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# St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**5 MAY 2024 – SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles: 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

**Second Reading**: 1 John: 4:7-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 15:9-17

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 5 May | **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** | 6pm (Sat) | Charles, Sarah, Sven & Lloyd: cancer healing | |
| 9am | Jesus Malenab | |
| 11am | Pro Populo | |
| Mon 6 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Vera Warren, RIP | |
| Tues 7 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Margaret Hamilton-Brown, RIP | |
| Wed 8 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10am | Aaron d’Souza, well-being | |
| Thurs 9 May | **THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**  **Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation** | 10am  7.30pm | Pro Populo  Sister with life-threatening disease | |
| Fri 10 May | Eastertide Weekday | **12 noon** | **Requiem: Anne Pendry** | |
| Sat 11 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10.30am | Priest’s intention | |
| Sun 12 May | **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  *World Communications Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Alice Barclay & family, well-being | |
| 9am | Pro Populo | |
| 11am | Colm Staunton, RIP | |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am). Tuesday’s Mass is followed by Exposition and Adoration until 11am. Friday’s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday mornings at 10am.
* Confessions: every Saturday after morning Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm.
* Thursday is Ascension Day, a Holyday of Obligation: there will be Masses at 10am and 7.30pm.
* There will be no 10am Mass on Friday as the Requiem for Anne Pendry will be at 12 noon

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** April 27/28: basket £448.78 (Gift Aid £172.80), card machines £142.50 (Gift Aid £102.50); St George's Cathedral – basket £269.63 (Gift Aid £118.86), card machines £53 (Gift Aid £53). Standing orders for April £2,665.67 (Gift Aid £2,433.67). Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday, World Communications Day, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network which helps to promote the Gospel through the media and develops the public profile of the Church and its teaching.

**BIBLE STUDY** It will resume on Wednesday (the 8th) at 10.30 continuing with ‘The Prophets’, notably Jeremiah.

**SPRING WALK** Organised by Churches Together, it will be held on 11th May over a five-mile circular route around the Darent Valley in Kent. Meet at 10.30am in the car park at Otford (TN14 5PG). More details: 07799 108 720.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Readers: Saturday 6pm Richard, Sunday 9am Martin, 11am Beatrice. Bidding Prayers writer: Martin. Eucharistic ministers: Saturday 6pm Ginny & Deirdre, Sunday 9am Mike, Roger & Richard, 11am Vivien & Pat

**SUMMER FAYRE** It will be held on 2nd June, 10am to 1pm. There is a box in the church porch for donations towards this fundraising event raising funds for St. Columba’s church maintenance. Needed are: bottles, plants, jewellery, bric’a’brac (in very good condition), cosmetics and raffle prizes (all sorts). Please give generously and well before the date. Cakes will be requested the weekend before with a pledge list.

**GIFT AID** New boxes are now available in church for collection. Would Gift Aid members please help themselves. If you are a taxpayer and haven’t yet signed up for Gift Aid, why not do so? It provides extra income for the parish at no cost to you. For example, give £10 to St Columba’s and an extra £2.50 is received. Contact Deacon Philip for more details.

**CONFIRMATIONS** Application forms are available for this course until next Sunday. Candidates (who must have attained their 13th. birthday by September 1st 2024) are invited to approach Fr Julian for a form. These forms are given to candidates only, who must be regular attenders at one of our Sunday Masses.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Note that all Sunday and weekday Masses are now fully booked until the beginning of July.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Fr Barry Hughes,** our parish priest from 2007 to 2012, died on Maundy Thursday. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Michael & All Angels, 370 Crofton Rd., Farnborough, BR6 8NN on 13th May at 12 noon. If you are attending, please let the parish priest, Fr Alan, know in advance: 01689 851 776. He would welcome readers for the Mass. The cremation will be at Bluebell Cemetery, Old London Rd., Halstead, TN14 7AE at 1.45pm.

**Anne Pendry** died on 14th April, aged 66. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday (the 10th) at 12 noon, followed by interment at Greenlawn Cemetery at 2pm.

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

**PARISH ACTIVITIES** This week we have Gill’s Keep Fit on Monday (the 6th) at 10.45-11.45am (020 8651 4076); Sue’s Yoga Class on Thursday (the 9th) at 7-8pm (suenelligan@yahoo.co.uk); and the Art Group on Friday (the 10th) at 10.30am-1.30pm (020 8651 0863). Newcomers and beginners are all welcome.

**FOOD BANK** Supplies have been depleted so there is great need for milk, cereal, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned fruit, washing powder, shampoo, pasta, soup and biscuits. Thank you for all your support

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Make a note: celebrate St Columba’s feast day with a bring-a-plate international lunch at noon on June 9th. Also, a healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr Roy Tablizo at 2.30pm on July 20th.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS** Celebrated in honour of St Joseph the Worker, it will be held tomorrow (the 6th) at St George's Cathedral at 12.30pm. Do come early and in national dress if you wish to join the banner procession at 12.15pm. The Mass is in celebration of all the people who live, work and contribute to life across London.

**DIVINE MERCY** There will be a recollection day at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on 1st June from 11am to 4.30pm. All are welcome. Phone 07957 594 646 for the itinerary and details including coaches from London.

**ST PHILOMENA’S** is seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant and Exam Invigilator. Further details available on the school website https://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies.

**SHOP AND HELP ST COLUMBA’S** Thinking of buying something online? 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 you choose. Each time you buy something a small donation is made to St Columba’s. There are more than 4,000 retailers including big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury’s. Do try it.

**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, Eowen Egan, Bernardo, Manuel & Maria Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Joan Hammett, Prema Meeweller, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Vivian Okehie, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Sean Walsh, Jacqueline Wheatley and Elizabeth Williamson. People related to parishioners for whom we pray as well are: Patrick Acholonu, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Mike Goodwin, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson and Magdalene Wong.

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

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