#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**4 AUGUST 2024 – 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading:** Exodus: 16:2-4. 12-15.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians: 4:17. 20-24.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 6:24-35

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 4 Aug | **18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** | 6pm (Sat) |  |
| 9am | Pro populo |
| 11am | Frank & Eileen Kelsall (60th anniversary) |
| Mon 5 Aug | The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**Service of the Word & Holy Communion** | 10am |  |
| Tues 6 Aug | The Transfiguration of Our Lord | 10am | Geoff Turner, RIP |
| Wed 7 Aug | St. Cajetan, Priest  | 10am |  |
| Thurs 8 Aug | St. Dominic, Priest | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 9 Aug | St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein),Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe  | 10am |  |
| Sat 10 Aug | St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 11 Aug | 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 6pm (Sat) | Roy Charman, RIP (1st anniversary) |
| 9am |  |
| 11am |  |

* 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.

**FR WILLIAM WRITES…** That his time in Selsdon “has enriched my experience . . . I wish that you extend my gratitude to Deacon Philip and, indeed, all the parishioners for their support and concern. I do not take any of these for granted.” May I thank all of you for that support and concern which you displayed to him, as our guest, while I was away. Let us hope that he returns next year as well. – Fr Julian.

**CAFÉ COLUMBA ON WEDNESDAY** Don’t miss it this week (on the 7th). There will be a feast of goodies: good coffee, good cakes, good lunches, good company and good conversation from 10.30am (11.45am in the case of lunch) to 1.30pm. Every month £50 from the takings goes to support the Salvation Army foodbank.

**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 Class on Thursdays during August. However, the Art Group will be in full swing on Friday (the 9th) from 10:30am-1:30pm (more details available on 07921 124 075) – all are welcome.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Richard, Sunday 9am Mike, 11am Kathy. Bidding Prayers: Irene. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Cathy.

**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…

**MISSION TO THE POOR** Next weekend (August 10/11) there will be an appeal at all Masses given by a Spiritan priest. The mission of the Spiritan order is evangelisation of the poor, helping those whose needs are the greatest.

**MONEY MATTERS** July 28/29: basket £551.02 (Gift Aid £264.36), card machines £110 (Gift Aid £35).  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.

**CAKE SALE: RESULT!** Held after 11am Mass last week, it raised £570 plus donations to cover the £390 cost of three sewing machines. This will enable the Daughters of Mary & Joseph to continue their work in Cameroon helping young girls avoid child marriages. There are more details on the church noticeboard. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.
* September 18: a quiz and cake at 2pm, again courtesy the SCCG.
* September 22: mark the 40th anniversary of St Columba’s 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.

**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.

**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 and the new apostolic administrator for the Falkland Islands. He discusses the Synod and looks ahead to a mini National Eucharistic Congress that will be held on 14-15 September. The podcast concludes with an interview with David Evans, the lead bishop for Marriage and Family Life, looking at the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly that took place on 28 July. Visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/eucharist-to-service-episode-23/>

**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, Eowen 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 and Magdalene Wong.

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