



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

21ST MAY 2023

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK. *"In this month dedicated to Our Lady, let us pray for the grace to always be close to the Lord as the Blessed Virgin is close to Him, especially in our prayers for our vulnerable neighbours, including the sick and infirm, the widow and orphan, and the unborn". Amen.*

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SUN 21 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>2ND Collection</i> <i>WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Mr Frank & Christina ELLAMS (RIP)
	09.00 am	RYAN Family (Thanksgiving)
	10.30 am	Malvin MATHEW (10 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
	12.00 noon	Evelyn THROWER (Wellbeing)
Mon 22 <i>Feria</i>	8:30 am	Lorne & Family (Special Intention)
	10:00 am	Sean GEELAN & Family (Best Intention)
Tue 23 <i>Feria</i>	8:30 am	Willy John De SILVA (RIP)
	10.00 am	David & Philomena CHARLES (RIP)
Wed 24 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Ranjit DA NANAYAKE (Speedy Recovery)
	10 am	Carol FONTANA (RIP)
	10.30 am- 7 pm	Eucharistic Adoration (in the Lady's Chapel)
Thu 25 <i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr</i>	8.30 am	Phyllis De LORD (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	10 am	Mr Diego PAES (RIP Birthday)
Fri 26 <i>St Philip Neri</i>	8.30 am	Matthew DAVIS (RIP)
	10.00 am	Mrs Mary BIRKETT (Private Intention)
Sat 27 <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	10 am	Sir David OSUNDE (76 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
	6 pm	Mrs Jerama GILLING

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

1. The sick, the isolated, and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community:

Jackie Van Elswick,	Rosemary Day	Anne Jagelman	Eddie Hamilton	Doreen Charlish	Frank Kinsella
David Uzor	John Strentz	Alex Coffey	Brenda Kavanagh	Terry Harper	
Susie King	Kosenat Tetteh	Mendonca	Diana Camilleri	Monir Jacob	Theresa Mittcosbe
Cynthia Lobendhan,	Gemma Gilligan	Luke DuCasse	Margaret O'Flaherty		

2. Those who died recently: .. and those whose anniversaries occur at this time May their souls rest in peace. Amen!

PARISH NOTICES

WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON:

"Thank you very much for your warm welcome and hospitality when I visited your Church on Sunday 14 May 2023 and celebrated the 10.30 am Mass. It was wonderful to experience a worshipping community of faith which is so alive and joyful, and so many people, especially young people, present and involved in the liturgy. From the first moment of arrival to the moment we left, it was a time of blessing. Please thank all the parishioners who came. It was marvellous to meet them, with so many wishing to have a photograph, a prayer and a blessing. Thank you for the reception in the hall and the delicious meal." God bless you all.

TO THE ASIAN COMMUNITY:

We thank our Asian brothers and sisters for an outstanding display of cultural and culinary exhibitions. It was commendable to see the involvement of the young people in the entire celebration. You have raised the bar of our social activities. The attendance was the best we have had. Thank you all for your creativity and support. May the Lord bless you all and protect our young people.

PENTECOST NOVENA

In preparation for the Pentecost, we shall have a Novena Prayer to open our hearts to welcome the Holy Spirit. This will begin from **Friday 19th May to 27th May 2023** every morning after the Mass and Rosary.

MAY DEVOTIONS

The month of May is the month of the Rosary to the Blessed Virgin. As a parish, we shall be praying together in the Church every **weekday evening** at **7.30 pm** and **6.00 pm** on **Sunday** with Benediction. All are invited

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

St Elphege's School are having a Race Night on **Thursday 8th June at 7.30 pm**. There will be a bar and pizza van and the chance to win money on horse races on a big screen. Tickets are £5 and available after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 28th May 2023 at the exit foyer of the church. Please come and support this event and have a fun evening.

57th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on **Sunday, 21 May 2023**. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague in which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live.

" The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'.

Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010. You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls is seeking to appoint the following position for an immediate start: Examination Invigilator

Further details and an application form are available by emailing recruitment@stphils.org.uk or by contacting the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025. Further information can be downloaded from the school's website:

<https://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>.

LALEHAM LEA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Time Teacher required For September 2023 at Laleham Lea Independent Catholic School. Please contact Mrs Strachan for an application pack at sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk 0208 660 3351 Closing date for applications is May 19th 2023 at noon.

PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust), the national Catholic prisons charity has a vacancy for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator, providing support in the London courts and in the community.

Working Hours = 30 hours, Monday to Friday

Location = Home-based (London area)

Contract = Part-time / Permanent

Salary = £22,800 per annum (£20,400 basic + £2,400 market supplement)

If you understand working with vulnerable adults in a challenging environment, we would like to hear from you.

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/3LLdttK> **Closing date:** 30/05/23

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-25th August. Message from Bishop Paul. After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us. For details, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>

Join Lord Alton on a sponsored walk from where Tolkien wrote The Lord of the Rings

There will be two sponsored walks in support of Right To Life UK in May.

The Christian Heritage Centre, based at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, has organised a sponsored walk along the Tolkien Trail on Monday 8 May. Discounted accommodation will be available at Theodore House, Stonyhurst.

The Burnley Knights of St Columba and Catenian Circle 154 have also organised a 10km sponsored walk for Right To Life UK on Monday 29 May.

For further details on how you can join either of the walks visit: www.righttolife.org.uk/sponsoredwalks