#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**22 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** This weekend there will be the first of four national Mass counts.

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading:** Wisdom: 2:12. 17-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Second Reading:** St James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 22 Sept | 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees*  | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am\* | Patrick & Evelyn Fletcher, RIP |
| Mon 23 Sept | St. Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio] | 10am | Reparation |
| Tues 24 Sept | Our Lady of Walsingham | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Wed 25 Sept | Weekday | 10am | Bridget McGrath, RIP |
| Thurs 26 Sept | SS. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 27 Sept | St. Vincent de Paul, Priest | 10am | Private Intention |
| Sat 28 Sept | SS. Lawrence Ruiz & companions [Filipino Martyrs] | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 29 Sept | 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) | Mrs. Pamela Maguire, RIP  |
| 9am | Victor Sampson, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

\*Celebrated by Abp John Wilson in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of our church`s dedication.

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).

*Please note: Fr Julian and Dcn Philip will not be present on Monday and Friday this week. There will be Mass as normal (Fr Gus will be supplying). However, there will be no Morning Prayer on those two days.*

* 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.

**DEDICATION OF ST COLUMBA`S** Our parish dates back to 1927 when the present hall was used for the celebration of Mass. The present church was opened and the parish founded in 1962. Abp Michael Bowen formally dedicated (or consecrated) the church for public worship (although it had been open for over 20 years) on 14 September, 1984, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This year is the ruby (40th) anniversary of our dedication and today (the 22nd) we welcome Abp John Wilson to our parish: he will celebrate the 11am Mass. Let us make him most welcome.

**MONEY MATTERS** 14/15 Sep: basket £557.57 (Gift Aid £247.40), card machines £165 (Gift Aid £155). The collection for the home missions amounted to £318.12 (Gift Aid £48). Thank you for your generosity.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Ken, Sunday 9am Martin, 11am Alan. Bidding Prayers: Michael. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Richard

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

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**CONFIRMATION** Classes continue on Tuesday (the 24th) at 7pm in the hall. Supervising are Marta and Chris.

**HALL & CHURCH REFURBISHMENT** Work is coming to an end on the new kitchen in the hall and soon there will be a new floor, new windows and redecoration. The replacement of the ceiling tiles in the church has been approved by the various diocesan commissions but work will not start until the New Year – at least that avoids disruption over Christmas. However, inevitably disruption there will be. We just need to ‘keep calm and carry on’!

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** In view of the hall refurbishment there will no further activities scheduled until the work is complete (late October/early November).

**THIEVES OPERATE IN THIS AREA!** Last Sunday some items were stolen from a parishioner`s car parked in the street: wherever you park, please ensure that your car is secure – if in doubt, go back and check!

**LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL** Open week is 23-27 September, 9.30-11.30am by appointment. Limited places are available in year 3. Bookings are being taken now for nursery/reception in 2025. Contact the school for more information.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** It’s on Friday (the 27th) at 10:30am in the hall. Donations of cakes would be welcome: there is a pledge sheet on the notice board in the church porch. Unable to join us on the day? No problem: you can make a financial donation by visiting [http://www.justgiving.com/page/deborah-martin-1726649182666](http://www.justgiving.com/page/deborah-martin-1726649182666.)

**SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING** This annual service for those who have been harmed and those who work with/support them is on Wednesday (the 25th) 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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** It’s on 4October. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for more details.

**READERS & MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Canon Gerard Bradley is planning a day for you on 19 October to introduce the new translation of the Lectionary: 11am-4pm at Sacred Heart, Wimbledon. More details to follow.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** Would you like to join the NEW parish social committee? All are welcome – as are ideas and suggestions for social events in the parish . 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.

**COUNTRY WALK** It’s a lovely circular route taking in Downe village and Cuckoo Wood. We start promptly at 10.15am on 19 October from Cuckoo Wood car park, High Elms, Orpington BR6 7JL with a stop half way 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.

**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.

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