#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**25 AUGUST 2024 – 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**First Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6:60-69

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 25 Aug | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) | Judith James, RIP  |
| 9am | Teresa Devaney |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 26 Aug | Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest | 10am | Wolfgang Resch – well-being |
| Tues 27 Aug | St. Monica | 10am | Maria Valenti, RIP |
| Wed 28 Aug | St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10am | Fr. Philip Dyson, RIP |
| Thurs 29 Aug | The Passion of St. John the Baptist | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 30 Aug | SS. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs | 10am | Canon Michael Cooley, RIP |
| Sat 31 Aug | St. Aidan & the saints of Lindisfarne | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 1 Sept | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* | 6pm (Sat) | Mary & Liam Brophy |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Sybil Maria Fernandes, RIP |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition (with Benediction) at 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** Aug 17/18: basket £508.33 (Gift Aid £221.40), card machines £130 (Gift Aid £75). Thank you for your generosity.

By the way, there is no need to feel uncomfortable, awkward or guilty when the Offertory collection basket arrives in your bench during Mass and you don’t put anything in it because you have already made an offering by standing order or the card machine. Our Lord knows even if the collector doesn’t – and the collectors don’t take any notice anyway. More parishioners paying by standing order or card machine would be most welcome. Contact Deacon Philip if you would like to set up a standing order.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If any person 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 contact you and arrange, if you wish, an alternative date/time.

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

**SPOT THE DINOSAUR…** This is our new QR code, a clever tech device enabling you easily to access St Columba’s parish website. How to use it? To do so you need a QR scanner on your smartphone. You may have one already but otherwise simply download one free of charge from the Google Play Store (on Android phones) or the Apple App Store (on Apple phones). Once it’s downloaded, open the reader then scan this code with it. Our parish website will then automatically open on your phone giving you access to everything on the website: Mass and service times, contact details, rotas, the newsletter, details of forthcoming events, everything on the website. Easy! Try it…

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** During August there is a summer break so no Keep Fit from Gill on Mondays. Likewise, there will be none of Sue’s Yoga Classes on Thursdays and no art group on Fridays. Everything restarts in September.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL** Supplies are running low and demand is going up. So please can you help? Most needed items are: toilet rolls, rice pudding (tinned) or any other dessert, jam, tinned meat (ham/corned beef), any tinned meat meals, shampoo, tinned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce (just tomato), tea, juice, deodorant and cereal. Huge thanks for your support.

**MAKE A NOTE** Here are some dates of upcoming parish events so that you can put them in your diaries now.

* September 4: chair yoga at 7.30pm courtesy the St Columba’s Community Group (SCCG).
* September 18: a quiz and cake at 2pm, again courtesy the SCCG.
* September 22: mark the 40th anniversary of St Columba’s Church consecration by coming along to 11am Mass at which Abp John will be presiding, then enjoy a buffet with him in the hall afterwards.
* October 5: after 6pm Mass test your brain cells by taking part in a parish quiz, gaining inspiration (and nourishment) from a fish’n’chip supper. Bring your family and friends too.

**SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING** You are warmly invited to the annual service of hope & healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. The service is on the 25th September, 6.30pm at St George’s Cathedral, SE1 7HY. Afterwards, all are invited to tie a ribbon to their ‘LoudFence’, as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for survivors and as a memorial for those lost to abuse.

**SHOP AND HELP ST COLUMBA’S** 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 a donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from, among them Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s.

**A LIFT TO MASS?** An elderly parishioner who lives alone would like to attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass but is unable to walk well enough to use public transport. Could anyone give her a lift in their car? Contact Deacon Philip.

**MASS AT MAYDAY** Please note that there will be no Masses at Croydon University Hospital during August.

**PODCAST: AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS** Canon Christopher Thomas talks about the appointment of a brand new bishop. He discusses the forthcoming Synod of Synods and looks ahead to a mini National Eucharistic Congress in September. The podcast concludes with an interview with David Evans, the lead bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/eucharist-to-service-episode-23/> to access the podcast.

**WOLDINGHAM SCHOOL** Open Morning is on Saturday 21 September 2024. We would be delighted if you could come and find out more about our school. If you would like to attend please complete the Saturday Open Morning Booking Form <https://www.woldinghamschool.co.uk/saturday-open-morning-booking-form.html> For more information please see our website at www.woldinghamschool.co.uk or if you have any questions please contact 01883 654283.

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

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

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