



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

9th January 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 9	6.00pm Vigil Mass	Christina ELLAMS (RIP)
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	09.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Padro PIO (Thanksgiving)
	12.00 noon	Kathleen CAREY (RIP)
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 10 <i>Feria</i>	8:30am 10:00am	Anisha HARIDAS (B'day thanksgiving) The Homeless
Tues 11 <i>Feria</i>	8:30am 10.00 am	John COZORACCHIO (B'day thanksgiving) People in Poverty
Wed 12 <i>Feria</i>	8:30am 10.0am 10.30am- Noon	The Elderly Children across the world Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 13 <i>Feria</i>	10am	Volunteers in the Parish
Fri 14 <i>Feria</i>	10am 1030am- Noon	For COVID-19 cases Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 15 <i>Feria</i>	10am 1030am- Noon 1030am-11.15am 5.15pm- 5:45pm 6pm	Frances & Mary Ellen DALE (RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confession Confession Christopher HUMPHREY (Good Estate)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



Amen

Dear Lord, please guide us through this Year 2022. May our lives be filled with joy and happiness. May we come together and embrace our faith, trust and serve You.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIAL



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:

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		

CRIB OFFERING

A big thank you from the Catholic Children's Society and Friends of the Holy Land for the Christmas crib donations which came to **£ 533.51**

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Fr Gerard and myself (Fr Patrick) would like to thank you all for making us feel loved, supported and cared for throughout our time here. We are very grateful for your generosity during the festive season. Please keep us in your prayers.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!

NOTICES

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

We are grateful to Sainsbury's (Wallington) and to parishioners who have been generous in their contributions to our Food Larder. As a result of this generosity we were able to donate some food from our Larder to the **Sutton Night Watch. God bless you all!**

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

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:

We would like to apologise for the Parking Charge Notice (PCN) issued to some parishioners.

This problem occurred due to a systematic error-Fr Patrick has requested the management of CPM to annul **ALL** tickets issued to parishioners. Apologies for any inconveniences this may have caused. ****Please drop your PCN Ticket in the office******

Please note that all **Mass Times** have been sent to the Car Parking Company. However, we advised parishioners who drop-in for Private Prayers during **weekdays** (excluding weekends) to **always** enter their car details.

This Registration Tablet can be found underneath the staircase of the church entrance.

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.

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

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 8-9pm 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/...

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.stelphegesrcschools.org.uk/admissions/info>

School email – 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 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**