



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1ST OCTOBER 2023

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK. *The Church commemorates our Guardian Angels this week. Let us ask Our Lord to direct our Guardian Angels to watch over and care for all of us, particularly those who need special protection like little babies, children, and the unborn. Amen*

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SUN 1	6.00 pm	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	
<i>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY</i>	09.00 am	U.C.M
<i>2ND COLLECTION Prisons Sunday</i>	10.30 am	Kathrine CUNNIFFE (RIP)
<i>Next week's 2nd Collection CAFOD</i>	12.00 noon	Repose of the Soul of Stainslaw CZASTKA
Mon 2	8.30 am	Deacon Thomas COYLE (RIP)
<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10.00 am	Mr. C. LOBO (Thanksgiving)
Tue 3	8:30 am	Bishop Howard TRIPP
<i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Mrs Kathleen BUTLER & Son (Best intention)
Wed 4	8.30 am	Fr Kevin ST. AUBYN (RIP)
<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	10 am	Vicky RIDGE & Tilani LAGONIGRO (God's protection)
	10.30 - 7 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 5	8.30 am	Recently deceased members of the parish
<i>Feria</i>	10 am	Thanksgiving Mass to the Holy Spirit
Fri 6	8.30 am	Bridget MURPHY (speedy recovery)
<i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Theresa JOSEPH (Good Estate)
	10:30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 7	10 am	Mrs Mary BIRKETT (Birthday Thanksgiving)
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.30-11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 - 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
		Fidelma SLATTERY & Family (RIP)
	6 pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Gerard & Fr Emmanuel)

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	Terry Harper	Pathmini Soosai	
Susie King	Kosenat Tetteh	Mendonca	Diana Camilleri	Monir Jacob	Theresa Mitcosbe
Cynthia Lobendhan,	Gemma Gilligan	Luke DuCasse	Margaret O'Flaherty	Grace Quansah	

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

SEPTEMBER COLLECTION

Loose Cash £ 3,119.42

Gift Aid £ 867.44

Standing Order £2,787.61

CAFOD £ 64.20

PARISH NOTICES

DATE FOR THE DIARY

We cordially invite all parishioners to attend the send-off Mass and welcoming Mass for Fr. Gerard Balinnya and Fr. Emmanuel Onwu on **Saturday, October 7th, 2023**, at **6 p.m.** sharp in the church. Following the Mass, we will have our customary potluck gathering in the Maurice Reaney Hall to continue the celebrations. We encourage parishioners to show appreciation to the priests.

MONTH OF ROSARY (OCTOBER)

We invite individuals and families to join us in daily rosary prayer, both in-person at the church and online at **6 p.m.** throughout October. The next Children's Rosary will be on **Sat 7 October at 10.35 a.m.** We encourage all to attend.

RCIA COURSE

This course is specifically created for those who are new to the Catholic faith. It began last week and is conducted every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the "Upper Room" of the parish. If you are an adult who has not yet been baptised or received Holy Communion, or Confirmation, we warmly welcome you to join us. You still have two weeks to join in.

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It's a series of interactive classes for all who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps take steps toward becoming Catholic. It is also for anyone who is Catholic but not confirmed or just anyone who would like a better understanding of their Catholic beliefs. All are welcome!

Food Services Team

We are pleading for food and toiletries donations from parishioners as the "Food Bank" is running out of the following: tinned fruits, pasta sauce, ketchup, tooth paste, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo, sugar, flour, cooking oil etc. Thank you

ALTAR SERVERS

Attention to those who have already received their First Holy Communion! If you have an interest in joining the Altar Servers Team, we have great news for you! Training will begin on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 in the church and will run till Tuesday 24th October 2023. We also encourage previous members to come back and join us!

2024 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Dear Year 9 and above high school students, we are excited to inform you that Confirmation 2024 registration is now open. To register, simply visit the parish website (stelphages.co.uk) and go to the Notices section. Once registered, parents and guardians must provide evidence of Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates on any of the designated **Sundays** in **October - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th**, between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm at the Maurice Reaney Hall.

A registration fee of £20 is required. Thank you for your interest in this important sacrament.

Additionally, we have a new program called Youth Alpha for those in Years 7 and 8. Please stay tuned for more information.

