# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**5 JANUARY 2025 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading:** Isaiah: 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Communion Antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 5 Jan | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  Solemnity (transferred) | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Pro Populo |
| 11am | Bridget Madden, RIP |
| Mon 6 Jan | Christmastide Weekday | 10am | Alfred Leung & Anthea Tang |
| Tues 7 Jan | St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest | 10am | Peter Conneely, RIP |
| Wed 8 Jan | Christmastide Weekday | 10am | November Dead List |
| Thurs 9 Jan | Christmastide Weekday | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 10 Jan | Christmastide Weekday | 10am | Consolation of Sudsbury Family |
| Sat 11 Jan | Christmastide Weekday | 10.30am | Mary & Liam Brophy |
| Sun 12 Jan | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | 6pm (Sat) | Pro Populo |
| 9am | Bartholomew Ramos |
| 11am | Rita Slevin |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am.
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition & 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 the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.

**MONEY MATTERS** The collection for 15 December amounted to £565.58 (£253.31 Gift Aided). The collection for 22 December amounted to £631.25 (£303 Gift Aided. The Christmas Offering for Fr. Julian amounted to £2,355.10, of which £766 was Gift Aided. The collection for 29 December amounted to £525.66, £214.20 of which was Gift Aided.

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN`S SOCIETY** As the crib will shortly have to be dismantled (owing to work beginning in the church) today is the last day to make any crib offerings to the CCS. Thank you.

**FR JULIAN: THANK YOU** “I would like to express my thanks to all parishioners for the generous Christmas offering and the many cards and gifts that I received over Christmas. Thank you very much!”

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** This Sunday is the final opportunity to collect an application form after Mass; the forms must be returned, in person, to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip by next Sunday (the 12th) at the latest.

**MASS INTENTIONS: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT** It is likely that the church will be closed for several weeks from 13 January. This will involve suspending the celebration of Mass. If you have made a donation towards a Mass intention there are two options: *either* it can be refunded (contact the parish office – see the head of this newsletter) *or* the intention will be offered when the church reopens. They will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

**COFFEE MORNING** In the hall after 9am Mass today (Sunday) courtesy the Community & Social Group.

**READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITERS & A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FOR JANUARY 11/12** Readers: Saturday 6pm Ken. Sunday 9am Gill. 11am Beatrice. Bidding Prayers: Irene. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Maria.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY** A seminar on this shocking issue will be held at St Mary’s RC Church, 70 Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR0 2AR on 29 January from 6.30-8.30pm. The evening will focus on the work of the Santa Marta Group and how the Church is working to combat these crimes and support victims. All welcome.

**OUR REPOSITORY** Please support our shop at the back of the church: there you can buy diaries and children's books. Available throughout the year are Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Mass intention and sympathy cards plus others. Also available are rosaries, missals and CTS booklets and other items.

**HELP ST COLUMBA’S** **BY SHOPPING ONLINE** Buying something online? Anything? If so you can help St Columba’s at no cost to yourself. Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) and register (which is quick and easy). Then shop online wherever and whenever you choose. Each time you then buy anything online (after clicking on the easyfundraising link), a donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from.

**NEW ROTAS** These have been emailed to all involved and cover eucharistic ministers for the 9am Sunday Mass and Bidding Prayers writers, both starting on January 5. If you have not received a copy, please let Deacon Philip know.

There are copies of both rotas on the parish noticeboard and in the parish website.

**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.

**PATIENTS IN NEED** The chaplaincy and spiritual care team charity at Croydon University Hospital does wonderful work helping and supporting patients and their families. It all needs financing of course. If you would like to help – and they need it – send a cheque to: Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Team, CUH, 530 London Rd, CR7 7YE.

**WORD ON FIRE** Join Bp Robert Barron and thousands of Catholics from across the UK for a Bible conference, Evangelisation & Culture:The Bible at the Excel Centre in East London on February 21-22. Other speakers include N.T. Wright and Professor Tracey Rowland. More information: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

**TELEPHONE CALLS** If you leave a message with a phone number on the parish office answerphone it is vital to speak clearly, slowly and distinctly. Too many numbers are gabbled. Then it becomes impossible to return the call.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you or a family member are being admitted, let Fr Julian or Deacon Philip know so that, while in hospital, you are visited and receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE** This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**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, Marion de 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, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh and Jacqueline Wheatley. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Isobel Barbour, 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.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei [email selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:email%20selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Richard Mills E: [selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Clare Morgado E: [selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) and Patsy McFarlane E: [selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto: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 issue 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.