

**ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH****12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

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**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Patrick Udotai**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr. Gerard Balinnya**Parish Office:** Tuesday-Friday 9 am -5 pm**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Sandra Anima Tsiboe**Tel:** 020 8647 5079**E-mail:** [wallington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk)**Website:** [www.stelpheges.co.uk](http://www.stelpheges.co.uk)**The Federation of St Elphege's & Regina Caeli Catholic Schools:****Executive Head of Schools:** Mrs Frances Hawkes**Head of St Elphege's School:** Mr Martin Jones **Tel:** 020 8669 6306**Head of Regina Coeli's School:** Mrs Tessa Christoforou **Tel:** 020 8688 4582**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

<b>SUN 12</b>  <i>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY (A)</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Fr Gerard's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	THIAGARAJAH (RIP)
	09.00 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
	10.30 am	Prayer for the Turkish & Syrians
	12.00 noon	Abel & Clara CARRASCO (65 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Mon 13</b> <i>Feria</i>	8:30 am	Edward (Healing & God's protection)
	10:00 am	Jenny KELLY (RIP)
<b>Tue 14</b> <i>Ss Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius, Bishop</i>	8:30 am	Christopher WILLIAMSON(RIP)
	10.00 am	Artemisia DeSa
<b>Wed 15</b> <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Fr Gerard (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	10 am	Mrs Jean LLOYDE(RIP)
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thu 16</b> <i>Feria</i>	10 am	Jenna & Mario LOUIS(Thanksgiving)
<b>Fri 17</b> <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Rajanayagam LOUIS (RIP)
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Sat 18</b> <i>Feria</i>	10 am	Anthony Osagie OBADAGBONYI (God's protection & guidance)
	1030 am- 1130am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>1030am-11.15 am</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
	6 pm	Sushma BENJEEV (Birthday Thanksgiving)

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS****PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY**

- Those who died recently: **Christopher Williamson** who will be buried on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 @ 12.30 pm** and 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,

**JANUARY 2023 COLLECTION**

Loose Cash: £3,931.27

Repository: £165.91

**GIFT AID: £1,087.10****STANDING ORDER: £3132.10****TOTAL: £ 8,150.47**

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** God of mercy, We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes. We mourn the death and destruction and pray for those who have died and those who grieve. Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster Grant those affected courage and resilience, as they rebuild their lives and communities. **AMEN**

## PARISH NOTICES

### FLAME 2023 RAFFLE DRAW!

Winner: Tami Ikenna

Please pop into the office for your gift

The next raffle draw is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 after the 12 pm Mass at the Maurice Reaney Hall

### REGISTRATION FOR FLAME 2023 IS NOW OPEN!!

Please visit the parish website([stelpheges.co.uk](http://stelpheges.co.uk)) and register - the link can be found under Notices( <https://stelpheges.co.uk/notices/>)

*This is open to Young Adults, ages 12 and onwards*

**Young Adults: £10**

**Adults: £45**

Ticket payments can be made via the parish office or bank transfer - parish Social Account RCAOS St Elphege Social Club sort code 60-22-20 A/C No. 25072528 Ref: Flame (Name)

Among the musicians are MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike – Adenike was a 17-year-old at a previous Flame, and since then has been a Finalist on The Voice.

Other speakers during the day include **Robert Billot**, an American lawyer who is the main character in the film *Dark Waters*; **Jenny Garzón Saavedra** a young advocate joining us from the Amazon rainforest; we will hear an original reflection from **David Wells**; and **Brenden Thompson and Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices** will be introducing Adoration, led by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

### TEA AND CAKE SALES!!

The Young Adults would like to invite all parishioners to their cake sales which will be running on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of February after the 10.30 am & 12 pm Mass in the Maurice Reaney Hall. Please come and support them!

### Archdiocese of Southwark Lent Retreat, 2023: “Renewed in Hope”

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lent Retreat “Renewed in Hope”. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat programme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to have to do is sign up here <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv> set aside what space you can for reflection and join us in being Renewed in Hope!

