



# ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

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### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 23	6.00pm	All Volunteers
	Vigil Mass	
3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY (C)	09.00 am	Fr Patrick UDOTAI (travelling mercies)
	10.30 am	Anthon RAJESWARY & Parents (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Brent DENT (RIP)
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 24	8:30 am	Vera BRUCE-MITFORD (RIP)
St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Dr	10:00am	Anna, Monika, Lucia & Swalek (Private Intentions)
Tues 25	8:30 am	For the Homeless and those seeking asylum
The conversion of St Paul the Apostle	10.00 am	Colin & Delfina MONTEIRO (Thanksgiving)
Wed 26	8:30 am	All Fathers around the World
St Timothy & Titus	10.0am	Jean HILTON
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 27	10 am	Peter HARGREAVES (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Feria		
Fri 28	10 am	Rajanayagam LOUIS (3 <sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary)
St Thomas Aquinas	1030 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 29	10 am	Allan ROOKE (Thanksgiving)
Feria	1030 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030 am-11.15 am	Confession
	5.15 pm- 5:45 pm	Confession
	6 pm	Priscilla DUAH (Birthday Thanksgiving)

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

1. Those who died recently: .... and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace.
2. The sick, the isolated, and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community:

Jackie Van Elswick, Rosemary Day, David Uzor, John Strentz, Anne Jagelman, Susie King, Doreen Charlish, Kosenat Tetteh, Mary Scott, Margaret O'Flaherty, Luke DuCasse, B.Novicki, Brenda Kavanagh, Monir Jacob, Alex Coffey, Eddie Hamilton, Frank Kinsella, Guy Saide, Theresa Mittcosbe, Maggie Deleaney, Cynthia Lobendhan

#### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We pray that all Christians may unite as one family and the earth as one home, so that we may live together in perfect harmony. Amen

## PARISH NOTICES

### FOOD LADDER

The Food Ladder will be opened on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 between 11:30 am- 12:30 pm in the Wardroom. Kindly inform anyone in need of food.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

A Mass would be celebrated for the 2022 FHC Candidates on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10 am in the church.

### YOUNG ADULT TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and Coffee for next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 will be hosted by the Young Adults. Please come and share in their joy and make new friends.

### CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation Mass has been rescheduled to **Sunday 8th May 2022 at 2 pm**. Apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

The 2022 Catholic Directories are available at the foyers of the church. £4 a copy thank you

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are registering new members for Eucharistic Ministers. This will run through the whole of February 2022. Interested parishioners should please send their details to [wallington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk) or kindly drop them in the office letterbox.

Candidates must be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals.

### RCIA COURSE

The RCIA course is on every Tuesday from 7.00 pm -8:30 pm in the Maurice Reaney Hall. This will run weekly till Easter

### PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

The collection of plastic milk bottle tops is back! Kindly leave your bottle tops in a box underneath the stairs at the entrance of the church. Thank you

### ALL ABOUT RECHECKS!

As activities resume, we must ensure that all returning and new volunteers who require a DBS, have a current check that has been issued within 3 years or are signed up to the update service. Parish activities that require DBS are Eucharistic Minister, FHC & Confirmation Catechist, Safeguarding Representatives, and Group Leaders leading children and vulnerable groups.

All parishioners who opted to support the church in various activities must complete an online Reference Form that will enable the Team Leaders to prepare a rota. Kindly check your emails and spam folders.

### PARISH HALLS

The Parish Hall is back in operation! All interested persons who would like to book the Halls for various activities are welcomed! Please visit our website page and book online or call the Office for further enquiries.

### BAPTISM

Application Forms are now available online -this can be found under Sacrament. Please read the Baptism guide before completing the form. Thank you

### GIFT AID BOXES

Gift Aid Boxes for the period June 2021 to May 2022 is now available for collection from the porch at the exit of the Church.

If you wish to join our Gift Aid scheme (and increase your contribution by agreeing to us claiming back the tax you have paid on your contribution), please complete the [DONATION DECLARATION](#) form available on the table at the back of the church and drop the completed form in the box that is immediate to the right of the exit to the church.

While Gift Aid boxes are available to those who require them, we encourage parishioners to donate using standing order (a regular transaction directly between your bank and the Church's account).

If you would like to make your donations using standing order (whether as part of the Gift Aid scheme or not), please complete the [DONATION DECLARATION](#) form available on the table at the back of the church and drop the completed form in the box that is immediate to the right of the exit to the church (this will let us know that you will be donating via Standing order and whether we should consider the donation for Gift Aid purposes or not). Additionally, please take a [STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION](#) and either arrange the Standing Order via online banking (using the details in the Standing order Instruction) or complete the Standing order Instruction and hand it in to your Bank who will set it up for you. Thank you for your generosity.

### Parish and CAFOD.

#### New Year's Resolution – Volunteer in the Parish

Our parish needs you. A vital aspect of a church is people willingness to bring their talents, experience and energy to our various ministries and activities. Could your New Year's resolution be getting involved in our parish life? This can be very fulfilling and help build our community. We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, Children Liturgy, Reader, Bidding Prayer etc

#### Also, you could support CAFOD by giving some time:

- **In our parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work in the parish to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- **In our local schools** – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience is necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

If you'd like to know more about volunteering for CAFOD, please get in touch with Celeste or Sarah at

[southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) or tel: 07825 734 390 / 07775 704546

**Covid-19 Omicron variant - Guidance for Churches**

Concerning the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face-covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab, when able, is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick, and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

We have been informed that there is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.

Due to COVID, Altar Servers are not able to share Albs. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange the collection of an Alb for your child's sole use while they are Altar Servers. The Alb should be thoroughly washed (and ironed) before they are used.

**FACE MASK**

In accordance with the Prime Minister's 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 announcement, all Parishioners are requested to wear a face mask when entering the Church and while in the Church.

**HAND SANITISER**

To control the spread of COVID, please sanitise your hands before entering and leaving the Church and avoid touching surfaces while in the Church. Hand sanitisers are available at the Church premises.

**OTHER NOTICES**

**Pope Francis** has convoked a Synod on Synodality spanning between October 2021 to October 2023 with the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." For more information, read:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-09/the-synod...>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/248897/vatican-releases-synod.>

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/cti\\_documents/...](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/cti_documents/...)

**WHAT IS PACT?**

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more, please email [marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk) or call Marie at Pact on 07581 194907 Online Workshop: Part 1 - 29th January 2022 - 10 am-1 pm Online Workshop: Part 2 - 5th February 2022 – 10 am-1 pm (N.B. Part 2 is a continuation of the first session) In-Person Workshop: 12th March 2022, 10 am – 4 pm Venue: Amigo Hall, situated next to St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London, SE1 6HR

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