



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1ST MAY 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 1	6.00pm	Grethe DYKES (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	
3 rd Sunday of Easter	09.00 am	U.C.M
Next Week's 2 nd Collection Priest Training Fund	10.30 am	Nina & Pam DAVY(RIP)
	12.00 noon	God's guidance for all Confirmation Candidates
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 2	8:30 am	Rose FERNANDO & Family (Private Intentions)
St Athanasius, Bishop	10:00am	Kathleen BURKE (Good Estate)
Tue 3	8:30 am	Retired Priest
St Philip & James	10.00 am	Prayer for John Fisher School
Wed 4	8.30 am	Prayer for peace around the World
The English Martyrs	10 am	Prayer for the Sick and Needy
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 5	10 am	Ambrose MULROY(RIP)
Feria		
Fri 6	10.00 am	Joe & Theresa JOSEPH (Good Estate)
Feria	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 7	10 am	Prayer for Ukrainian Families
Feria	1030am-11.15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5.15pm- 5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6 pm	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents(RIP)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

1. Those who died recently: Guy Saide 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, Theresa Mittcosbe, Maggie Delaney, Cynthia Lobendhan, Terry Harper, Gemma Gilligan, Diana Camilleri

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition and please eliminate all violence and war. Amen

APRIL 2022 COLLECTION (TBC)

PARISH NOTICES

Appreciation

Fr Patrick and Fr Gerard would like to thank the Church at large for your support, kindness and love shown to them throughout this year, especially this Easter. God bless you all!!

The Easter Party was a great success on Sunday with lots of food and drink for everybody. Congratulations to all the raffle winners - by buying a ticket you helped raised **£181** for Ukraine. Thank you to all who donated food and drinks, the organisers, and everyone who provided some support in one way or the other. We look forward to the next event on **June 5th**.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG,

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will visit us on the weekend of **30th April - 1st May** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord"). May our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

MAY DEVOTIONS

From 1st May we shall be having Rosary everyday by **6 pm** in the church and online except on Saturday when we shall have it before the Evening Mass.

Priest Training Fund Second Collection 8th May

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons, and service to the needy throughout South London, Kent, and Surrey. We are blessed to have 6 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We, therefore, rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using a telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes placed on the pews.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Team would like to notify parents and carers that the program will commence on **Sunday 8th May 2022** at the **10.30 am** Mass. Children aged five and over are welcome, however, younger children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or carer. Before Mass begins, Father Patrick will invite children to assemble at the entrance of the church and they will be led to the Ward Room. Children will return for the Holy Communion. "We will read and discuss a Gospel story and do an activity based on what we have learned".

Looking forward to seeing you all.

2022 Confirmation Mass (Sunday 8th May 2022 at 2 pm).

Please all candidates must be seated by **1:50 pm**.

Confirmation Mass rehearsals: Wednesday 4th May 2021 – **6:30 pm** to **8 pm**. Parents, candidates and sponsors to attend.

Confirmation DVDs - the Mass will be filmed. **DVDs cost £15:00**. Cash orders only. Please pay at the rehearsal on 4th May.

Gift items for Confirmation are available in the Church Shop.

Sponsor Names - kindly use this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/jvrPpg5z xu> or alternatively submit to wallingtonconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION CDs 2020-2021

We would like to inform parents and carers that the Confirmation CDs for 2020 and 2021 are still available in the parish office. Please pop in for your copy, £10 each. Thank you

UCM

The Union of Catholic Mothers would like to invite all members both old and new to a talk with Fr Patrick Udotai on **9th May 2022** at **1.30 pm** in the Wardroom. All are cordially invited.

YOUTH CHOIR

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The Youth Choir is here! Calling all young people from Year 7 and older. Join us at the noon Mass on Sundays - starting this **Sunday 13th March 2022**. We welcome all voices and all talents. Feel free to bring your musical instruments - contact Stacy or Siobhan via the parish office for further information

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.

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.

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 are 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

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS (May and June 2022)

Monday, May 9th meeting at 6.15 pm (after 5.30 pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral London SW1P 1QW. We'll explore Royal London, visiting St James' Park, Buckingham Palace, the Chapel Royal, and Horseguards.