### EVANGELISATION

What do we teach our children about our faith and how do we teach it if we don't think we have the knowledge or we fear we would get it wrong? We plan to have a series of talks every Sunday during Lent, to help people know their faith and the church's teachings. We would like all Parents, Grandparents, and young people to come and listen and ask questions, to make them more confident in their faith. If you have any questions or subjects you would like covered, then please email the Parish Office with the title Lenten Talks, or put them in the questions box at the back of the Church.

### WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

One of the last requests of the Lord to His apostles, Peter, James and John before His betrayal and crucifixion was: “Can you not stay with me for just an hour?” (Matthew 26: 40). The Lord still needs us today in Eucharistic Adoration. Have you got one hour in a week to spare? The Lord needs it. We are creating an opportunity for us to respond to this invitation. With the help of members of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, we shall soon begin to adore the Lord weekly on a day to be decided from after morning Mass till 7. 00 pm. We need you to come in your chosen hour to be with the Lord. This is a fast-spreading apostolate in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

### FOOD SERVICES

Food Larder is open every **LAST** Sunday of the month from 11.45 am – 12.45 pm. We are pleading with parishioners to donate to this good cause. 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

# PARISH CALENDAR 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Confirmation Mass – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Archbishop visit- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Pentecost Sunday (Diversity Day)- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- First Holy Communion Friday 9<sup>TH</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>TH</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>TH</sup> June 2023
- FHC 4<sup>TH</sup> Coming Mass Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023, time TBC
- Fr Patrick @30 a Priest -Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Parish BBQ- Sunday 27<sup>TH</sup> August
- Parish Retreat-TBC
- Youth Retreat- TBC
- Parish Christmas Party- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**\*\*Please note that dates are subject to change**

## CHILDREN ROSARY

The next Children's Rosary will be on **Saturday 4th March, at 10.35 am.**

### **FLAME 2023 PLEASE DONATE!**

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*Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith*

Look out for raffles, cake sales and retiring collections - starting February 2023. You can also sponsor Confirmation Catechist Stacy to walk around London for 26 miles! Just scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can donate to the parish Social Account RCAOS St Elphege Social Club Sort Code 60-22-20 A/C No. 25072528 😊 Ref: Youth Ministry

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## OTHER NOTICES

### **CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal**

CAFOD is responding with support of the provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

### **MARRIAGE WEEK**

This annual event takes place from February 7-14. If you are fortunate enough to be in a marriage you should look after it – and there are several ways of doing just that: visit <https://marriage-week.org.uk/>

### **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE**

How to get the marriage you want out of the marriage you have. This Saturday morning online course on February 18 is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no personal sharing between couples. For details email Carole on [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or phone 07983 524 727.

### **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

### **Marriage Encounter England and Wales.**

The marriage enrichment courses offer a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them.

Our experience helped us to understand each other more and reminded us that we had made a sacramental marriage in front of our families and God. The Marriage Encounter course also helped us with our relationships with our children. For us, our experience was a gift from God. Our upcoming Experience will be held in Hendon on the 11th & 12th of February 2023 at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY.

For further information and to book an experience <https://wwme.org.uk>.

### ***The Universe Catholic Weekly Newspaper***

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### ***CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS MARCH 2023***

"Byways of Westminster" – come and discover the hidden gems of one of the world's great cities!

We will discover 17<sup>th</sup>-century charity schools, 19<sup>th</sup>-century Cardinals, and a Medieval mill! The Walk will finish in the Victoria Tower Gardens, alongside Parliament.

This History Walk is being repeated FOUR times so as to offer different opportunities for people to attend

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Meet at 6 pm (after 5.30 pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Meet 3 pm steps of Westminster Cathedral

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Meet at 3 pm, steps of Westminster cathedral

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Meet at 6 pm (after 5.30 pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral

**NO NEED TO BOOK:** just turn up! We suggest a donation of £5 per person

[www.catholichistorywalks.org](http://www.catholichistorywalks.org)