#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**30 MARCH 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

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

**Second Reading:** 2Corinthians 5:17-21

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus, I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you’. Praise and honour to you.

**Gospel:** Luke: 15:1-3, 11-32

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 30 Mar | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT***Laetare Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Patrick O`Donoghue, RIP |
| 9am | Michael Goodwin, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 31 Mar | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Tues 1 Apr | Lenten Weekday | 10am | Canon Oliver Heaney, RIP |
| Wed 2 Apr | Lenten Weekday *(St. Francis of Paola, Hermit)* | 10am | Una Dunne, RIP |
| Thurs 3 Apr | Lenten Weekday  | 10am | Muriel Hoffstetter, RIP & Peter Mah, RIP |
| Fri 4 Apr  | Lenten Weekday *(St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)* | 10am | Fr. Terence McClean-Wilson, RIP |
| Sat 5 Apr | Lenten Weekday *(St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest)* | 10.30am | Priest’s Intention |
| Sun 6 Apr | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | 6pm (Sat) | Adrian Mullen, RIP |
| 9am | Michael Goodwin, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* **There will be no exposition and adoration on Tuesday**
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.30pm
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: on Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**MONEY MATTERS** March 23/24: basket £489.30 (Gift Aid £238.10), card machines £302 (Gift Aid £217). Poor parishes: basket £505.86 (Gift Aid £292.86), card machines £47.50 (Gift Aid £45.50). Building Fund £10; Repository £2. Thank you for your generosity.

**MOTHER’S DAY COFFEE MORNING** It will be held after the 11am Mass today (the 30th). All mums as well as dads, children, families, everyone – all are invited. It will be hosted by Patsy and the children's liturgy team.

**CONFIRMATIONS** If any young member of the parish who will be 13 by September 1 would like to consider being confirmed, please speak to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip after Mass.

**SINGING FOR HOLY WEEK** If you would like to join the singing for all or part of Holy Week (Palm Sunday at 11am; Holy Thursday at 7.30pm; Good Friday at 3pm; the Easter Vigil at 8.30pm) come along to a short meeting in church directly after the 11am Mass next Sunday (the 6th). That’s even if you can only attend one of the Holy Week liturgies.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Geraldine, Sunday 9am Martin, 11am Sybille. Bidding Prayers: Alan & Kathy. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Malliga.

**HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT OUR ARCHDIOCESE** A parish meeting will take place in the hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday (the 2nd) to discuss the challenge in a consultation booklet made available by our Archbishop to all parishioners. It follows a pastoral letter from Abp John circulated at St Columba’s just before the church closed for building work. That pastoral letter was about the latest phase of *Called to Bear Fruit*, an initiative he launched in 2023. You can read more about it on the parish website. Copies of the consultation booklet can be collected at church.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA** It will be open on Wednesday (the 2nd) from 10am-1:15pm serving an array of cakes 🍰 with teas and coffees ☕️ plus lunches from 11:45am. This will be a special RED NOSE DAY cake extravaganza.  If you are unable to attend the Café and want to make a donation to help needy children and families in the UK and worldwide struggling just to live, look on the parish website.  We want to make a difference!  Thank you.

**OUR QUIZ NIGHT** St Columba's Community Group are hosting one in the hall on May 3 at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 per person and go on sale after all Masses from April 12. Come as a team of six or join in with others on the night. See the poster on the group's notice board in the porch for more details.

**CELEBRATION!** That’s going to be the theme of a get-together for the whole diocese of Southwark taking place at The Friars, Aylesford, on June 7. And you are invited. Specifically, it will celebrate the 2025 global Jubilee Year and two anniversaries. One marks 60 years of Southwark becoming an archdiocese; the other, 175 years of Southwark being a diocese. Make a date in your diary now for a visit to Aylesford, bring a picnic and join the celebration.

**FOOD BANK** Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meat/pies/puddings, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, tuna, porridge/oats and other cereals, toilet rolls, bleach and washing-up liquid. Place items in the boxes in the porch.

**SUMMER SOIREE** There is one being held to mark the 170th anniversary of St Joseph’s College, Beulah Hill. The date is July 10. Alumni, family and friends of St Joseph’s are all welcome. For details email: events@sjc.ac

**A SPONSORED WALK** It is being organised by Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon at Sanderstead Recreation Ground, Limpsfield Road, CR2 9EA starting at 10am on May 17. The distance is 1.1 miles per lap. Details: see the noticeboard.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** If you are using those provided at church for special second collections it is essential to fill in your name and address in the space provided. Otherwise the Gift Aid cannot be reclaimed.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

ROB ADAMS RIP Please keep Rob and his widow, Janet, and their family in your prayers. Rob died on March 20, aged 84. No funeral details as yet.

JEAN-CLAUDE ANTHONY RIP Remember Jean-Claude also in your prayers as well as his widow, Jacquie, and their family. Jean-Claude, who was 77, died on March 15. No funeral details as yet.

UNA DUNNE RIP:herfuneral is being held on Monday (the 31st) at 10.30am at Holy Family Church, 115 Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9LF, with the committal at 12.15pm at Croydon Crematorium West Chapel, Mitcham Road, CR9 3AT. Refreshments afterwards at Farleigh Golf Club, Old Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9PE.

BRIAN LEAHY RIP Prayers too please for Brian, who died on March 15 aged 85. His funeral will take place on April 9 at 2.30pm at Croydon Crematorium West Chapel, Mitcham Road, CR9 3AT.

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

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know so that the Croydon University Hospital Catholic chaplaincy can visit with Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. In an emergency phone CUH (020 8401 3000) and ask for the on-call Catholic chaplain to be paged, giving the sick person’s name and ward.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Maureen Coffey, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Eoin Egan, Bernardo Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Kathy Thorpe and Sean Walsh. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Isobel Barbour, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Michael Medhurst, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace and Linda & Michael Watson.

**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 issues 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.