



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

30th January 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 30	6.00pm	Priscilla DUAH (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	Vigil Mass	
4 th SUNDAY (C)	09.00 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
	10.30 am	Omenna EDO-OKE (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Mrs Agatha AIKINS (90 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 31	8:30 am	The Parish Pastoral Council (God's wisdom & guidance)
St John Bosco, Priest, Memorial		Ivy DAVY(RIP)
	10:00am	
Tues 1	8:30 am	Mary Cecilia O'CONNELL (RIP)
St Henry Morse martyred	10.00 am	Nino GOMEZ (RIP)
Wed 2	8:30 am	Repose of the Soul of Oliver HONAN
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	10.0am	James KELLY (RIP)
(Candlemas)	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 3	10 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop		
Fri 4	10 am	Joe & Theresa JOSEPH (Good Estate)
Feria	1030 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 5	10 am	Ralph Charles & Mary Clare MATTHEW (RIP)
St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	1030 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030 am-11.15 am	Confession
	5.15 pm- 5:45 pm	Confession
	6 pm	Una O'SHEA (RIP)

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 Delaney, Cynthia Lobendhan

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Together as a family, we present ourselves during this of the Presentation of the Lord, that we may be cleansed and made whole, renewed in zeal for service and generosity to love one another. Amen

PARISH NOTICES

SUPPLY PRIEST

Fr Patrick is away for a month. During his absence, we will be having supply priests to assist Fr Gerard. Bishop Paul Hendricks -February 6th & 20th (9 am & 10:30 am Mass), Fr Dominic- February 13th (10:30 am & 12 noon Mass) & Fr Joe Edem- February 27th (10:30 am & 12 noon Mass). We wish Fr Patrick a safe trip to Nigeria!

COVID-19 UPDATES: The Bishops' Conference has updated some vital information on Public Worship to be put into practice in the Church. Kindly pick up a copy at the Church foyers or check the link on the website.

FOOD LARDER

The Food Larder will be opened this Sunday and every last Sunday of the month between 11:30 am- 11:30 pm in the Wardroom. Kindly inform anyone in need of food.

YOUNG ADULT TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and Coffee will be hosted by the Young Adults this Sunday. 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.

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 or kindly drop them in the office letterbox.

Candidates must be practising 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, you will be highlighting CAFOD's work** 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 or tel: 07825 734 390 / 07775 704546

WORSHIPPING WITHIN COVID RESTRICTIONS

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 31st 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/...

WHAT IS PACT?

PACT is the national Catholic charity supporting people affected by imprisonment. Our mission is to support prisoners and their families in making a fresh start and to minimise the harm caused by imprisonment. Research shows that keeping families together helps to reduce re-offending rates by 39%. Volunteers are vitally important to all our support services. Pact is a registered charity: - charity number: 219278 Registered Office: 29 Peckham Road, Peckham, London, SE5 8UA www.prisonadvice.org.uk Would you like to put your faith into action by reaching out in a practical way to some of the most socially disadvantaged people in our community? If so, Pact's JustPeople workshops may be for you. Our workshops offer an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching, through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. They are accessible both online and in person. To book your place at one of these workshops please click here. To find out

more, please email 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

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

LONDON CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

February 2022

www.catholichistorywalks.com

Monday Feb 7th meet 6 pm Corpus Christi Church Maiden Lane London WC2E 2NB. We'll explore The Strand, and Covent Garden and head towards Smithfield and St Paul's Cathedral.

Wednesday February 16th meeting at 6 pm at The Monument Fish Street Hill London EC2R 8AH. Nearest tube: MONUMENT London We'll learn about the Great Fire and walk along the river to the Tower of London.

Friday February 18th meet 3 pm (note time) steps of St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD. We'll walk to Smithfield and then down Fleet Street to St Bride's church, with its crypt telling the story of Roman and Saxon London.

Sunday February 20th Meet 3 pm main gate, St Mary's University, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Nearest tube: Strawberry Hill. We'll discover the story of St Mary's and walk along the river to Richmond.

The walks are led by Joanna Bogle, historian and author. No need to book, just turn up! We suggest a donation of £5.00p. Children should be accompanied by an adult with responsibility for them.

Each Walk lasts 1-2 hours, but of course, people can leave at any time, and we are always within reach of a bus, Tube or railway station. Wear suitable clothing and shoes – we walk whatever the weather!

We are happy to organise specific walks for groups or schools. Contact us on catholichistorywalks@gmail.com

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A parishioner is searching for a two-bedroom apartment to rent. Kindly inform the office if you have one to offer. Thank you