



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

12TH MARCH 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SUN 12	6.00 pm	Martha & John CROWLEY (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	
<i>3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</i>	09.00 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
<i>THIS WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION CAFOD</i>	10.30 am	Elesa & all her Family
<i>2nd Collection for next week Poor Parishes</i>	12.00 noon	Deyanira VALOR (RIP)
	1.00 pm	LENTEN TALKS (Maurice Reaney Hall)
Mon 13	8:30 am	Ernie (Birthday thanksgiving)
<i>Feria</i>	10:00 am	Danny SCANLAN & all his Family
Tue 14	8:30 am	Asif MICHAEL (50 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
<i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Mrs Eileen GEELAN (Good Estate)
Wed 15	8.30 am	People of the Parish
<i>Feria</i>	10 am	Fr Patrick & Fr Gerard (Private intentions)
	10.30 am-noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Thu 16	8.30 am	Prayer for the volunteers
<i>Feria</i>	10 am (Funeral Mass)	DIAS Family (Holy Souls)
Fri 17	8.30 am	Prayer for Children across the world
<i>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	10.00 am	Thanksgiving
	10.30 am-noon	Stations of the Cross
	7.30 pm	LENTEN RETREAT (Maurice Reaney Hall)
Sat 18	10 am	De Cunha Family (Holy Souls)
<i>Feria</i>	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	Thanksgiving Mass to St Joseph

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 "Let us pray for new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren. AMEN

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

We would like to thank parents and carers for registering their children for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The registration data has finally been processed and we advise parents to check their emails for any further information. The first parent meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st of March 2023 @ 6.30pm** in the church. Parents and carers must attend with registered candidates. **Please note, those who were unable to register during the opening of registration days should endeavour to register for 2024.** For any further information please contact the head of the catechist Deepa Haridas at wallingtonfhc@rcaos.org.uk
Thank you

INAUGURAL MASS – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The formal inauguration of the Eucharistic Adoration at St Elpheges will be held at the **12 pm** Mass on **Sunday 19th of March, 2023.**

The weekly Eucharistic Adoration will start on Wed, 22 March 2023 from 10:30 am – 7 pm. As you may be aware, our Parish is keying into the Weekly Eucharistic Adoration that is meant to doubt deepen our spirituality personally and as a community. We are all encouraged to spend at least an hour with Jesus in the full gaze of the Blessed Sacrament - I'd like to refer to this as "A date with JESUS".

UCM MEETING

The Union of Catholic Mothers is inviting parishioners to join their talk show on our patron saint (St Elphege) led by Amanda Hill on **Monday 20th March 2023 @ 1.30pm** in Ellis Hall.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES - **Friday 10th March at 6 pm.**

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK LENT RETREAT, 2023: "RENEWED IN HOPE"

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent by joining the Team **EVERY Friday at 7.30 pm** in the Maurice Reaney Hall or 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 Wilson 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 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!

LENTEN TALKS

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 after the **12 pm Mass** in the **Maurice Reaney Hall**, to help people know their faith and the church's teachings. We would invite all Parents, Grandparents, and Young Adults 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.

EVANGELISATION

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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 and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

The Westminster Cathedral interfaith group will study chapter 3 "Envisaging and engendering an open world" of *Fratelli tutti* (the encyclical by Pope Francis on Human fraternity) on **Wednesday, March 15th** from **2 to 3.30 p.m.** in the **Hinsley room Morpeth Terrace**. The document is available online and from St Paul's bookshop. All are welcome and no charge to attend.

CARITAS

Pope Francis said: '*.. there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.*' (EG 48) **CARITAS Southwark** will work with our parishes and schools to support them in serving those in need. Our volunteers have worked hard to get us to this point of a **formal launch** in a **Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 12.30 pm on Saturday 18 March**. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the reception afterwards.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a part-time Chaplain (2-3 days/week) from April 2023. Please visit the school's website for further information. www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities

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11TH WALLINGTON SCOUT GROUP (ST ELPHEGE'S)

We need your help!

Scouting is all about having fun, making new friends and helping in the community whilst the time challenging yourself and trying out new activities. If you would like to help our local kids achieve these goals then the Scout Group would like to hear from you.

We currently really need more adult helpers to assist with running the meetings. All you need to do is come along and help out during the meetings; no more than that. All three sections meet every term time on Monday for our Beavers from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Scouts from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm and our Cubs meeting from Tuesday from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm

If you are interested in helping out or would like to chat about what's involved. For further information please contact Ryan Reino (Group Scout Leader) at 07734452427 Ryan.reino@blueyonder.co.uk

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

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 17th-century charity schools, 19th-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

Friday, March 17th 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