



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
120 STAFFORD ROAD WALLINGTON SM6 9AY

26th December 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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| Sun 26 | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Daisy Thugroo (RIP) |
| | 09.00 am | | U.C.M |
| | 10.30 am | | Roo Young |
| | 12.00 noon | | Grace O'Shea Family & Friends |
| | 5.30 pm | | NO MASS |
| Mon 27 <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i> | 8:30am | | The Catholic MP who was killed |
| | 10:00am | | Francesca Rodrigues (RIP) |
| Tues 28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> | 8:30am | | Deceased Relatives & Friends of the O'Gorman & Bolton Families |
| | 10.00 am | | Barbara Keshinro (Thanksgiving) |
| Wed 29 <i>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr</i> | 8:30am | | Susan Hodgins |
| | 10.0am | | Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit |
| | 10.30am- Noon | | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thu 30 <i>6th Day of Octave</i> | 10am | | Keshinro & Savarimuthu Families (Thanksgiving) |
| Fri 31 <i>7th Day of Octave</i> | 10am | | Melanie Osunde (birthday thanksgiving) |
| | 1030am- Noon | | |
| | 11:30pm | | Allan & Anita Rooke (Thanksgiving) |
| Sat 1 <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> | 10am | | Mary O'Gorman (RIP) |
| | 1030am-11.15am | | Confession |
| | 5.15pm- 5:45pm | | Confession |
| | 6pm | | Daniel Scanlan & Family (RIP) |

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



God, our loving and Covenant- keeping Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son as our merciful Saviour. As He comes to us, lowly as a child, may we learn from His humility and surrender to You in joyful praise. May this Christmas be truly merry to us all. Amen

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY



those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and all who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they rest in peace.



the sick, the isolated and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community:

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| 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 | Guy Saide |
| Theresa Mittcosbe | Maggie | Deleaney |
| Cynthia Lobendhan | | |

CHRISTMAS & OCTAVE MASS

Christmas Eve Friday 24 December 2021

10am, 4:00 pm (**Family Mass**) & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25 December 2021

12:00 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

The Holy Family of Jesus Sunday 26 December 2021

9am, 10:30am & 12noon

Renewal of commitment for Altar Servers 27/12/2021

8.30 am & 10am (Special Mass for Altar Servers)

Feast of the Holy Innocents (Martyrs) 28/12/2021

8:30am & 10:00am

Feast of Thomas of Canterbury 29/12/2021

8:30 am & 10: 00am

Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas 30/12/2021

10. 00am

Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas 31/12/2021

10:00am & **11:30pm**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1/01/2022

10am & 6pm

NOTICES

Christmas Offering/Support for Priests:

As part of the tradition to support our clergy at Christmas and Easter, envelopes are available for individuals and families at the doors of the Church for pick up. We are expected to return these envelopes during the Christmas Masses. Thank you for your love and generosity

CHRISTMAS VIRGIL- 6PM MASS

Two Masses will be celebrated in the Church and the Maurice Reaney Hall respectively. This is to allay the fears of those who may have concerns with the new wave of COVID variant, OMNIBRON

RCIA: Rite of Acceptance

The Catechumen and RCIA candidates currently on RCIA course will have the Rite of Acceptance on **Sunday 2nd January 2022** at the **10.30am Mass**.

PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL

Swearing members of Parish Pastoral Council will take place on **Sunday 16 January 2022** at the **10:30am Mass**. Please pray for them as they take up the responsibility to serve with love and faithfulness.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

The 2022 Catholic Directories are available at the foyers of the church. £4 a copy thank you

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. To donate please pay into

The Parish Account: NATWEST St Elphege's Church Sort Code 60-22-20 A/C No. 25072528 Thank you.

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Following the lifting of restrictions, we are to recommence our commissioning days for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in 2022. The dates are: **Cathedral 5th February 2022 & 8th October 2022, Aylesford 7th May 2020.**

Candidates must be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals and should only be presented for commissioning once they have completed a course of preparation in their parish, as recommended in Take and Eat, (copies available from the Chancery Office) and have a **clear Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS)** obtained through their parish Safeguarding Representative as outlined in the instructions agreed by CSAS

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

2022 FHC REGISTRATION FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE

Registration will end on Sunday **2nd January 2022**.

Registration Forms are 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

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.

WORSHIPPING 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), 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 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 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

CAFOD

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

Right To Life UK

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on our website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. For more information, please click the link below. A poster advertising the appeal can also be found [here](#).

www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY

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/...

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. 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.stelphagesrcschools.org.uk/admissions/info>

School email – infant-office@stelphagesrcschools.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 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

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BABY MASSAGE COURSE

Massaging your baby is a great way to show your baby they are loved and help them to feel secure. Baby massage can be a wonderful experience for both you and your baby. It is a chance for just the two of you to have a quiet, bonding moment. Delfina a retired nurse is offering a free course to new mothers who have babies under 6months starting from **28th December 2021**. **Kindly reach her on 07949249979**

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

STANDING ORDER - £3165.10

LOOSE CASH- £ 1,460.50

TOTAL= £ 4,625.60

ANNUAL MISSIO CONTRIBUTION: £1,150.28

CAFOD-£41

2ND COLLECTIONS

BISHOP'S FUND-£ 219.83