able to read them from the photograph and access the account. Theft! So be warned.

**COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS** Because so very few receive the Precious Blood at Sunday Masses, it is no longer being offered to communicants. This will be reviewed in the autumn. Extraordinary eucharistic ministers will still be needed at Sunday Masses to assist with the ciboria whenever Deacon Philip is not present in the sanctuary – a new rota has been distributed to all ministers.

**MONEY MATTERS** Details of last Sunday’s collections will be provided in the newsletter next week.

**DAY FOR CATECHISTS** It’s on July 27 at St Mary’s, Wellesley Rd, Croydon, from 10am-4pm. This is for anyone involved in sacramental preparation. Details: https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/iybv1pxu

**LIVING CATHOLICISM TODAY** This course at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst in Lancashire from August 1-4 will look at foundational themes for morality and the Christian life, which are central to marriage and the family. For full details visit the website <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

**NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE** It will take place on August 5-9 at the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. Further details can be found on www.newdawn.org.uk

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him: the dates are August 23-30. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the archdiocese. For details visit https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 15th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 18th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 19th) from 10:30am-1:30pm (07921 124 075). All welcome.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL** 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.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING** CAFOD are offering one-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. There is a session on Tuesday (the 16th) from 7-8pm. Interested? Then register here: <https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking_at_mass_training>

**SHOP AND HELP ST COLUMBA’S** Buying something online? 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 you choose. Each time you buy something a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers including big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE** It’s on July 28 after 11am Mass. It will be in aid of the Daughters of Mary & Joseph and their work in Cameroon helping young girls avoid child marriages.

**MASS AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** Please note that there will be none during August.

**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, Una Dunne, Irena Dziewulak, Eowen 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.

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

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