PARENT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON THE FAMILY

The "Catholic Conference on the Family 2023" has been meticulously designed to empower parents and grandparents in today's complex world. We understand the deep concerns many parents face due to the prevalence of misleading ideologies propagated through various news outlets, especially regarding chastity. Catholic conference is designed to help parents and Grandparents support their children's moral life as young adults on 14 October 2023. Attendance is in Person at Our Lady and St. Peter, located at 15 Victoria Drive, Wimbledon, London SW19 6AD. Or Online via Zoom Details can be found at www.eventcatholic.com

"YOUTH SPEAKS TO YOUTH" HOLY CROSS & ST. ELPHEGE'S & ST. MARGARET'S

Mindful of Pope Francis' visit to the WORLD YOUTH DAY in Portugal, Holy Cross parish will be starting a joint venture with our two neighbouring parishes of St Elphege's, Wallington and St Margaret's, Carshalton Beeches on **Monday 25th September 2023**

Discovering a clear and simple way to share our faith, **"YOUTH SPEAKS TO YOUTH" is a free course open to CATECHISTS and YEAR 12 students of the three parishes.**

There will be **six Monday evenings in September and October** based on the **"Discovery" Booklet** (see cco.ca/store), followed by two skill workshop evenings in November (13th Nov: Presentation skills; and 20th November: Facilitating Group Discussion skills).

For further information and to express an interest in joining the course would catechists and Year 12 students please give your name, and contact information, to Holy Cross parish email: carshalton@rcaos.org.uk

DAY FOR CATECHISTS – 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

This year's day for catechists will be held at the Cathedral and Amigo Hall on the feast of St Jerome. To mark this feast, catechists from across the diocese will receive a keynote on God's Word from Fr John Hemer MHM; advance notice on the new Lectionary with Martin Foster and a series of other workshops. The cost per catechist is £10 (please bring your lunch). The day will start with arrivals at 10:00 a.m. (keynote at 11:00 a.m.) and will conclude with Mass, with Canon Gerald Bradley, at 4.00 p.m

NOTICE TO RED BOX HOLDERS:

The Parish Missio Team will start collecting the red boxes from Saturday, 7th October to Sunday, 29th October 2023. Team members will be present at the church exit after every Mass. We appreciate your kindness and generosity in advance.

SOME DEFINITE SERVICES

Over the last couple of months, three parishes have completed the pilot planning process as part of Some Definite Service. In late 2023, into early 2024, the Agency will host three activation days for parish planning – Tuesday 17 October 2023 (Amigo Hall); Saturday 4 November 2023 (St Mary's, West Croydon); January 2024 (a Kent venue). These days will offer parish teams and clergy a chance to formulate a vision for Evangelisation, Catechesis and Formation and look at how this might be developed locally.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

We would like to remind parishioners of the all-day Adoration every Wednesday in the Lady's Chapel. You are encouraged to come and visit the Lord in the Eucharist.

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

PRISONS SUNDAY

Sunday 8

October is Prisoners Sunday when we all especially think about and pray for prisoners and their families. PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) a national Catholic charity works to support prisoners and their families in England and Wales to help keep contact and communication and prevent family breakdown.

A second collection will be taken to support this vital work."

A SEMINAR ON PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION

On 28

October 2023@ AMIGO HALL, ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. This seminar will feature a range of speakers that include Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark; Fr Richard Nesbitt, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, White City; Susan Elderfield, Lead for Youth Ministry, St Mary's University, Twickenham; Nana Churcher, author of "The Power of Your Words"; and Andrea Fernandes, Co-Chair of the Racial and Cultural Inclusion Group, St Margaret of Scotland Parish, Carshalton.

Sponsored by the Southwark RC Archdiocesan Commission for Promoting Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion, the seminar would also feature group discussions promoting racial and cultural inclusion in our Parishes, Schools and the wider communities. Participation can be in two ways; in person at the Amigo Hall or Online via Video Conference – Zoom. For more information and registration, please click the link <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racialand-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/> racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE! Catholic Women Praying Together

Mass -Wednesday, November 15th 2 pm St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY
(nearest tube/train WATERLOO or Lambeth North)

Theme: Affirming the Church's teaching on Marriage and Family. ALL WELCOME!

Preacher: Rev Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's

The Mass will be followed by tea and light refreshments in the Amigo Hall

More information: www.catholicwomenprayingtogether.com