



# ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

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## The Federation of St Elphege's & Regina Caeli Catholic Schools:

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## MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 6	6.00pm	Prayer for all Volunteers in the Parish
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)	09.00 am	U.C.M
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection today	10.30 am	Mary Josephine O'GORMAN (RIP)
Poor Parishes	12.00 noon	Michael McGOWAN (RIP)
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 7	8:30 am	Francesca RODRIGUES (RIP)
Feria	10:00am	Emily Joan HASKOLL (RIP)
Tue 8	8:30 am	John & Asma JACOB (RIP)
Feria	10.00 am	Maya DOSIEGH (Thanksgiving)
Wed 9	8:30 am	Jammie Simons(Good Estate) & Maggie Delaney
Feria	10.0am	Cyril MONTEIRO
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Thu 10	10 am	Frances & Mary DALE MATTHEW(RIP)
Feria		
Fri 11	10 am	Ralph CHARLES & Mary Clare MATTHEW (RIP)
Feria	10.30 am-Noon	Stations of the Cross
Sat 12	10 am	Mandy & Ann Marie Coyle (Private Intentions) & Jerry Doherty (Good Estate)
Feria	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.30 am-11.15 am	Confession
	5.15 pm- 5:45 pm	Confession
	6 pm	Philomena & Ivan D'CRUZ (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

We pray for Peers in Parliament as they are faced with increased pressure to make at-home abortions permanent. That they would have strength to resist these pressures, and instead prioritise the safety and wellbeing of women and the lives of unborn babies, by ending this dangerous policy. Lord hear us" Amen

## FEBRUARY 2022 COLLECTION

LOOSE CASH: £ 1,581.93

GIFT AID: £ 696.35

STANDING ORDER: £2,971.50

TOTAL: £ 5,249.78

CAFOD : £ 50.50

REPOSITORY: £136.34

## PARISH NOTICES

### LENT 2022

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - every **Wednesday** at **7.30 pm** and every **Friday** after morning Mass.

**ADORATION** – Saturday after morning mass.

**CONFESSIONS:** The Priests will be available for Confessions immediately after Morning Mass on request. The Saturday Morning (10. 30 am to 11, 30 am) and Saturday Evening (5. 15 pm to 5: 45 pm) still stand.

### LAST WEEK'S 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION (RETIRED CLERGY SUPPORT FUND)

We would like to express our gratitude to the volunteers who offered to give a speech on behalf of the parish. Total collection received so far **£ 1,809**. Thank you all for your generosity.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN/PARENTS

This is an opportunity to guide the children to share in the Lenten Penance and experience the Passion of Christ in the own little ways. This is scheduled on the **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022** at **6pm** in the church. Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children. There is no age limit.

### TEA & COFFEE

You are all invited to have Tea & Coffee every Sunday after the 10.30 am Mass in the Maurice Reaney Hall and every Tuesday after the 10 am Mass in the Wardroom.

### A new and exciting opportunity to serve your parish - Parish Leads

Parish Leads will be key members of their parish community who have accepted their Parish Priest's request to be a principal point of contact in their parish for either **Evangelisation** (proclaiming Christ and his gospel by word and example), **Catechesis** (handing on the faith to children and young people) or **Adult Formation** (supporting continuing growth and development in the faith).

To find out more, you are warmly invited to attend a short presentation on either **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8:15 pm** (straight after the Ash Wednesday Mass), or **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00 pm**, in the parish centre, **Holy Cross Church, Carshalton**.

Please email Kathy saying which meeting you plan to attend: [edmsutton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edmsutton@rcaos.org.uk)

Further information can also be found on the diocesan website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds-lead>

### 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.

### 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 to your Bank who will set it up for you. Thank you for your generosity.

## WORSHIPING 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.

People who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry that involves ministry to the housebound, sick, and vulnerable should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe. 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

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from **8th to 10th April 2022** at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

### HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

An HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes is unlike any other and can bring healing to those who are troubled, and a great reward to those who provide the practical, physical, and social help needed to support the care needs of the Group.

Fr Luke's 2022 HCPT Group is hoping to travel in October this year, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. We invite elderly or disabled people or children, to join us in our pilgrimage to Lourdes. We also need able-bodied helpers, both male and female, to give a week of their time to assist us with the Group, and there are many different positions to be filled. It is a great opportunity to find out the role that the disabled can play, in showing us the way to Christ. The Pilgrimage week is very special and always leaves us feeling inspired, and uplifted. Please see your church notice board for further information or go to the HCPT website [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk) and look for Summer Pilgrimages.

The annual Reunion of the Group will be held at Holy Family Church, Sorrento Road, Sutton Green SM1 1QT, starting with Mass at 2:00 pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Anyone who has been to Lourdes with us before or interested in making a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year is invited to come.

To find out more, please contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768080537), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265), or Father Luke (020 8642 3863).

**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?

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](http://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](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

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair-accessible rooms. Single room supplements £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## ADVERTISEMENT

### Travel Instructions : Covid requirements

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**In light of the pandemic, we are temporarily adopting a policy of NO VACCINE = NO BOOKING.**

Pilgrimages will be accompanied by our member of staff to make sure the facility we provide (hotels, transports and excursions) are up to your expectations and all necessary safety protocols are properly followed by our associates. There will be a routine temperature check by our staff member during the pilgrimage. Gloves, masks and sanitiser will be provided free of charge.

