

**ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH****26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

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SUN 26  <i>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</i>  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this Week</i> <i>Clergy Support Fund</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Edmund Duah (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	
	09.00 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
	10.30 am	George IDAH (Repose of the Soul)
	12.00 noon	M.S. ALEXANDER (RIP)
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Mon 27 <i>Feria</i>	8:30 am	Deacon James BURLEIGH(RIP)
	10:00 am	Canon Michael BRUNCE(RIP)
Tue 28 <i>Feria</i>	8:30 am	Deacon Michael CARTER(RIP)
	10.00 am	Thomas NEVILLE (RIP)
Wed 1 March <i>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i>	8.30 am	Fr Paul TEECE(RIP)
	10 am	Bishop Philip MO
	10.30 am-Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
Thu 2 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Fr Pius OKON(RIP)
	10 am	Mr Conrad LOBO (RIP)
Fri 3 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Souls in Purgatory
	10.00 am	Joe& Theresa JOSEPH (Good Estate)
	10.30 am-Noon	Stations of the Cross
Sat 4 <i>Feria</i>	10 am	Wilfredo ESCOBAR(RIP)
	1030 am- 1130am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>1030am-11.15 am</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
	<b>5.15 pm- 5.45 pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
	6 pm	Joana (JO) INMAN (RIP)

**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, Theresa Mittcosbe, Maggie Delaney, Cynthia Lobendhan, Terry Harper, Gemma Gilligan, Diana Camilleri, Mendonca,

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** As we enter the Season of Lent, let us pray for the grace to respond generously if the Lord places on our hearts the desire to help the most at-risk and vulnerable, including the poor, the lonely, the aged, the sick and the unborn. **AMEN**

## PARISH NOTICES

### FLAME @ WEMBLEY ON SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

This is to notify parents and carers that the venue bag policy is NO adult backpacks are permitted and all bags must be no larger than 40 x 35 x 19cm. The Young Adults are to bring a packed lunch and ONLY empty refillable personal plastic bottles or individual drink cartons are permitted. PLEASE NO PEANUTS. Bags will be searched on entry.

**DEPARTURE TIME: 8.30 am prompt!**

Registered Candidates **MUST** report to the church premises (St Elphege) latest by **8 am**

The Coach will return to the church premises by **7 pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - every Wednesday at **7.30 pm** and every Friday after morning Mass.

**ADORATION** – Saturday after morning Mass. **CONFESSIONS:** On request, the Priests will be available for Confessions immediately after Morning Mass.

The Saturday Morning (10.30 am to 11.15 am) and Saturday Evening (5.15 pm to 5:45 pm) still stand.

### **WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Wednesday 10.30am – 7.00 pm**

*“Can you not stay with me for just an hour?” (Matthew 26: 40).* The Lord needs us today in Eucharistic Adoration. Have you got one hour in a week to spare? The Lord needs it. With the help of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration members, we shall soon begin to adore the Lord weekly. Please come at your convenient time to be with the Lord. This is a fast-spreading apostolate in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

### **CHILDREN ROSARY**

The next Children's Rosary will be on **Saturday 4th March**, at **10.35 am**. Please encourage your children to attend.

### **CURRY & CAKE SALES!!**

The Young Adults would like to invite all parishioners to their **last** sales on the **26<sup>th</sup> of February 2023** venue Maurice Reaney Hall. The cake sale is after the 10.30 am Mass and Vegetable Rice & Chickpea Curry Sale (£3 per pack, 2 for £5) after the 12 pm Mass. Please come and support them!

### **Clergy Support Fund Second Collection**

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2022, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 retired priests, for £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous today with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>
- QR Code (see right)
- Telephone Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes placed on the pews or you can grab an envelope at the entry and exit foyer of the church.



### **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 prayer and reflection. All you 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.

### **FOOD LARDER**

This is open every **LAST** Sunday of each month from **11.45 am – 12.45 pm**. We are pleading with parishioners to donate to this good cause. Please pop in and grab some food for the Family in you are in need! 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

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal**

*This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.*

### **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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### **HOPE FOR A NEW BEGINNING – A WEEKEND FOR THE WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED**

from 21 – 23 April 2023 at The Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX. Beginning Experience is a ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by a team of trained volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For further details please contact Freda: 01322 838415, Maura: 07795 498455 or [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

### **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 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 at 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)

## **Sutton Deanery Annual Day of Reflection**

Saturday 4th March  
at Holy Family Church  
Sorrento Road, Sutton Green SM1 1Q

Canon Gerard Bradley will speak about his new role as Episcopal Vicar  
for The South West Area of Southwark Diocese,

We will also learn the latest news on the formation of the  
“Southwark CARITAS” organisation and about the  
Archbishop’s initiative, ‘Some Definite Service  
Start with Mass at 10.30 am, finish at 1.30 pm  
all parishioners are welcome

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 3 March 2023**

The World Day of Prayer is held annually. It is a women-led ecumenical movement dedicated to informed prayer and prayerful action. Each year a different country is asked to prepare the service. This year the women of Taiwan help us to pray. Although the service is organised by women, everyone is invited to attend. You will be very welcome at our local services:

**Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Wallington 1.30 pm on Friday 3rd March**

**Carshalton Methodist Church, Ruskin Road, Carshalton 7.30 pm on Friday 3 March**

For more information visit [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)