# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**26 MAY 2024 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

**Second Reading**: Romans 8:14-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

**Communion Antiphon:** Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 26 May | **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** | 6pm (Sat) | Gabriel Molloy, RIP (2nd anniv.) |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Evelyn & Patrick Fletcher, RIP |
| Mon 27 May | St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Apostle of England | 10am | Fr Barry Hughes, RIP |
| Tues 28 May | Weekday (Bl. Lanfranc of Canterbury) | 10am | Aaron d’Souza (well-being) |
| Wed 29 May | St Paul VI, Pope  | 10am | Alice Barclay & family (well-being) |
| Thurs 30 May | Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 31 May | The Visitation of Our Lady | 10am | Honor Beck (well-being) |
| Sat 1 June | St Justin, Martyr | 10.30am | Priest`s intention |
| Sun 2 June | **THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)***Transferred from Thursday* | 6pm (Sat) | Sybil Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Win Sayers (birthday)  |

* 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 morning at 10am.
* Confessions: Saturday after morning Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**COLLECTION** May 18/19: basket £790.66 (Gift Aid £222.70), card machines £239.50 (Gift Aid £204.50). Thank you.

**GIFT AID** Would Gift Aid members please help themselves to the unclaimed boxes. If you are a taxpayer, consider signing up for Gift Aid e.g. if you give £10 to St Columba’s an extra £2.50 is received. Contact Deacon Philip for more details.

**BIBLE STUDY** The next session will be on 19 June, at 10.30am in the hall where we will conclude the Prophets – hopefully! This will be the last session before the summer break.

**URGENT APPEAL** Your church needs you! The summer fayre is next Sunday (the 2nd) from 10am to 1pm. We still need donations, especially bottles and pledges to bring cakes. This is an ideal opportunity for our parish community to come together and also to raise much needed funds for the church.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Ken, Sunday 9am Irene, 11am Janice. Bidding Prayers writer: Irene. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Deirdre & Anne, Sunday 9am Jim, Teresa & Mike, 11am Pat & A N Other.

**MISSIO** Would all Missio red box holders please bring in their boxes to be emptied and then collect them the following week from the porch. If you would like a box, please get in touch with Mary Mills on 07702 090711.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Make a note: celebrate St Columba’s feast day with a bring-a-plate international lunch at noon on June 9. Also, a healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr Roy Tablizo at 2.30pm on July 20.

**WATER THE FLOWERS** Every effort has been made to make our church look inviting, with flowers in pots thoughtfully added recently. If when attending any Mass you think the flowers are in need of watering, please feel free to do so. It will only take minutes. The two watering cans are in the middle cupboard in the hall.

**TOILETS – AGAIN!** The parish recently paid £300 to a plumber to unblock the ladies’ toilet (caused by selfish people putting nappies and other material down in spite of very clear instructions not to do so) and to mend the flush handle in the gents’ which had been – effectively – vandalised. This comes out of parish funds, i.e. the Offertory collection. Think of the money and time wasted which might have been spent on more worthwhile parish projects!

**FOOD BANK** Supplies have been depleted so there is great need for milk, cereal, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned fruit, washing powder, shampoo, pasta, soup and biscuits. Thank you for all your support

**DIVINE MERCY** There will be a recollection day at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on Saturday (the 1st) 11am to 4.30pm. All are welcome. Phone 07957 594 646 for details including coaches from London.

**PAINT PURLEY PURPLE** This campaign will be launched at the Purley Festival in September. The organisers will ‘cover’ c.70 trees and benches in purple to publicise the help and support available to cancer sufferers. If you are a knitter, they would love to hear from you! For more details visit <https://www.sechc.org.uk/>

**COVID INJECTIONS** Free at Selsdon Library on June 8 and 22, 10am to 3pm. Bring your NHS number.

**LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE VOWS** Celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to a Mass at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Family members can come too. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk giving your names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

**SHOP AND HELP ST COLUMBA’S** Thinking of buying something online? 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 you choose. Each time you buy something a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers including big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE** Abp John has issued a pastoral message on assisted dying, making clear that human life is a gift from God and as Catholics we cannot approve or support any form of assisted suicide. Read it on the diocesan website: [Archbishop John: “Every human life is to be cherished.”: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-every-human-life-is-to-be-cherished/)

**CONTACT** Could you spare an hour or two to take an elderly person to a medical appointment? Contact, which helps people in need in Selsdon and is supported by Churches Together (including us), needs volunteers for this most-valued service. Out-of-pocket expenses would be reimbursed. For details ring

020 8651 4944.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett,

Brigid Beck, John Belli, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Una Dunne, Irena Dziewulak, Eowen Egan, Bernardo, Manuel & Maria Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Joan Hammett, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh and Jacqueline Wheatley. People related to parishioners for whom we pray as well are: Patrick Acholonu, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

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

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