



# ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

120 STAFFORD ROAD WALLINGTON SM6 9AY

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

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| Sun 28   | 6.00pm                           | Vigil Mass | Johanna Power (Good health)  |
| <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>                        | 9.00 am                          |            | U.C.M  |
| <i>Today's 2<sup>ND</sup> Collection</i>             | 10.30 am                         |            | Mary Josephine O'Gorman (RIP)  |
| <i>Bishop's Fund Collection</i>                      | 12.00 noon                       |            | Catherine Heist (RIP)  |
|  | 5.30 pm                          |            | No Mass  |
| Mon 29   | 8.30am                           |            | Mary O'Gorman  |
| <i>Feria</i>   | 10.00am                          |            | Nancy & Charlie O'Gorman (RIP)   |
| <i>Tues 30</i>                                       | 8.30am                           |            | M.Nicholas, Rajanayagam, Jeremy Ravi & all deceased members of Benedict & Mariam Pillai families |
| <i>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Feast</i> | 10.30am                          |            | Wislaw & Mirian Bajorek (RIP), Irena & Tadeusz Labno (RIP)<br>Janina Hollon (RIP)                |
| Wed 1  | 8.30am                           |            | George Carrutheis (RIP)  |
| <i>Feria</i>   | 10.00 am                         |            | Arokiam Savarimuthu (RIP)  |
|  | 10.30am-12noon                   |            | Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  |
| Thurs 2  | 10.00am                          |            | Margaret Walker (RIP)  |
| <i>Feria</i>   |                                  |            |  |
| Fri 3  | 10.00am                          |            | Joe & Theresa Joseph (private intentions)  |
| <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>                     | 10.30am-12noon                   |            | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  |
| Sat 4  | 10.00am                          |            | Anna & Maria Hadaway (RIP)<br>Tracy killick (RIP- 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)                   |
| <i>Feria</i>   | 10.30am-11.30am                  |            | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  |
|  | 10.30am-11.15am &<br>5.15pm- 6pm |            | Confession   |
|  | 6.00pm                           |            | Caesar Pereira (RIP)   |

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



*We pray for our priests, Lord give them strength of the shepherd, a loving heart and a selfless spirit to serve you and the people entrusted to them. Amen*

### 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, Brenda Kavanagh, Rosemary Day, David Uzor, Monir Jacob, Kosenat Tetteh, John Strentz, Eddie Hamilton, B. Novicki, Mary Scott, Susie King, Alex Coffey, Maggie Deleaney, Doreen Charlish, Margaret O'Flaherty, B. Novicki, Theresa Mittcosbe, Cynthia Lobendhan, Guy Saide, Luke DuCasse, Anne Jagelman, Frank Kinsella and Monir Jacob

## PARISH NOTICES

### NEW BOILER

Due to new boiler installation in the church, all Masses will be temporarily held in the Maurice Reaney Hall. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. We are kindly soliciting for financial support from parishioners to assist us in meeting the high cost of this project. Thank you.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will be inaugurated this **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at the **10.30am Mass** with the swearing-in of members.

### YOUTH TEAM

Many thanks to the Youth Team Leaders for organising the Youth Retreat - this was an amazing experience for the youth as it provided an opportunity to share beliefs in faith and socialize among themselves.

### FOOD SHOP

Our food services will be opened every Sunday in December 2021, 11:30am -12:30pm in the Wardroom.

### READERS

On Sunday 5 December 2021, renewal of your Commitment to Service as a Reader will take place at every Mass. Please be reminded that from the first Sunday of Advent, Sunday 28 November 2021 – the Catholic Lectionary Mass booklet for readings will change to 'Book C'. Books are available for purchase at the entry and exit foyers of the church.

New members are welcome to join the reading and bidding prayer group. Please note that you must register first.

