#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**15 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Second Reading:** St James 2:14-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**  There will be a Home Mission second collection today.

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 15 Sept | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*Home Mission Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Pat & Kevin Taylor – well-being |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Sean Walsh [SVP] |
| Mon 16 Sept | SS. Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs | 10am | Sebastian Dias, RIP |
| Tues 17 Sept | St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, etc | 10am | Reparation |
| Wed 18 Sept | St. Edith of Kemsing | 10am |  |
| Thurs 19 Sept | St. Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 20 Sept | SS. Andrew, Paul & the Korean Martyrs | 10am |  |
| Sat 21 Sept | St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 22 Sept | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees* | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am\* | Patrick & Evelyn Fletcher, RIP |

\*This Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Dr. John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, in commemoration of the 40th. anniversary of our church`s dedication on 14 September, 1984.

* 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** 7/8 Sept: basket £526.63 (Gift Aid £224.07), card machines £247 (Gift Aid £209). The collection for The Catholic Education Service amounted to £302.30 (Gift Aid £147.51). The standing orders for August amounted to £1,997.67 (Gift Aid £1,985.67). Thank you for your generosity.

Today – Home Mission Sunday – there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization which supports the efforts to assist the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

**DEDICATION OF ST COLUMBA`S** Our parish may be dated to 1927 when the present hall was used for the celebration of Mass; the present church was opened and the parish founded in 1962. On **14 September, 1984** (the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross) Archbishop Michael Bowen formerly dedicated (or consecrated) the church for public worship (although it had been open for over 20 years). This year is the Ruby (40th.) Anniversary of our Dedication and we welcome Archbishop John Wilson to our parish next Sunday, 22 September, when he will celebrate the 1100 Mass. Let us welcome him to our parish on that day.

**CONFIRMATION** continues Tuesday, 17 September 7.00pm in the hall. The two ‘supervising’ parents are Marlene & Lisa.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** Please note this has restartedat the 11am Mass and all small children are welcome.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS** If anyone 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 call you. Some telephone numbers have been incorrect and in addition, if there is no answerphone the Parish Office cannot contact the person leaving a request if there is a query, please therefore ensure your number is transposed correctly.

**HALL & CHURCH REFURBISHMENT** Work is underway on the new kitchen in the hall. Soon there will be a new floor, windows & redecoration. It is also hoped the replacement of the ceiling tiles in the church will be approved by the Diocese shortly (the Art & Architecture Commission have approved the works). This will be a very awkward time – especially with the hall out of action for a couple of months – but it is clear that matters need improving and such disruption is inevitable.

**QUIET MORNING** It’s an opportunity to step aside for a short time to reflect and pray. The date is 21 September, 10-12noon; the venue is the beautiful and ancient church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin in Addington Village.

**SIGN UP FOR THE CELEBRATION** There is a pledge-sheet on the noticeboard in the church porch for the buffet after the 11am Mass on 22 September celebrating St Columba’s 40th anniversary and Abp John’s visit. Please add your name and item, bringing the food with you in the morning of the 22nd. Thank you.

**LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL** Open Week 23-27 September 9.30-11.30am by appointment. Limited places available in Year 3, also now booking Nursery/Reception 2025. Please contact the school office for more information.

**SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING** This annual service for those who have been harmed and those who work with/support them is on 25 September at 6.30pm in St George’s Cathedral, SE1 7HY. All are invited to tie a ribbon to their ‘LoudFence’ as a sign of solidarity, care and hope.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** Friday 27 September after 10am Mass. Subject to the hall being accessible, we will be holding this special event to raise money for MacMillan. Please come and join us in the hall for tea, cake & raffle. Donations of cakes are very welcome and there is a pledge sheet on the notice board in the church porch.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is 4th October. More details to follow soon [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**DAY FOR READERS & MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Canon Gerard Bradley is planning a Day for Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion round the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 19 October, 11am-4pm Sacred Heart Wimbledon, including Catechesis on the place of the Word of God in our lives, in the Liturgy and with some practical work as well. More details to follow.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** In view of the hall refurbishment there will no further activities scheduled until the work is complete (early November). The Parish quiz which was due to take place on 5 October, has been postponed and another date will be found in due course. Thanks for your understanding.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** Would you like to join the NEW Parish Social Committee? All welcome. Please contact Gill Tomei on: g.tomei@btopenworld.com

**FOOD BANK APPEAL** 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 all for your support.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Terry Cronin, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Richard Sudsbury, 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 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.

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

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