#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**20 OCTOBER 2024 – 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There will be a second collection today for Missio.

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 53:10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16

**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 10:35-45

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 20 Oct | 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*World Mission Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Kevin James Hook. RIP |
| Mon 21 Oct | Weekday  | 10am | Reparation |
| Tues 22 Oct | St. John-Paul II, Pope | 10am | Ralph Ansell, RIP |
| Wed 23 Oct | St. John of Capistrano, Priest | 10am | Kathleen & Eddie Gallagher, RIP |
| Thurs 24 Oct | St. Antony Mary Claret, Bishop | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 25 Oct | Weekday | 10am | The Mahoney Family |
| Sat 26 Oct | SS. Chad & Cedd, Bishops | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 27 Oct | 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Anna Sampson, RIP |
| 11am | Gilbert & Eileen MacDonald, 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** 12/13 October: basket £594.64 (Gift Aid £256.70), card machines £182 (Gift Aid £145).

**TODAY’S SECOND COLLECTION** It’s World Mission Sunday. *Missio* supports the foreign missions in churches, hospitals and schools and encourages vocations. The aim: to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. It is “local church directly helping local church.”

**HALL CHAIRS – TAKE THEM, PLEASE** As our existing chairs cannot be used on the new floor, they need to be removed. If any parishioners would like some you are invited to take as many as you wish. The right-hand side gate (when you are facing the church) will be opened at noon today (Sunday) for the chairs to be collected. Just come down the path (wearing sensible shoes as it may be slippery) to collect them from the small ante-room of the hall.

**OUR REPOSITORY – CLOSING?** As no-one has come forward to help run our repository, it may with regret have to close. Any items normally available, such as Mass cards, rosaries, missals, would then have to be obtained either online or from larger churches which still retain repositories. So, is anyone willing to help keep it open?

**CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** There is Mass in the chapel every Wednesday at 12 noon. All are welcome.

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

**HALL REFURBISHMENT** Courtesy the National Lottery and the £20,000 grant they provided, **r**edecoration continues. Hopefully the new windows will be installed this week. Resolution of outstanding issues continues in the kitchen. No parish activities are being scheduled until work is completed in November (fingers crossed).

**WHAT? THE DRAINS AS WELL!** As if we didn’t have enough to deal with at the moment (hall/kitchen, church ceiling and insulation, redecoration), major problems with the drainage system have now come to light – hence the hall toilets now being unusable. Investigations are being carried out. They may require digging up the car park…

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Joan Ellen Mills,** the mother of Richard Mills, died on 3 October, aged 95. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 10.45am on 15 November, followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium (East Chapel) at 12.45pm.

**Terry Cronin,** a parishioner here for many years, died on 12 October. At this stage there are no details of the date and time of the funeral. Watch this space.

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

**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.

**HELP ST COLUMBA’S** **BY SHOPPING ONLINE** 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 – anything – 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. Do try it.

**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 Saturday (the 26th) 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

**STUDY OUR FAITH?** That’s what the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies provides an opportunity to do. This internationally recognised qualification – captivating, inspiring and applicable – leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ.  Visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants is 4 November.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, 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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