



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

22ND MAY 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 22	6.00pm	Patrick McDONNELL (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	
6th Sunday of Easter	09.00 am	80 TH Birthday Thanksgiving
	10.30 am	Sadie HUNTER (RIP)
2nd collection next week		
World Communications Day	12.00 noon	Peggy RAMBHAJUNSING (RIP)
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 23	8:30 am	Rosa DUDMAN (RIP)
<i>Feria</i>	10:00am	David & Philomena CHARLES (RIP)
Tue 24	8:30 am	Terry DAVY (private intentions)
<i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Carl FONTANA (RIP)
Wed 25	8.30 am	DECEASED MEMBERS OF UCM
<i>St Bede Venerable, Priest</i>	10 am	Repose of the Souls
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 26	8.30 am	People of the Parish
The Ascension of the Lord	10 am	Prayer for Sick
	7.30 pm	Prayer for peace around the world
Fri 27	10.00 am	75 TH Birthday Sir David OSUNDE
<i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 28	10 am	Prayer for the Elderly
<i>Feria</i>	1030 am- 1130am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030am-11.15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5.15pm- 5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6 pm	Prayer for Parents and Carers

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, Theresa Mittcosbe, Maggie Delaney, Cynthia Lobendhan, Terry Harper, Gemma Gilligan, Diana Camilleri

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, please wash us with Your love. We repent of our sins, and we pray for help to do better in time. We rejoice that You are forgiving and full of such a grace that ushers us forth into freedom. Our times and our days rest in Your hands, and we know that even in anguish, You have a plan for our benefit and the glorification of the kingdom. Help us to trust You in such times and be filled with overwhelming peace.

Amen

PARISH NOTICES

SUNDAY OBLIGATIONS:

With the ease of almost all the lockdown regulations, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have decided to reinstate the Sunday Obligations. This means that every Catholic is expected to attend Mass in Church on Sunday beginning from **Pentecost Sunday, 5 June 2022**. However, those who, as a result of age, poor mobility, sickness or any other tenable reasons, are unable to be physically present are exempt. While we look forward to welcoming you back, we assure you that we shall make the Church as comfortable as possible for everyone. Welcome Home!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting is scheduled for all Council Members on the **23rd May 2022** at **7 pm** in the Maurice Reaney Hall. Please any parishioner who has an input for the members should send in their emails to: wallingtonppc@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you

FHC PARENTS MEETING

This is to notify parents and carers that a meeting is scheduled on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 6.30 pm in the church. Please all should endeavour to attend. Thank 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.

Confirmation 2022 photographs: these will be available from Sunday 5th June 2022. Each parent or carer will receive a direct email with copyright photos of your child;

1. If you are happy with the photos you will then send a payment of £15 to the bank details that will be listed in the email.
2. After payment is made - the original photos will be sent via email where you will be able to save the photos to a device.

Confirmation 2022 DVDs - if you have ordered a DVD; this will be available to collect from Ranji on Sunday 5th June 2022 at the 12 pm Mass. Thank You

The Food Larder will be opened on Sunday 29th May 2022 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. Kindly inform anyone in need!

A MASS TO CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3 pm on Saturday, July 9 at St George's Cathedral. Book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

Fix the Food System – CAFOD Summer Campaign

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly, the current global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

TEA & COFFEE

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

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



Would you like to find out more about how you can support our brothers and sisters who are affected by imprisonment?

Pact, the Prison Advice and Care Trust, is offering an online JustPeople workshop. Free to attend, the workshop offers an opportunity for prayer and reflection upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching

through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. All are welcome.

Tuesday 26th May, 9 am – 2.30 pm
Online via Zoom



To book - <https://rb.gy/pkwqji>

To find out more about this event or other JustPeople workshops, call Marie on 07581 194907 or email marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk

THE SOUTHWARK BRETHREN

The Charity of the Southwark Brethren started in 1921 and has always focused on helping the sick priests and those who are in need. Although Priests' standard of living has increased over the years, what is greatly noticed is the cost of care whether a priest chose to have care at home or decide to go into residential care or nursing care, the costs of care are extremely high and so support in this way is necessary if a priest cannot support themselves. Please send donations to either Fr Paul Hough or Fredericka Pizzoferro (Trustee) at **3 Birch Way Warlingham CR6 9DA**, for further enquiries please call **07939654522**. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year.

