#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**28 JULY 2024 – 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God, who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading:** Kings: 4:42-44

**Responsorial Psalm:** You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians: 4:1-6

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

**Gospel:** John: 6:1-15

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 28 July | **17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) | Shirley Pitts, RIP |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Fr. Patrick Murtagh, RIP, Foundation Mass |
| Mon 29 July | SS. Martha, Mary & Lazarus | 10am |  |
| Tues 30 July | Weekday/St. Peter Chrysologus | 10am |  |
| Wed 31 July | St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest | 10am |  |
| Thurs 1 Aug | St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 2 Aug | St. Peter Julian Eymard | 10am | Sybil Maria Fernandes, RIP |
| Sat 3 Aug | Our Lady’s Saturday | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 4 Aug | 18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) |  |
| 9am |  |
| 11am | Frank & Eileen Kelsall (60th anniversary) |

* 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.

**COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE** It’s today (the 28th) after 11am Mass and is in aid of the Daughters of Mary & Joseph and their important work in Cameroon helping young girls avoid child marriages. Do go into the hall.

**THANK YOU, FR WILLIAM** As Fr Julian returns from his holidays next weekend, we thank Fr William, who will be leaving us at the end of the coming week, for all his good work looking after us spiritually during past weeks.

**MONEY MATTERS** July 20/21: basket £755.10 (Gift Aid £332.80), card machines £100 (Gift Aid £55). Thank you for your generosity.

**GIFT AID** Would Gift Aid members please help themselves to the remaining 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 at no cost to you. Contact Deacon Philip for more details. If you are a Gift Aid member but *not* a taxpayer it is imperative that you contact the Parish Office.

**COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS** Because so very few receive the Precious Blood at Sunday Masses, it is no longer being offered to communicants. Extraordinary eucharistic ministers will still be needed at Sunday Masses to assist with the ciboria whenever Deacon Philip is not present in the sanctuary – a new rota has been distributed.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Jouelle, Sunday 9am Gill, 11am Janice. Bidding Prayers: Anne. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: n/a.

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY** Today (the 28th) is an opportunity to celebrate the World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly. It’s a chance to show your love and appreciation and gratitude for these important members of your family, perhaps with a shared meal or a picnic or simply a visit and maybe a present or a prayer. God bless all grandparents.

**LIVING CATHOLICISM TODAY** This course at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst in Lancashire from August 1-4 will look at foundational themes for morality and the Christian life, which are central to marriage and the family. For full details visit the website <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

**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 need watering, please feel free to do so. It will only take minutes. The two watering cans are in the middle cupboard in the hall porch.

**NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE** It will take place on August 5-9 at the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. Further details can be found on www.newdawn.org.uk

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him: the dates are August 23-30. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the archdiocese. For details visit https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This coming week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 29th) at 10:45-11:45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 1st) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 2nd) from 10:30am-1:30pm (07921 124 075). All welcome.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL** 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.

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

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**AN EXTRA £308.84** That’s the latest sum raised by parishioners who decided to shop and help St Columba’s by joining [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) It applies to just about anything you buy online and costs you nothing extra. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), register (which is quick and easy) and then shop online whenever and wherever you choose. Each time you buy something, a small donation is made to St Columba’s. More than 4,000 retailers including big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s are part of the scheme. Do try it.

**MASS AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** Please note that there will be none during August.

**QUIZ NIGHT** There is one taking place at St John’s Anglican church hall in Upper Selsdon Road on September 6 at 7pm. It is being held in support of Selsdon Contact who do such good work for the local community, especially those in need. Tickets are £12.50 each including a ploughman’s supper. For more details phone 020 8651 4944.

**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, Una Dunne, Irena Dziewulak, Eowen 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, 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 and Magdalene Wong.

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