#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**24 NOVEMBER 2024 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR B**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS** Second collection for the Catholic Youth Services

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever**.**

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:13-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse: 1:5-8

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 18:33-37

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever, The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 24 Nov | **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Solemnity*****Youth Sunday*** | 6pm (Sat) | Christine Jordan, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Patrick Staunton |
| Mon 25 Nov | St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Tues 26 Nov | Weekday  | 10am | Reparation |
| Wed 27 Nov | Weekday | 10am | Vincent & Lupacia Carraso, RIP |
| Thurs 28 Nov | Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 29 Nov  | Weekday | 10am | Meenakshi Solomon |
| Sat 30 Nov | St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland | 10.30am | Susan & Johnny O`Connor: well-being |
| Sun 1 Dec | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT[Year C begins & the new lectionary] | 6pm (Sat) | Mrs. F. C. Pears, RIP |
| 9am | Christopher Sampson, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am (except Tuesday & Wednesday)
* There will be no Adoration/Benediction on Tuesday
* Friday’s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday at 10am.
* Confessions: Every Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**LITURGICAL YEAR 2024-2025** The new liturgical year begins on Sunday (the 1st), the First Sunday of Advent, with the introduction of the new lectionary. All readers are exhorted to arrive in church earlier than normal to familiarize themselves with a translation and layout which are different from what we have used previously.

Year C (the Year of St. Luke) also begins on Sunday.

**MONEY MATTERS** 16/17 November: basket £570.93 (Gift Aid £231.70), card machines £131 (Gift Aid £86). Standing orders for October totalled £2,102.67 (Gift Aid £2,090.67). Thank you for your generosity. There will be a second collection today for the Catholic Youth Services, which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** Please bring them in to be emptied: leave them in the sacristy and then collect from the porch.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA CHRISTMAS LUNCH** It’s on the 11th at 12:30pm, £14 per person. Sign up now on the list in the porch. There are a few places left. Choose between a traditional Christmas dinner and a vegetarian option with Christmas pudding or fresh fruit salad for dessert. Wine included plus a welcome drink and entertainment.

**CHRISTMAS MINI FAYRE & SOCIAL** It’s next Sunday (the 1st), 10am-1pm. Donations are still needed, especially bottles, jewellery and tombola and raffles prizes. Please bring cakes on the day – there is a pledge sheet on the St Columba’s Social & Community Group notice board in the church porch. NO BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS OR DVDS.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Jouelle. Sunday 9am Manfred, 11am Alan. Bidding Prayers: Marlene. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Jim.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Richard Frank Sudbury, husband of Beatrice, died on 26 October, aged 78. His cremation will take place at Croydon Crematorium (East Chapel) on 2 December at 12.45pm.

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

**NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS** It’s when we pray for all those who are in Purgatory and preparing for Heaven. The names of those who have had their funerals celebrated in this parish are inscribed in books which are on display in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

**THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND** A Lottery grant of £20,000 has financed our hall refurbishment. We all are most grateful. Last week woodwork was painted, shelving erected in the store room, guttering checked and various other jobs completed. During this coming week the meeting room will be redecorated. On Tuesday/Wednesday (the 26th/27th), the sacristy floor will be sanded and sealed. Special thanks to all our super helpful tradespeople: decorator Lee Clifford, handyman Shaun, locksmith Peter and plumber Andy.

**OUR REPOSITORY** Please support our shop at the back of the church: there you can buy Christmas cards, Advent calendars, 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.

**NATIVITY FUN RUN** Organised by CAFOD, it’s on 7 December on Clapham Common. Registration 10am by the bandstand; start 11am. All are welcome. For more details and sign-up visit cafod.org.uk/nativityfunrun

**MARY'S MEALS** BuyingyourChristmas presents from their online shop supports their vital work to bring food, education and hope to hungry children across the world. Check out their website at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/shop](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/shop)

**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.

**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.

**CAFOD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS** Take a catalogue home with you or check it out online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts It’s a wonderful way for our parish to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you or a family member are being admitted, let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know so that, while in hospital, you are visited and receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick.

**TELEPHONE CALLS** If you leave a message with a phone number on the parish office answerphone it is vital to speak clearly, slowly and distinctly. Too many numbers are gabbled. Then it becomes impossible to return the call.

**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, Sean Walsh and Jacqueline Wheatley. Also pray for: 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.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei email selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Richard Mills E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Clare Morgado E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk and Patsy McFarlane E: 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.