



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

16th January 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 16 <i>2ND SUNDAY (PEACE DAY)</i>	6.00pm	Christopher HUMPHREY (Good Estate)
	Vigil Mass	
	09.00 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
	10.30 am	Pam DISSANAYAKE(RIP)
	12.00 noon	Patrick Connors (28 th Death Anniversary)
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 17 <i>St Anthony</i>	8:30 am	Fr Gerard BALINNYA (Private Intentions)
	10:00am	Fr Paul HOUGH (Private Intentions)
Tues 18 <i>Church unity Octave</i>	8:30 am	First Holy Communion Candidates 2022
	10.00 am	Sheila WELSH (RIP)
Wed 19 <i>Feria</i>	8:30am	Fr Stephen DANSO (Private Intentions)
	10.0am	HARIDAS FAMILY (Thanksgiving)
	10.30am- Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 20 <i>Feria</i>	10 am	Roger GELAUDE (80 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
Fri 21 <i>St Agnes</i>	10 am	Anthon, Rajeswary & Parents (RIP)
	1030am- Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 22 <i>Feria</i>	10 am	For all those who have lost their faith in the church
	1030am- Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030am-11.15am	Confession
	5.15pm- 5:45pm	Confession
	6 pm	All Volunteers

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

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord as we gather for the Eucharist, we share in the joy of divine and human love but we also acknowledge that at times our wells of love run dry. Like the hosts of the ancient wedding feast, 'we have no wine' and so we rely on Christ's mercy to renew our love, our peace, and our joy. Lord have mercy, Amen

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Parents' meeting will be held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 6:30 pm in the church.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation Mass has been rescheduled to **Sunday 5th May 2022 at 2 pm**. Apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Swearing members of Parish Pastoral Council will take place on **Sunday 16 January 2022 at the 10:30 am 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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are registering new members for Eucharistic Ministers. This will run through the whole of February 2022. Interested parishioners should please send their details to wallington@rcaos.org.uk or kindly drop them in the office letterbox.

Candidates must be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals.

RCIA COURSE

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

PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

The 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 that 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 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 into your Bank who will set it up for you. Thank you for your generosity.

Covid-19 Omicron variant - Guidance for Churches

With respect to 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 sanitizer 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.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick, and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. 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

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

GROWING IN THE FAITH COURSE FOR COUPLES: The past 2 years has been difficult for everyone including engaged and married couples. To support these couples an exciting ONLINE course has been created which will run across the UK. Indeed, there are just 11 days left to register for the Tuesday online course! Growing in Faith Together consists of four one-hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for · engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together · married couples to enrich their friendship and love. There are two opportunities to attend the course. The first course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9 pm beginning 18 January 2022 and the second course runs on Saturday mornings from 10.30-11.30am beginning 19 February 2022. To register click on the link below:

[Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://www.rcaos.org.uk)

FAQ: Can I attend on my own or do both of us have to attend?

ANS: You can attend alone or as a couple – your choice!

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/...

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.

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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