### CAR PARK RESTRICTIONS:

From the 16 December 2021, parking in the Car Park will be restricted. This is as a result of abuses and threats from different car owners. We encourage parishioners to use this time gap to register their cars using the tablets provided at the Entrance to the Church, Maurice Reaney Hall, Wardroom and Ellis Halls. Thank you

### NOVEMBER- MONTH OF MEMORIAL

Please pick up envelopes at the foyers of the church for Masses and prayers for your loved ones departed. Kindly drop the envelopes in the basket at the foot of the Altar

### ADDITIONAL WEEKDAY MASS

Beginning from first week of Advent (Sunday 28 November 2021) we shall have early Morning Mass at 8:30am in the Lady's Chapel on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. The 10am Mass still holds daily in the church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday from 10:30am to 11:30am in addition to the Wednesday & Friday mornings.

### 2022 FHC REGISTRATION FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE

FHC registration will commence from **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021, 11:30 am- 12:30 pm** in the **Maurice Reaney Hall**. This will be carried out on every Sunday till **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

Registration Forms will be available at the entry and exit foyers of the church or can be downloaded on the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk).

Please candidates must be present at registration with their baptism certificates. A copy of Baptismal Certificate will be required if **ONLY** it was administered abroad. **Registration fee is £20**

### RCIA COURSE

The RCIA course is on every Tuesday at 7.00pm -8:30pm in the Maurice Reaney Hall. This will run weekly till Easter

### PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

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

### CHURCH FOOD SERVICES

The Parish Food Services is on every Last Sunday of the month.

Parishioners who are willing to support this effort by donating food should contact the Parish Office or donate into the Parish Account: NATWEST St Elphege's Church Sort Code 60-22-20 A/C No. 25072528

### 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 which 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 are required to complete an online Reference Form which will enable the Team Leaders to prepare a rota. Kindly check your emails and spam folders.

### PARISH HALLS

The Parish Hall is back in operation! All interested persons who would like to book the Halls for various activities are welcomed! Please visit our website page and book online or alternatively call the Office for further enquiries.

### 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 immediately to the right of the exit to the church.

While Gift Aid boxes are available to those who require it, 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 immediately 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 in to your Bank who will set it up for you. Thank you for your generosity.

### **WORSHIPING WITHIN COVID RESTRICTIONS**

#### **NHS TRACK & TRACE**

All those attending Church need to complete an NHS Track and Trace Form

Please scan the QR Code at the entrance of the Church or on the pews to sign in. iPhone users can scan the code with their camera and select the link shown. Android users may need to download a QR Code reader from the Google Play Store.

Alternatively, download the NHS Test Form from the parish website ([stelphegesonline.co.uk](http://stelphegesonline.co.uk)), complete at home and bring to Church. Copies of the paper form can also be collected when entering the Church (before taking a seat), complete and when leaving the Church, drop it into the "All Purpose Box" located on the right of the exit to the Church.

**Due to COVID, Altar Servers are not able to share Albs. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange 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**

In accordance with the Prime Minister's 31<sup>st</sup> 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 to 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**

**Pope Francis** has convoked a Synod on Synodality spanning between 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/...](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/cti_documents/...)

#### **ST ELPHEGE'S INFANT SCHOOL (rated - OUTSTANDING 2013) ADMISSIONS FOR 2022 NOW OPEN**

All parents and carers who wish their child to attend a primary school must make an application through their home local authority midnight on **15 January 2022**. To do this, please visit the Sutton website at [www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions). The school also offers 15 or 30 hour places for Nursery aged children who will be three from September and are also open to admissions *by submitting the school supplementary form direct to the school*.

If you would like to apply to the school, please download the supplementary form from the school website or contact the school office for a copy to be sent. Tours of the school are available, again please contact the school directly to book an appointment.

Website: - <http://www.stelphegesrcschools.org.uk/admissions/info>

School email – [infant-office@stelphegesrcschools.org.uk](mailto:infant-office@stelphegesrcschools.org.uk)

#### **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE**

*Here is a gift for husbands and wives, an opportunity to spend a morning online exploring and improving your relationship. It's for couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. There is no group sharing. The date: Saturday January 8, 9am–1pm. Booking is essential: phone 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) There is a nominal charge of £10 per couple.*

#### **BEREAVEMENT WEEKEND**

##### **GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST**

*Have you been bereaved? This weekend being held at Aylesford Priory is for you, for anyone who has lost a loved one through death; an opportunity to mourn but also to share with and be supported by others. The date is March 4-6. For more information phone Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670 880 or email [enquiry@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@thefriars.org.uk)*