



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH DECEMBER 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 4 <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	James JOHNSON & Family (Success in business)
	09.00 am	U.C.M
	10.30 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Repose of the Souls
	5.30 pm	NO MASS
Mon 5 <i>Feria</i>	8:30 am	Edward, Stella & Nicolette HAMILTON (Private Intentions)
	10:00 am	Sally JOHNSON (God's protection & guidance)
Tue 6 <i>Feria</i>	8:30 am	Angela HAMILTON(RIP) & Deceased members
	10.00 am	M. NICHOLAS (RIP- BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN)
Wed 7 <i>St Ambrose, Bishop & Dr of the church</i>	8.30 am	Prayer for Volunteers around the world
	10 am	Mr. & Mrs ANTHONY (Thanksgiving)
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10 am	Dada KESHINRO (Birthday thanksgiving)
	8 pm	The People of the Parish
Fri 9 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Maureen ANDERSON (90 th Birthday – 1 st Deputy of St Elphege's School)
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 10 <i>Feria</i>	10 am	Repose of the Souls
	1030 am- 1130am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1030am-11.15 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5.15 pm- 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6 pm	John BARRETTO, Fedelis MASCARENHAS, Mario MOREIRA (RIP)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

- Those who died recently: Emmanuel Nmettteand those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls 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, Theresa Mittcosbe, Maggie Delaney, Cynthia Lobendhan, Terry Harper, Gemma Gilligan, Diana Camilleri, Mendonca

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

'Wherever there is reciprocal acceptance, listening, making room for another, God is there, as well as the joy that comes from him. At Christmas time let us emulate Mary, visiting all those who are living in hardship...' Pope Benedict XVI. AMEN

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU, SAINSBURY'S WALLINGTON!

With the support and generosity of Sainsbury, we were able to give out flowers to our housebound parishioners. The Youth Choir will also be paying a visit to **The Signature Way Care Home** in Purley on **Sunday 4TH December 2022** for Christmas Carols. Merry Christmas to you all.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be Christmas Reconciliation Service on **Thursday 22 December 2022 at 6.30pm**. Kindly make use of this opportunity to avail yourself of Confessions and be ready for Christmas.

FOOD LARDER

As Christmas is approaching we would like to invite all those who are in need to visit our food shop on Sunday 11th December 2022 from 11.30- 12.30 pm as the shop will not be open on the **last Sunday** of this month. Merry Christmas to you all!

TEA PARTY

The Linen and Cleaning Team would like to invite all parishioners to a tea party on **Sunday 11th December 2022** after **10.30 am** Mass at the Maurice Reaney Hall! Please come and let us celebrate as we kickstart the festive celebrations!

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

- **Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December 2022** - 10 am, **4 pm (Family Mass)**, 6 pm
- **Christmas Day Sunday 25th December 2022** - **12 am**, 9 am, 10:30am & 12 pm
- **St Stephen's Day Monday 26th December 2022** – 10 am (**Renewal of commitment for Altar Servers**)
- **Family Adoration Wednesday 28th December 2022** - 10 am
- **Saturday 31st December 2022** -10 am, 6 pm & **11.45 pm**
- **Sunday 1st January 2023** -9 am, 10:30 am & 12 pm

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

The New Liturgical begins on the **First Sunday of Advent**, 27 November 2022. Please change your Mass Book to "cycle A" volume 1.

Those intending to book Masses for 2023 ahead of time can do so in the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE -PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

*Jesus is the reason for the Season!
Come along and let's share and celebrate together!*

The Social Events Team will be organising the St Elphege's Christmas Party on **Sunday 18 December 2022, 1 – 5 pm** at the Maurice Reaney Hall

Activities: Food, Art and Craft, Face painting, Games, Carols and a lot of festive cheer

Competition: Decorate Christmas card or wreath. The deadline for submission is **Sunday 11th December**, collection point Maurice Reaney Hall. All submissions will be displayed for all to see!

CHRISTMAS PARTY APPEAL

Please donate any new, unused and unwanted gifts and drop these in the box provided at the entrance foyer of the church. Thank you

CHURCH FOOD LARDER

The Food Larder will be opened on **Sunday 27th November 2022** from 11.30 am- 12.30 pm. Kindly inform family & friends who are in need!

2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

We are glad to introduce an online application for First Holy Communion registration. The link could be found on the parish website(stelphages.co.uk) under Notices. The registration is open to children in Years 3 and above. After the registration, parents & carers are required to come along with their children and submit their baptism certificate on any of the following Sundays; November 20th and 27th and on December 4th, 11th & 18th from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in Maurice Reaney Hall. The registration fee is £20. **Please note that registration is incomplete until you submit your child's Baptism certificate.** Thank you

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

OTHER NOTICES

A special school Mass on Friday 9th December will be said for the well-being and in celebration of Mrs Maureen Anderson's 90th birthday. Mrs Anderson was the very first deputy headteacher of St Elphege's school when it opened in 1969. We would like to extend a warm welcome to any past pupils, parents, grandparents and friends to join us at St Elphege's School at 9:30 am to make this a very special occasion for her. Please let the school office know if you can attend via email at junior-office@stelphegeschools.org.uk or call on 020 8669 6306 so we can be sure to provide sufficient seating.

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent.

Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via the Commission website: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

Vacancy for Foundation Governor at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

There is a vacancy available for a Foundation Governor from the Spring term of the academic year 2022/2023. We would be most interested to hear from practising Catholics with expertise in either Law, Finance or HR. If you are interested please contact our Clerk to the Governors by email cmingay@stphils.org.uk at your earliest convenience.

Poem from Alfie Rutland at Margaret Roper

Following a visit to the battlefields and war cemeteries of Belgium, Alfie, a Year 6 pupil from Margaret Roper in Croydon, wrote this wonderfully moving piece of poetry. We would like to take this opportunity to share it with the wider Archdiocese. Thank you, Alfie, for providing us with this opportunity to reflect on the loss and sacrifice of so many.

Names of the fallen:

In a small town in Belgium,
Engraved on the side
Of a bridge, are the names of the people who died
Resting in peace,
Shot down by lead
And now they are here
Anything but dead.

For they live on
In all of our hearts
In the women who said 'til death, us do part'
But they are not dead
They still live on
In the names that we read.
So I find a name

From my own family,
Shed a tear thinking
Of their own bravery
As they fell,
They hear the Lord God calling
As I sit and read, the names of the fallen.

By Alfie (Year 6) Margaret Roper