



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

8TH 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 8	6.00 pm	Fidelma SLATTERY & Family (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Gerard & Fr Emmanuel
<i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY</i>	09.00 am	Pauline RUDDOCK (RIP)
<i>2ND COLLECTION Prisons Sunday</i>	10.30 am	Shrutti MATHEW (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	12.00 noon	Trevlyn PEREIRA (RIP)
Mon 9	8.30 am	Linda KAMATHI & Family (God's guidance)
<i>St John Henry Newman, Priest</i>	10.00 am	Ann FARRELLY (90 th Birthday Thanksgiving)
Tue 10	8:30 am	Shiju MATHEW (Birthday Thanksgiving)
<i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Unborn Children
Wed 11	8.30 am	Shiju & Asifa MATHEW (20 th Wedding Anniversary)
<i>Feria</i>	10 am	Allan ROOKE (RIP)
	10.30 - 7 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 12	8.30 am	People of the Parish
<i>Feria</i>	10 am	Odunname OSUNDE (RIP)
Fri 13	8.30 am	Noel McAllister (RIP)
<i>St. Edward the Confessor</i>	10.00 am	Prayer for all parish volunteers
	10:30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 14	10 am	Mrs Mary BIRKETT (Birthday Thanksgiving)
<i>Feria</i>	10.30-11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 - 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
	6 pm	Mr & Mrs HUMPHREY (RIP)

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!

PARISH NOTICES

2024 CONFIRMATION UPDATE

We would like to inform parents and carers that there have been some changes made to the Confirmation program following a review and feedback. The following changes have been implemented:

- 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, simply visit the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk) and go to the Notices section
- Class time will be on **Wednesdays** from **6:30-8:00pm** and on **Sundays** at **noon** for Mass.

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 on **4 Saturdays** in December 2023 at 4:30 pm. Thank you for your attention to these updates. We hope to see you at these events!

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

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

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!

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 many parents' deep concerns 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

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

Beginning Experience Weekend

If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you heal will be held from 13th to 15th October 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. This is easily reached by road or by the new Elizabeth Line. If you would like more details of the weekend, please ring Maura 07795-498445 or Mary at 020-8647 4760 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

"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.

PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust)

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, supports 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