# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**22 DECEMBER 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

**First Reading:** Micah 5:1-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**MASSES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 22 Dec | **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT** | 6pm (Sat) | Eileen Mabbutt, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Bill & Catherine Walsh, RIP |
| Mon 23 Dec | Advent Weekday *(St. John of Kanty)* | 10am | Anthony Hughes, RIP |
| Tues 24 Dec | Christmas Eve | 10am | Philip & Mary Doherty, RIP |
| Wed 25 Dec | **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY), Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation** | | | |
|  | Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve)  *Readings & Carols*  Mass at Night (Christmas Eve)  Mass at Dawn (Christmas Day)  Mass during the Day (Christmas Day) | 6pm (Tues)  8.30pm (Tues)  9pm (Tues)  9am  11am | Kevin James Hook, RIP  Mary & Liam Brophy  Jesus & Juana Malenab, RIP  Pro Populo |
| Thurs 26 Dec | St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr | 10am | Deceased of Dias family & friends |
| Fri 27 Dec | St. John, Apostle & Evangelist | 10am | Deceased of Martinez/Malenab families |
| Sat 28 Dec | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs | 10.30am | Fr Christopher Greaney RIP |
| Sun 29 Dec | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH | 6pm (Sat) | Deceased of Gallen & Taylor families |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Hook family - thanksgiving |
| Mon 30 Dec | Christmastide Weekday | 10am | Tommy McGuinness, RIP |
| Tues 31 Dec | New Year`s Eve *(St. Sylvester I)* | 10am | Deceased of Skinner family & friends |
| Wed 1 Jan | Mary, the Holy Mother of God  Solemnity | 10am | Victor Hornsby, RIP |
| Thurs 2 Jan | SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 3 Jan | The Most Holy Name of Jesus | 10am | Kathleen Hornsby, RIP |
| Sat 4 Jan | The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese | 10.30am | Holy Souls |
| Sun 5 Jan | THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD,  Solemnity (transferred) | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Bridget Madden, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am.
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition & Benediction (apart from Christmas Eve) until 11am.
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.
* Extra confessions: tomorrow (Monday the 23rd) after the 10am Mass and Christmas Eve after the 6pm Mass.
* From January onwards there will be no Mass on Thursdays.

**MONEY MATTERS** The collection for 15 December amounted to £565.58, £253.31 of which was Gift Aided.

**CHRISTMAS MASS COLLECTIONS** The Offertory collections at the four Christmas Masses are your personal offering to the parish priest, one of only two occasions during the year when that is the case. (The other is at Easter.)

**READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS**

DECEMBER 28/29:Readers: Saturday 6pm Geraldine. Sunday 9am Adrian. 11am Alan. Bidding Prayers: Martin. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Richard. JANUARY 4/5 Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita. Sunday 9am tba 11am Sybille. Bidding Prayers: Adrian. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: tba

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Application forms are available after all Masses until 5 January and must be returned, in person, to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip by 12 January at the latest.

**THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY** Donations for the CCS given at our crib this year will help families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives, practical support such as providing beds for children without their own and cookers for families who are unable to provide their children with a cooked meal. For details visit: [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)

**CHRISTMAS SPRING CLEAN** We all want St Columba’s looking its best for the Christmas services. So a special church-cleaning session is being organised for tomorrow (Monday), 10.30am-7pm. Please come along, even if only for half an hour, to lend a hand (men and women!) – and the quicker the job will be done. Sign up using the rota in the porch.

**OUR REPOSITORY** Please support our shop at the back of the church: there you can buy Christmas cards, diaries and children's books. Available throughout the year are Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Mass intention and sympathy cards plus others. Also available are rosaries, missals and CTS booklets and other items.

**CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** There will be no Mass in the chapel there on Christmas Day or New Year’s Day.

**COFFEE MORNING** It’s in the hall after the 9am Mass on Sunday, 5 January courtesy St C’s Community Group.

**Fr Julian and Deacon Philip wish all parishioners a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.**

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** There won’t be one in January because the first Wednesday of January is a Bank Holiday. The next one will take place on February 5.

**HELP ST COLUMBA’S** **BY SHOPPING ONLINE** Buying something online? Anything? If so you can help St Columba’s at no cost to yourself. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) and register (which is quick and easy). Then shop online wherever and whenever you choose. Each time you then buy anything online (after clicking on the easyfundraising link), a donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** A new rota for 9am Sunday Mass starting on January 5 has been emailed to all those involved as Eucharistic Ministers. If you have not received a copy, please let Deacon Philip know.

**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.

**PATIENTS IN NEED** The chaplaincy and spiritual care team charity at Croydon University Hospital does wonderful work helping and supporting patients and their families. It all needs financing of course. If you would like to help – and they need it – send a cheque to: Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Team, CUH, 530 London Rd, CR7 7YE.

**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, Marion de 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, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh and Jacqueline Wheatley. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Isobel Barbour, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Asoka Fernando, Mike Goodwin, Michael Medhurst, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei [email selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:email%20selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Richard Mills E: [selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Clare Morgado E: [selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) and Patsy McFarlane E: [selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on 020 7261 1606. If you need help, information or advice concerning possible safeguarding issue involving children or vulnerable adults, contact any of the above. Your concerns will be dealt with discreetly and efficiently. For more information about Safeguarding please see the posters in the porch and church hall.