#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**27 OCTOBER 2024 – 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There will be a second collection today for Missio.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6

**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 10:46-52

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 27 Oct | THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Anna Sampson, RIP |
| 11am | Gilbert & Eileen MacDonald, RIP |
| Mon 28 Oct | SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Tues 29 Oct | Weekday | 10am | Reparation |
| Wed 30 Oct | Weekday | 10am | Mrs. May Corbett, RIP |
| Thurs 31 Oct | Weekday ‘All Hallows Eve’  | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 1 Nov  | **ALL SAINTS, Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation** | 10am7.30am | Michael Connor, RIPPro Populo |
| Sat 2 Nov | **ALL SOULS** | 10.30am | All the Faithful Departed |
| Sun 3 Nov | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Fr. William Sewell, RIP  |
| 11am | Hook & Fletcher families - departed souls |

* 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 at 10am.
* Confessions: Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**MONEY MATTERS** 19/20 Oct: basket £501.47 (Gift Aid £220.67), card machine £156.50 (Gift Aid £97). The collection for MISSIO amounted to £475 (Gift Aid £96), card machines £77 (Gift Aid £60). Thank you for your generosity.

**ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS** The first two days of November are a celebration of the Church Triumphant (All Saints or ‘All Hallows’: November 1) & the Church Suffering (All Souls: November 2). This Friday we celebrate the memory of all those of our relatives & friends who now rejoice in Heaven, & on Saturday the memory of those who are spending time in Purgatory prior to their entry into Heaven. November is traditionally ‘the month of the Holy Souls’ & the names of all those who have had their funerals celebrated in this parish are inscribed in books on display in the Sacred Heart Chapel for the month. One book lost during ‘Covid’ has been rediscovered in the Parish Office.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Terence David Cronin,** a parishioner here for many years, died on 12 October, aged 87. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 1100 on Monday 11 November, followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium (West Chapel) at 1.00pm.

**Joan Ellen Mills,** the mother of Richard Mills, died on 3 October, aged 95. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 1045 on Friday 15 November, followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium (East Chapel) at 1245.

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

**REPOSITORY – NEW LIFE!** A number of people have come forward to assist in the running of the repository which was threatened with closure. ‘Many hands make light work’ so, if you wish to join a new team and assist one or two days a month, then speak with either Fr. Julian or Deacon Philip, or ask Frances what is involved.

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

**WASTE MATTERS** Some good news! The firm investigating the collapsed drain under the hall lobby/entrance seem to have corrected the problem &, at present, there is no need for excavations. The hall toilets may be used as normal-& by ‘normal’ that means tissue paper **only.** If selfish individuals start to deposit nappies & the like down the toilet bowls we`ll be back where we started with even more expense. *Please treat the toilets carefully & think of others!*

 **THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND** is kindly supporting our hall refurbishment with a generous grant of £20,000 - huge thank you to them. New windows went in this week and painting continues. We started this project on 3 Sep & have come along way: new kitchen fitted in time for our ruby anniversary & new flooring at the beginning of Oct. As with all projects, hurdles have & are being jumped: the back garden needed to be cleared to allow access to insert new windows, window lintels which have dropped over time had to be put back in place to allow new windows to be installed, damaged guttering & missing/broken roof tiles replaced to prevent further damage, drainage pipes fixed & lots more….with no doubt more to come!

We thank all our tradespeople/suppliers: Howdens, TD3 Construction, 1st Glass Windows, Lee Clifford Decorating, BN Drainage, AW Electrics, Red Adams Utilities, Flawless Flooring Services and ‘you’ our parishioners for all your support.

Naturally, during this time there will be no activities scheduled in the hall, until work is completed in November.

**CAFÉ ST COLUMBA** **- AUTUMN HARVEST LUNCH** for £10! On Wednesday, 6 November at the ***Guide Hut in St. John the Divine,*** Upper Selsdon Road CR2 8DD from 10pm - 1:15pm. Serving teas, coffees & cake followed by lunches. Please bring your friends along. We will be returning to St. Columba’s church hall for 4 December.

**CAFÉ ST COLUMBA - CHRISTMAS LUNCH** on Wednesday 11 December at 12:30pm, £14 per person. Sign up now on the board in the porch if you are interested in attending. There are a few places left, so add your name(s) quickly! We will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner or you could have a vegetarian option with Christmas pudding for dessert or fresh fruit salad. Wine is included with the meal plus a welcome drink and entertainment!

**HELP ST COLUMBA’S** **BY SHOPPING ONLINE** 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 – anything – a donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from. One is Waitrose: during October they are offering a bonus to St Columba shoppers as well as donating £1,000 to five winners plus £10 for the first time you shop after signing up. Do try it.

**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.

**STUDY OUR FAITH?** That’s what the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies provides an opportunity to do. This internationally recognised qualification – captivating, inspiring and applicable – leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. Visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants is 4 November.

**MAJOR MARRIAGE PROBLEMS?** Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped talking to each other? If so, Retrouvaille may be for you. Its programme has helped thousands of couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend from November 8-10 call 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

**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, Richard Sudsbury, Sean Walsh and Jacqueline Wheatley. Others for whom we pray are: 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.

**CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** There is Mass in the chapel every Wednesday at 12 noon. All are welcome.

**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES FOR ST. COLUMBA’S** - Your Parish Safeguarding Reps (PSRs) are:

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