



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

10TH APRIL 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 10	6.00pm	People of the Parish
	Vigil Mass	
PALM SUNDAY (C)	09.00 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
(HOLY WEEK)	10.30 am	Pat BANKS (Private Intentions)
	12.00 noon	Candidates for Sacraments of Initiation
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 11	8:30 am	Robert POWDERHAM (RIP)
Feria	10:00am	Peace in the World
Tue 12	8:30 am	God's guidance and protection for all
Feria	10.00 am	Frances & Mary Ellen DALE (RIP)
Wed 13	NO MASS	<i>Chrism Mass at Southwark Cathedral (11.30 am)</i>
Feria	7.30 pm (Mass)	People of the Parish
Thu 14	7.30 pm	Eileen GOELAN (90 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
Maundy Thursday	Mass of Last Supper	Adoration/Watching with the Lord till Midnight
Fri 15	10.00 am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
GOOD FRIDAY	3.00 pm	PASSION OF THE LORD
Sat 16	NO MASS	
HOLY SATURDAY	7.30 pm Easter Vigil	Louis RAJANAYAGAM (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, Terry Harper

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Precious Blood, you have saved and redeemed all who have died trusting your promises. Now keep us steadfast in the faith, patient in suffering, generous in service and love in fellowship. As we journey with you this Holy Week draw all people to yourself and bestow upon all the redeemed the fullness of your forgiveness, blessing, and eternal life. Amen.

MARCH 2022 COLLECTION

STANDING ORDER £3078

LOOSE CASH £ 1,818.89

GIFT AID £ 753.21

TOTALS £ 5, 650.10

REPOSITORY £ 144. 65

CAFOD £ 878.29

PARISH NOTICES

LENT 2022

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Wednesday 13th April at **7.30 pm** and Friday 15th April at 10.00 am.

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.

SATURDAY 9 TH APRIL	Palm/Passion Sunday Vigil Mass	18:00
Sunday 10 th April	Palm/Passion Sunday	09:00,10:30 & Noon
Wednesday 13th April	CHRISM MASS at Cathedral Evening Mass (in church)	11.30 am 19:30
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Thursday 14 th April	Maundy Thursday	19:30- till midnight Mass of the Last Supper/ Adoration
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday-Passion Service	10:00- Stations of the Cross 15:00 Passion of the Lord
Saturday 16 th April	Blessing of Easter Breakfast (Polish) Holy Saturday	9.30 am in the Church compound 19:30- The Lord's Resurrection
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday	09:00,10:30 & Noon

FOOD LADER

This will be opened on all Sundays in April from 11:30 am- to 1 pm. Kindly inform anyone who is in need.

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.

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: By 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

MASS FOR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1982 VISIT OF POPE ST JOHN PAUL II TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK 28 May 2022 12.30 PM

The Cathedral will be hosting an exhibition in the period 16 – 30 May about the visit of St John Paul II to St George's. Those who have photographs or other items relating to the visit which they might wish to loan are asked to write to admin@stgeorges.org.uk with details.

Stella Maris - There is a range of resources to help children learn about the world of shipping and how Stella Maris helps seafarers worldwide, from videos to lesson plans, prayers, and assembly resources. All of the lesson plans have been designed around the national curriculum and are available for Key Stages 2, 3 and 4. See: <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/take-action/get-involved/schools/>

Society of Saint Gregory Summer School, 3-6 August 2022 – To be held at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre (CCT), Ditchingham, Norfolk NR35 2DZ on the theme of *'Talking, Listening, Responding: the call to be a synodal church.'* This is a residential Summer School exploring and considering ways of responding to the Pope's call to build synodal communities in our parishes from the perspective of liturgy and music. Invited speakers include Bishop Peter Brignall (initiator of "The God Who Speaks", Dr Sue Price (Margaret Beaufort Institute), Maria Hall (Pontifical University of Maynooth), and Bob Hurd (USA), Rev Deacon Peter Tibke (Archdiocese of Birmingham). Talks and workshops, liturgies and music, shared meals and social time - something for everyone of all ages. Reduced rates for bookings before 1 May and Bursaries are available. Further details, and online booking, are available at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2022/> or by emailing summerschool@ssg.org.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

If you are single again following divorce, separation, or your partner's death, a residential weekend to help you 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 at 01322-838415 or Maura at 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

Pope Francis has convoked a Synod on Synodality spanning from 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...>
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