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#### General requirements to join our pilgrimages

- 1.) Pilgrims must be fully vaccinated and are able to proof the status of their vaccination. Preferably via the NHS App on their mobile phones.
- 2.) Pilgrims agree to have an appropriate cover (Travel Insurance) at the time of their booking. SPP does not sell/publicise insurance products at present.
- 3.) Pilgrims confirm that they will comply with the local and national restrictions of the country they are visiting, such as wearing of face masks, arrival test etc...
- 4.) Pilgrims confirm that if required they are willing to pay for the costs of the tests (pre-departure / arrivals). St Peter's Pilgrimages will arrange necessary bookings if requested and the NET costs will be passed on to the pilgrims.
- 5.) Pilgrims agree to have a Lateral Flow Test during the pilgrimage if we had a reasonable doubt they may have contracted the virus.

#### Specific requirements

We will advise you at the time of your booking whether there's any specific requirements for UK travellers. At the time of publishing this brochure, UK pilgrims are able to travel to most countries as long as they are fully vaccinated.



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## Pilgrimages



## 2022

with **Camino de Santiago**  
de Compostela





## The HOLY LAND from £1290

Our pilgrimages to the Holy Land follows in the Footsteps of Our Lord from the Sea of Galilee to Mt Tabor, Nazareth to Bethlehem, His birth place and we venerate at our Lord's Stations of the Cross to the Holy Sepulchre.

**Departure Dates 2022 :** 23 Sept, 22 Oct, 14 Oct,  
28 Oct, 18 Nov, 21 Nov

## Lourdes Pilgrimage from £420

Lourdes is a heaven on earth. Our pilgrims return each year to experience the Blessed moments with Our Lady. While in Lourdes, you are invited to join in prayer at the Adoration, Rosary at the Grotto, Reconciliation, Procession etc...

**Departure Dates 2022 :** 14 Apr [Easter] 27 May, 6 June,  
29 July, 13 Aug, 26 Aug,  
6 Sept, 21 Oct

## Other Pilgrimages 2022

Lourdes at Easter	> 14 April / 5 Days / £420
Fatima & Lisbon	> 11 May / 5 Days / £580
Krakow Divine Mercy	> 28 May / 6 Days / £680
CAMINO de Santiago	> 25 June / 6 Days / £580
Medjugorje & Split	> 26 Apr / 8 Days / £580
Greece [Thessaloniki - Athens]	> 25 June / 6 Days / £780
The Holy Land & Jordan	> 14 Oct / 10 Days / £1790



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# Lourdes & Paris

5 Days Easter Holy Week // by Coach // from £420

**Easter Holy Week : 14 - 18 April 2022**

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**11:30am from**  
**Westminster Cathedral**

**Accommodation**  
**Hotel Jeanne D'Arc\*\*\***  
**on full board**

**Deposit required**  
**£100 per person**

**Package Price**  
**£420 per adult**

## **Privately chartered coach from London - Lourdes - London**

Depart at **11:30am** from Westminster Cathedral

Return about 8:00pm to West Drayton and Victoria, London.

### **Day 1 - Maundy Thursday, 14 Apr [London - Lourdes]**

Pilgrims are advised to assemble at 10:00am for Mass. The coach departs at 11:30am from Westminster Cathedral, Victoria. We travel overnight to Lourdes with comfort stops en-route.

### **Day 2 - Good Friday, 15 Apr [Guided tour & Mass]**

Arrive in Lourdes about 7:00am. The morning is free for you to queue up for the Baths/Water Gesture. After lunch at the hotel, join us for an introductory tour of the Shrines. Passion of Christ at 3:00pm, followed by a group photograph. Stations of the Cross in the evening. [lunch & dinner]

### **Day 3 - Holy Saturday, 16 Apr [Full day in Lourdes]**

Today is free for your leisure or private prayers. There's no procession or Mass. The Baths may be open depending on availability of volunteers. Optional excursion to Spain. If you'd like to go, please sign up with the group leader. [full board]

### **Day 4 - Easter Sunday, 17 Apr [Lourdes - Paris]**

Con-celebrated Sunday Mass followed by a group photo. Eucharistic Procession and Blessing of the Sick at 5:00pm. After dinner at the hotel we prepare to depart for Calais at 9:00pm. [full board]

### **Day 5 - Easter Monday, 18 Apr [Paris - London]**

Arrive in Paris early in the morning. Attend Mass at the chapel of the Miraculous Medal, Rue du Bac. Continue our journey to Calais for our return ferry to London. We expect to arrive in London Victoria about 8:00pm.

**Included:** Return coach transports, 2 nights accommodation, meals as stated, guided tours, a daily pilgrimage programme.

**Extras:** Any Covid Tests (if required), Travel insurance premium, single room supplement (£30/night), snacks & drinks, gratuities/tips, any other costs of a personal nature.

**Air Option:** If you are unable to join us on our coach, we will help you to arrange return flights, airport transfers in France so that you can join our group in Lourdes. Please contact us for a separate quote and travel arrangements.



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