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you so much for your generosity this **Lent Fast Day**, and special thanks to those who took part in the Walk Against Hunger. All your efforts really make a difference, and in fact, with your help, we were able to raise over £300,000 to help those struggling with hunger. We also deeply appreciate your contribution to our **Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** and your continued support for the people affected by the war. We've raised over £2.7 million for the Appeal so far. You can read about how the funds are being used by Caritas and other CAFOD Partners on our [Ukraine news webpage](#). Thank you again

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS (May and June 2022)

Two History Walks from St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY (nearest tube: WATERLOO or LAMBETH NORTH: on Tuesday, May 31st, and Monday, June 13th, both starting at 6 pm. The route goes along to the Thames taking in the stories of Augustus Welby Pugin, St John Henry Newman, the old Bethlehem Asylum, and more! No need to book - just turn up! Suggested donation of £5.00p The Walk will take about an hour and a half, but you can leave at any time. No need to book - just turn up!

Two History Walks along the Thames, starting from St Margaret's Church, TW1 1RL (nearest railway station: St Margarets):

Saturday, June 18th, meet at 3 pm outside St Margaret's Church

Wednesday, June 22nd, meet at 6 pm outside St Margaret's Church

We will walk along the Twickenham bank of the river, and discover the stories of exiled French royalty, poet Alexander Pope, and more. The Walk will take about an hour and a half - of course, you can leave any time. Suggested donation £5.00p. No need to book - just turn up

And: The Martyrs' Walk, Sunday, June 26th, meet 2.30 pm, churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields London WC2 8LG. We will walk to Tyburn Convent, for Benediction and Tea, arriving approx 4 pm. No need to book - just turn up!

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

JOB VACANCIES

Parish Secretary St Osmund's, Barnes

Experienced parish secretary needed on a part-time basis for a busy parish in Barnes. Must have previous parish secretarial experience and a good working knowledge of the Catholic church. Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education

This is initially a 12-month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

Diocesan Central Services Administrator

Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full-time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as cover reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.

Full details of both jobs are available on the Diocesan website: Vacancies: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)

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:

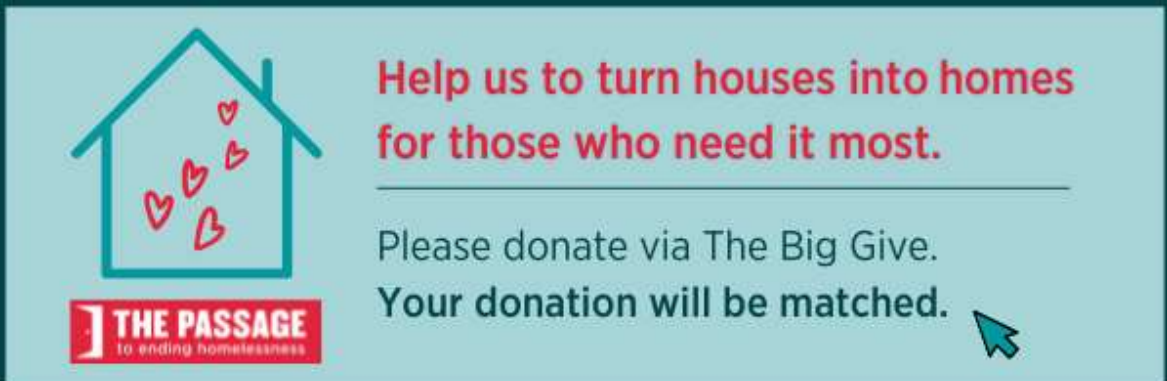
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bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22



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for those who need it most.

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THE PASSAGE
to ending homelessness