Sunday, June 26th The Martyrs Walk. Meet at 2.30 pm churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields London WC2H 8LG (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road). We will walk to Tyburn Convent for Benediction and Tea, arriving approx. 4 pm.

Come and celebrate....

An anniversary, a pilgrimage, and a message...

2022 marks the 40th anniversary of St John Paul II's visit to Britain in 1982. Come to St George's Cathedral, Southwark London SE1 7HY for the anniversary events.

Special Exhibition daily from 10 am May 17th-29th: *St John Paul at St George's Cathedral: pictures, media interviews, stories, mementoes – come and enjoy!* (nearest tube: WATERLOO or Lambeth North).

www.catholichistorywalks.com

Homes for Ukraine

Ukrainian families are now arriving in Sutton. 97 hosts have offered to sponsor a family in their own homes, 2 are from our parish. This weekend the Mayor is welcoming those who have just arrived but many are still waiting for visas. If you wish to sponsor a family please go to <https://resetuk.org> as this is the organisation who can help make a suitable match for you. They helped our Community Sponsorship group and they are experienced. Do not use social media to find a family.

How else can we help? I am now working with a group of volunteers in Sutton assisting sponsors. Do we have any Ukrainian or Russian speakers in our parish? Families who arrive will be able to apply for Universal Credit but that takes 5 weeks. The Council will help with a one-off payment but there may be financial difficulties in those 5 weeks. Can we help with this?

We have a group of volunteers who have helped with our Syrian family and they are willing to give support to sponsors and Ukrainian families, mainly by telephone signposting to the correct services. I would be glad to hear of any parishioners with special skills e.g. Ukrainian or Russian language, mental health knowledge, contacts with Ukrainian Catholic Church or Orthodox Church to add to our support network.

Please contact me, Jackie McLoughlin 020 8296 6399 or 07971 995480

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

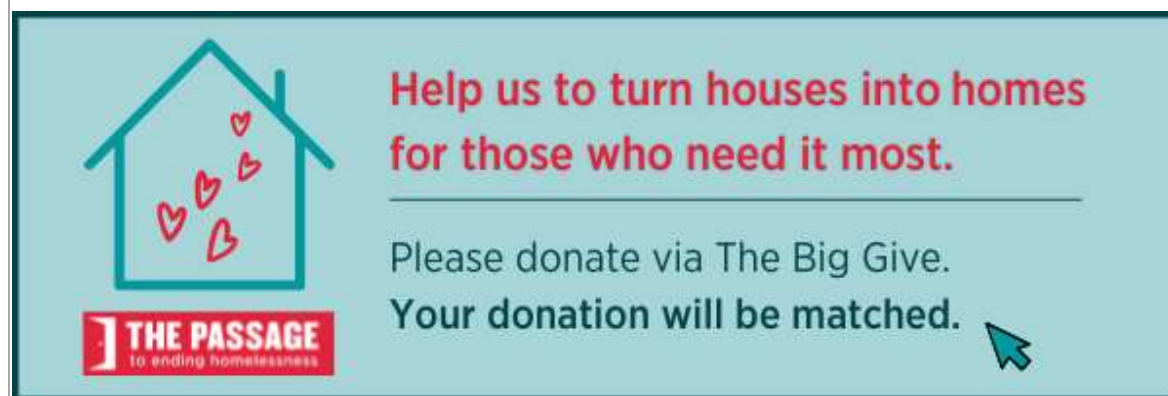
Pope Francis has convoked a Synod on Synodality spanning from October 2021 to October 2023 with the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." For more information, read:

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

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

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/cti_documents/...

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for those who need it most.

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THE PASSAGE
to ending homelessness

MASS for NEW CATHOLICS

[NEOPHYTES' MASS]

**All those received into the Church at
Easter 2022 are very warmly invited to this
special Mass, celebrated by
Archbishop John Wilson at
St George's Cathedral:
Saturday, 21 May 2022 at 12:30pm**

**This event is especially important as it enables all those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation this
year to gather again, but this time for Mass, to receive Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist together.
Godparents, sponsors, relatives, clergy, catechists, parishioners and friends are also invited to attend.**