

ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

22ND 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

Sun 22 <i>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY</i> <i>THIS WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION</i> <i>WORLD MISSION DAY</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Prayer for the Israelites
	09.00 am	David George PILCH (RIP)
	10.30 am	Kamile SUNYASY (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	12.00 noon	Pauline & Francis O'DONOGHUE (40 th Wedding Anniversary)
Mon23 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Gilbert PEREIRA & Dotts CASTELINO (RIP)
	10.00 am	Ann DON BOSCO (Thanksgiving)
Tue24 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Damdie KALISA (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	10.00 am	P.M. MANIVEL (RIP)
Wed 25 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Deacon Kevin (RIP)
	10.00 am	Solomon OMOREGIE (RIP)
	10.30 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 26 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	DORIS, VAL & MARYLENE (Good Estate)
	10.00 am	Patricia DENT (RIP)
Fri 27 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Bishop John AYAH
	10.00 am	Mrs Grace QUANSAH (Thanksgiving)
	10.30 am to Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 28 <i>St Simon & Jude</i>	10.00 am	Saturino OBEJERO SNR
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
SUN 29 <i>THIRTIETH SUNDAY</i>	6:00 pm	Mrs PEREIRA & Family (Thanksgiving)
	09.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Helen LLOYD (RIP)
	12.00 noon	YOUTH CHOIR Thanksgiving

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	Kosenat Tetteh	Luke DuCasse	Terry Harper	David Uzor
Theresa Mittcosbe	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		

2. 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

DAILY MASS DIARY 2024!

Attention all parishioners! We are pleased to announce that the DAILY MASS RECORD DIARY 2024 is now available. If you would like to reserve a special anniversary date for your loved ones, you can do so by visiting our office. Alternatively, you can fill out Mass Intention envelopes found in the church's entry and exit foyers. Once completed, you can drop the envelope in the office letterbox or the blue offering bags. Thank you

NOVEMBER- MONTH OF MEMORIAL (PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING MASS)

All Saints Mass: Wednesday, November 1st, 2023 at 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 7:30 pm

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed: Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 at 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 7:30 pm

If you wish to offer Masses and prayers for your departed loved ones, please pick up envelopes from the foyers of the church. After filling them out, kindly drop the envelopes in the basket at the foot of the altar or the presbytery letterbox.

YOUTH RETREAT 2024! TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT!

Dear parents and carers, we are excited to announce the return of our Youth Retreat! Join us for our 3rd Annual Youth Retreat on **Saturday 18th November 2023 at Maurice Reaney Hall**. The retreat is open to all children **aged 11 and above**. We have a special guest, **Fr. Dermott**, who will be joining us. There will be a coral adoration, games, and delicious food. Come and join us for a time of prayer, fellowship, fun and make new friends! To register, please visit our parish website at stelpheges.o.uk and click on the **Notices section**. We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

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

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?

Would you like to know more about the bishop's new teaching document, Love the Stranger, which is a response to the current issues surrounding the treatment of refugees and migrants in the UK? The Archbishop's Appeal is supporting two meetings where we will discuss what we can do to help. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th October at 7:30 pm at St Elphege's Church Hall. We will discuss Love the Stranger, receive an update regarding the Syrian family that our churches in Sutton are caring for under the Community Sponsorship Scheme, and hear from Yohannes Asmelash about why young men are leaving Eritrea. The second meeting will be held on Saturday 4th November from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at Holy Family Church Hall Sutton Green. We will discuss Love the Stranger and listen to the Jesuit Refugee Service as they talk about their work in London and their visits to detention centres. Please note that the parish Saturday Mass is at 9:30 am. You are welcome to attend both meetings if you wish.

Jackie McLoughlin Sutton Deanery Refugee Community Sponsorship Group

SOUTHWARK ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON BROTHERS CIO Charity number 1203417

Autumn 2023: Previously you would have known this charity as 'The Southwark Brethren', however this summer we became an incorporated Charity now known as Southwark and Arundel & Brighton Brethren CIO. Our aims have grown and we now support all priests working or retired. In the last eighteen months, we have been able to help several priests with emergency treatment in the hospital, followed by rehabilitation and convalescence. In addition, we have helped with urgent dental treatment. This is just the tip of the iceberg and medical needs present themselves which are varied and complex and which cannot always be supplied by the diocese or the priest himself, and so today we ask for your generous support to continue our work for priests in whichever way is needed. If you can help us please send a donation in one of the following ways:

Cheques: payable to [SOUTHWARK ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON BROTHERS CIO](#) may be sent to 3 Birch Way Warlingham CR6 9DA, or by Standing Order by contacting either Frederika or Fr Paul Hough on 07939654522 and we will send the account details. If you pay tax and wish to support us with Gift Aid, or maybe you would like to remember us in your Will, please feel free to contact us regarding this and the appropriate form will be sent to you.

Your support is vital and once again ask you to make a difference! Thank you in advance for your kind support and please feel free to contact us with any concerns you may have, or for more information.

You are invited to join a new online Laudato Si circle based in Hampton and Tooting. We will study a chapter of Laudato Si' each month and we begin on Friday, October 27th at 7 p.m. on Zoom. For the link please contact

johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com

Have you read Laudate Deum a wake-up call from Pope Francis? "[Laudate Deum](#)": Apostolic Exhortation to all people of good will on the climate crisis (4 October 2023) | Francis (vatican.va)

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER This new online course has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and SycamOre, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang. Growing in Faith Together consists of four one-hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their friendship and love and engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together. The course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9 pm beginning October 24 and continuing on the 31st and November 7 and 14. To register click on this link:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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