#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**8 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS** There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Second Reading:** St James 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams; so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 8 Sept | 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*Education Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Margarette Moore, RIP |
| 9am | Mary, Seamus & Winifred Guckian, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 9 Sept | St. Peter Claver, Priest | 10am |  |
| Tues 10 Sept | Weekday | 10am |  |
| Wed 11 Sept | Weekday | 10am |  |
| Thurs 12 Sept | The Most Holy Name of Mary | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 13 Sept | St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, etc. | 10am |  |
| Sat 14 Sept | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**DEDICATION OF ST COLUMBA’S** **(40th Anniversary)** | 10.30am | Priest`s Intention |
| Sun 15 Sept | 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR*Home Mission Sunday* | 6pm (Sat) | Pat & Kevin Taylor – well-being |
| 9am | Sean Walsh [SVP] |
| 11am | Pro Populo |

* 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.

**MONEY MATTERS** 31 August/1 September: basket £502.38 (Gift Aid £248.44), card machines £130 (Gift Aid £75). Thank you for your generosity. Today’s second collection is for the Catholic Education Service which is the chief negotiating and advisory body on Catholic education. It also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools, with over 2,000 such schools, academies and colleges in England & Wales educating over 800,000 children. Next Sunday – Home Mission Sunday – there will be a second collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization which supports the efforts to assist the spread of the Gospel in this country.

**CONFIRMATION** All sponsor forms for candidates need to be returned, in person to Fr Julian or Deacon Philip, by today (the 8th). The introduction to the course takes place on Tuesday (the 10th) at 7pm for all candidates and their parents/guardians, followed by a parents/guardians session on Wednesday (the 11th) at 7pm. Both sessions take place in the hall. Further details of the course will be announced at the introductory session.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers: Saturday 6pm Sita. Sunday 9am Irene, 11am Manfred. Bidding Prayers: Marlene. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Maria.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** It restarts today (the 8th)at the 11am Mass and all small children are welcome.

**DEDICATION OF ST COLUMBA`S** Our parish dates back to 1927 when the present hall was used for the celebration of Mass but the present church was opened and the parish founded in 1962. Abp Michael Bowen formally dedicated (or consecrated) the church for public worship on 14 September, 1984 (the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross), although it had already been open for more than 20 years. This year is the ruby (40th) anniversary of that dedication and on Sunday the 22nd we shall welcome Abp John Wilson to celebrate at the 11am Mass. Do come along.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If anyone would like Mass said for any intention please complete one of the small brown envelopes that are near the entrance doors of the church. The recommended donation is £10; it is useful to provide your telephone number so that, should your preferred date/time not be available, the parish office can call you.

**NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING** In spring this year, we applied to the National Lottery Community Fund for help in refurbing our hall which is used for various church and wider-community activities. We are delighted to let you know we were successful and two weeks ago we received the funding of nearly £20,000. Huge thanks to all involved.

**HALL & CHURCH REFURBISHMENT** In the hall, work has already started on the new kitchen and soon there will be a new floor, new windows and redecoration. It is hoped that replacement of the ceiling tiles in the church will be given the ‘green light’ by the diocese tomorrow (the 9th). This will be a very disruptive time – especially with the kitchen out of action for some time – but it is clear that matters needed improving, especially with the ceiling in the church which will now be insulated, and disruption is inevitable. Look out for announcements about the works during coming weeks.

**SIGN UP FOR THE CELEBRATION** There is a pledge-sheet on the noticeboard in the church porch for the buffet after the 11am Mass on September 22 celebrating St Columba’s 40th anniversary and Abp John’s visit. Please add your name and item, bringing the food with you in the morning of the 22nd. Thank you.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES: BE WARNED** Due to the hall refurb, activities will be disrupted during September and October. So please check with the various group leads directly for updates. There will be no Café Columba this coming Wednesday (the 11th). Thank you for your understanding during this exciting time for us all. These upcoming events may be affected:

* September 18: a quiz and cake at 2pm, courtesy the St Columba’s Community Group.
* 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. Again courtesy SCCG.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL** 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 all for your support.

**QUIET MORNING** It’s an opportunity to step aside for a short time to reflect and pray. The date is September 21; time, 10-12noon; venue, the beautiful and ancient church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin in Addington Village.

**SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING** This annual service for those who have been harmed and those who work with/support them is on 25 September at 6.30pm in St George’s Cathedral, SE1 7HY. All are invited to tie a ribbon to their ‘LoudFence’ as a sign of solidarity, care and hope.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Rob Adams, Jean-Claude Anthony, Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, Florinda & Simon Cardoso, Maureen Coffey, Terry Cronin, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Richard Sudsbury, Irena Dziewulak, Eoin 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 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, Magdalene Wong.

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

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