



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

15TH OCTOBER 2023

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK. *Let us pray for all those in hospices, that they may receive the appropriate palliative care to ease any physical pain, and the psychological and spiritual care to relieve their mind and soul. Amen*

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

N 15 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK'S 2 ND COLLECTION WORLD MISSION DAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Mr & Mrs HUMPHREY (RIP)
	09.00 am	The RYAN Family (Thanksgiving for their 10 th grandchild, a 9 th granddaughter!)
	10.30 am	Velupillai RAVINDRAN (RIP)
	12.00 noon	Lakshmi, Mya & Simon (18 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
Mon 16 Feria	08.30 am	Marlene & Michael (wellbeing)
	10.00 am	David JoSULLIVAN (RIP)
Tue 17 St Ignatius of Antioch	08.30 am	Frances HAWKES (Thanksgiving)
	10.00 am	Michael JAMES (RIP)
Wed 18 St Luke	08.30 am	Little Val (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	10.00 am	Raymond A STONE (RIP)
	10.30 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 19 Feria	08.30 am	Robert POWDERHAM (RIP)
	10.00 am	Repose of the Soul Leelamma ANTHONY
Fri 20 Feria	08.30 am	Mathew & Asifa Family (Thanksgiving)
	10.00 am	Leelamma ANTHONY (RIP)
	10.30 am to Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 21 Feria	10.00 am	Patricia DENT (RIP)
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
	6:00 pm	Prayer for the Israelites
SUN 22 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY 2 ND COLLECTION WORLD MISSION DAY	09.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Kamile SUNYASY (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	12.00 noon	Pauline & Francis (40 th Wedding Anniversary)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

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

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

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

OVER THE MONTH OF 2023

LOOSE CASH
CAFOD

ENVELOPES

STANDING ORDER

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH NEEDS

SUPPORT GROUP

Our parish has many members who are elderly, weak, and confined to their homes. Some of them are able to attend church for a short while but cannot maintain the routine for long, while others require assistance to reach the church. Would you be willing and able to assist them in any way? If yes, please send us an email at wallington@rcaos.org.uk

CHILDREN LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to assist the Children's Liturgy Team during the **10:30 am** Mass on Sundays. Please email wallington@rcaos.org.uk if interested. Thank you

2024 CONFIRMATION UPDATE

In light of feedback and review the following changes have been made to the Confirmation program.

Candidates must now be in **Year 9** or older. - The number of preparation classes has been reduced and will take place from **November 2023 to February 2024**. To register, please visit the Notices section of the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk)

Registration: Sundays in October 12:00-13:00 at the Maurice Reaney Hall

Please complete the online form first.

- CANDIDATE YEAR GROUP: **YEAR 9 AND OLDER**
CLASSES: NOVEMBER 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024
- CLASS TIME: 6:30-8:00 PM WEDNESDAYS; 12:00 MASS SUNDAYS
- CONFIRMATION: SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

To continue supporting the education of our younger parishioners, we will be running Youth Alpha. This program is open to those in **Years 7 and 8**, and sessions will be held on **Fridays** from **April 2024 to June 2024** from **6:30-8:00 pm**.

Pizza and other refreshments will be provided. Youth Alpha will serve as a stepping stone for Confirmation preparation. We also have some upcoming youth events that you may be interested in:

Parish Youth Retreat with external speakers on November 18th 2023 from 9:45 am to 3:30 pm.

Advent Bible Study at 4:30 pm on the **4 Saturdays** in December 2023.

Thank you for your attention to these updates. We hope to see our youth making the most of these events!

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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide-ranging experience, skills, training, qualifications, and the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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, toothpaste, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo, sugar, flour, cooking oil etc. Thank you

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

WHAT IS THE CHURCH SAYING ABOUT IMMIGRATION?

Are you interested in learning about the church's stance on immigration? Join us to hear about the bishop's teaching document, "Love the Stranger," which offers a response to current issues surrounding the treatment of refugees and migrants. The event takes place on **Wednesday 18th October at 7:30 pm** at St Elphege's Church hall and on **Wednesday 25th October at 7:30 pm** at St Elphege's. You will have the opportunity to hear the stories of a Syrian and an Eritrean. Additionally, on **Saturday 4th November from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm** at Holy Family Church hall in Sutton Green, the Jesuit Refugee Service will discuss their work, and you will hear from a Ukrainian refugee.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCY

We are currently looking to appoint a School Chaplain (full time/term time only).

Please visit the school's website for more information.

<https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

"FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH".

On the weekend of October 21st and 22nd, members of the Catenian Association will speak at all masses to promote awareness of their association and attract new members. The association aims to provide a welcoming brotherhood where men can meet in a relaxed Catholic environment, and their wives and widows are also included. After Mass, members will be available to greet interested individuals. Moreover, an informal social event will be held on Friday, October 27th, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm in the Ward Room where interested individuals can meet members and their wives for an extended conversation. We hope to see you after Mass. We look forward to meeting you after Mass.

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