



## ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

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

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### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 17  SIXTEENTH SUNDAY(C)	6.00pm	Christina SCANLAN (Praising God for His endless love)
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	
	09.00 am	Antony AUSTIN (RIP)
	10.30 am	Percy BATUWITAGE (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Thanksgiving Mass for the Young Music Ministry
	5.30 pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Mon 18 Feria	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Anthony De Sa (RIP)
Tue 19 Feria	8:30 am	Prayer for all expectant mothers
	10.00 am	Agnes VAS (RIP) <i>requested by the Monteiro Family</i>
Wed 20 Feria	8.30 am	Birthday Thanksgiving
	10 am	Percy BATUWITAGE(RIP)
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 21 Feria	9 am	<b>END-OF-YEAR SCHOOL MASS</b>
		Edward JULES
Fri 22 St Mary Magdalene	10.00 am	Deepa HARIDAS (Birthday thanksgiving)
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 23 St Bridget	10 am	Michael MURPHY (RIP)
	1030 am- 1130am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030am-11.15am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
	5.15pm- 5.45pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
	6 pm	Prayer for the Elderly in our parish and around the world

### 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 all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Amen

## PARISH NOTICES

### **"YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY: GIVE IT A GO!"**

On Sunday 17th July, we will hold a music ministry "Give it a go" session for the youth between Year 7-13(ages 11-18). **By popular demand, we have altered the age range to 7-18years.**

This will be an opportunity for all our young parishioners to share in fellowship through learning to sing some new and uplifting songs. Lunch will be provided.

**Time: 1-3pm (after 12 noon Mass)**

**Place: Maurice Reaney Hall**

**Please sign up via the link below:**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9JKa3g4HskOYwRaMdLJsHhB9IHVPIRVGnYrW1RMyg3pUMUExNVNXMUNHRjk4RENISTMyRVZBS1NPVS4u>

**Feel free to speak to Matt, Stacy or Siobhan for more details.**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

This is to notify parents and carers that the **last** Children's Liturgy before the summer break will be on **Sunday 24th July 2022**. We will take a five-week break for the summer and return on Sunday 4th September 2022. We look forward to seeing all the children on our return. **Happy holidays!!**

### **2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022:**

As we celebrate this day we focus our attention on special remembrance and appreciation of the love and memories our senior citizens have shared in our lives, families, the Church, and society. With Pope Francis, we pray: 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 God who bestows life in abundance" Amen

Within that week we shall make unique visits to the housebound and others who would like the Priest or Eucharistic Ministers to administer Sacraments. Interested parishioners must kindly complete a consent form. This can be found at the exit foyer of the church. Alternatively, you can pick a copy from the Parish Office. Please all forms must be submitted latest by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Thank you

### **CONFIRMATION AND FHC CANDIDATES 2022**

Parents and Carers are reminded to please check their inbox or junk mail for information on how to receive photos of candidates. If you face any challenges, kindly email [anishaharidas6@gmail.com](mailto:anishaharidas6@gmail.com) for assistance. Thank you

### **TEA & COFFEE**

You are all invited to have Tea & Coffee every Sunday after 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 the Sacrament.

Please **read** the Baptism guide before completing the form. Thank you

## 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

### THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a part-time School Chaplain (2-3 days/week) from September 2022. Please visit the school's website for further information.

[www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities](http://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities)

### 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](http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association). Southwark contacts Canon Ed Perera ([edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)) and Bishop Paul Hendricks ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)).

### THE SOUTHWARK BRETHERN

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.