



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

19TH JUNE 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 19	6.00pm	Frances & Mary Ellen DALE (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)		
This week's 2nd Collection	09.00 am	Prayer for the Elderly
Day of Life	10.30 am	Prayer for Prisoners
NEXT WEEK 2nd collection	12.00 noon	David & Philomena CHARLES (RIP)
PETER PENCE	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 20	8:30 am	Prayer for all Volunteers
<i>St Alban, Martyr</i>	10:00am	Prayer for peace
Tue 21	8:30 am	Repose of the Souls
<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	10.00 am	Prayer for sick priests
Wed 22	8.30 am	John PEREIRA (RIP)
<i>St John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More</i>	10 am	20 TH Anniversary Thanksgiving- RANJEEV & Family
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 23	10 am	Prayer for Sick Priests
<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>		
Fri 24	10.00 am	Mrs Rose Erica DUAH (Birthday Thanksgiving)
<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 25	10 am	Fr Paul HOUGH (Thanksgiving Mass)
<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	1030 am- 1130am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030am-11.15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5.15pm- 5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6 pm	People of the Parish

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

We pray for families, those at this Mass and those elsewhere, that, following the example of the Holy Family, they will be a sign to the world of God's all-embracing love and compassion. **Amen.**

PARISH NOTICES

Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment to the ministry this **Saturday 18th June** at 6 pm and **Sunday 19th June** at 9 am, 10.30 am & 12 pm Mass respectively.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Meeting

Fr Patrick would like to meet with all Eucharistic Ministers and Readers after Mass for 10 minutes meeting on **Sunday 19 June** (9 am, 10.30 am & Noon) and **Saturday 2 July (6 pm)**. Please all members should endeavour to attend at least one meeting. Thank you

SPECIAL MASS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2022!

A welcoming Mass will be celebrated for all Confirmation Candidates on Sunday 19th June @ 12 pm, this will be followed by a party in the Maurice Reaney Hall. Candidates are cordially invited!!!

Pope Francis' Day for Life Message

His Holiness Pope Francis sends cordial greetings and good wishes to those participating in the 2022 Day for Life to be celebrated in Scotland, England Wales, and Ireland under the theme "caring for the older person". His Holiness prays that the efforts in the defence of the God-given value and dignity of every human life, in all its stages, will be fruitful in drawing attention to the particular worth of our elderly brothers and sisters, for they "are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of a God who bestows life in abundance" (*message for the second world day for grandparents and the elderly*). He likewise trusts that a greater awareness of the essential contribution the elderly make to the spiritual and material wellbeing of every society will help to counter the "throwaway culture" and foster the bonds of charity and fraternity between the generations. With these sentiments and the assurance of his closeness in prayer, the Holy Father sends his blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life.

SUNDAY OBLIGATIONS: WELCOME HOME!!

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!

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 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

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 **2022** are now available for collection from the porch at the entrance 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

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

Opening Evening Tuesday 28th June 2022 from 3.30 pm- 7.30 pm

Transfer to Secondary school for prospective Year 7 entrants starting in September 2023

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association. Southwark contacts Canon Ed Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) and Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk).

The Justice and Peace Spring Assembly 2022

Archdiocese of Southwark 2022 Spring Assembly by the **Justice and Peace Commission** on **Saturday 25th June 2022** at St Paul Catholic Church, Dover, Kent CT16 1RU. Preceded by Mass at 10.00 am at St Edmunds, Dover CT16 1BB. Registration 10.40am. Programme 11 am to 4 pm. Entitled: **Caught in the Act:** Tackling the injustice of the Nationality and Borders Act: removal to Rwanda and difficulties for Ukrainians in the UK. Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch provided. Donations suggested. Email: jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk or just turn up.

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.