



## ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024

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**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK.** "We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. *Amen*

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SUN 21 <i>THIRD SUNDAY (B)</i>  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week</i> <i>Catholic Association for Racial Justice</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	James FERNANDES (RIP)
	09.00 am	People of the parish
	10.30 am	Thanksgiving to St Anthony for his interventions
	12.00 pm	Carla ROSINHA (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Mon 22 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Prayer for Volunteers
	10.00 am	Mark CHARLES & Family (Health & Protection)
Tue 23 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Prayer for Retired Priests
	10.00 am	Miss Lalani RAVINDRAN (RIP)
Wed 24 <i>St Francis De Sales</i>	08.30 am	Mrs Pat O'SULLIVAN (RIP)
	10.00 am	Maria De FATIMA (RIP)
	10.30 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 25 <i>The Conversion of St Paul The Apostle</i>	08.30 am	HOLY SOULS
	10.00 am	Lawrence DUAH (RIP)
Fri 26 <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	08.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.00 am	Antonio De JESUS (well-being)
	10.30 am to Noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 27 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Alcantra & Eddie PEREIRA (RIP)
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
	6:00 pm	Elizabeth PEREIRA(RIP), Fidelma SLALLERY (RIP)
Sun 28 <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (B)</i>	09.00 am	Ivy DAVY (RIP)
	10.30 am	Prayer for Confirmation Candidates
	12.00 noon	Rajanayagam LOUIS (RIP)

### 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 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	Aubrey Jiggins	

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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION OVER ....

## PARISH NOTICES

### **BANISH THE WINTER BLUES - BINGO FOR THE FAMILY!**

The Young Adults are inviting everyone to join them for games and snacks on **Sunday 28th January 2024** from **1:30 pm to 3:30 pm** at the Maurice Reaney Hall. Admission is free. All are welcome.

### **CONFIRMATION 2024**

The pre-sacrament Mass and Confession session has been rescheduled to **Saturday 27th January 2024**. The event will commence with Mass at **10:00 am**, followed by Confession. We aim to conclude by 11:15 am. This new date replaces the previously scheduled event which was due to take place on Saturday 20th January 2024. The Confirmation Mass is on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2 pm prompt!**

### **FHC PARENTS MEETING**

This is a reminder for parents and carers about the upcoming Parents Evening on Tuesday 23rd January at 2024 @6.30 pm. Please ensure you attend with your child at the church.

### **CHURCH SHOP**

The Church Shop is now selling Confirmation Cards & Gifts.

### **FOOD SHOP**

By popular request, the Food Service Team have decided to open on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January @ 11.30 am in the Ellis Hall. Please inform anyone in need of food or clothing.

### **YOUNG ADULTS**

Attention to all young people - Are you wondering how to use your love for Jesus? Join us for a meeting with Fr. Emmanuel on Wednesday, March 7th, 2023, at 6:30 pm in Ellis Hall. Exciting opportunities are awaiting you at St. Elphege's, which also fulfils your DofE requirements. There is no need to book in advance, just come along and be a part of it.

### **CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2024**

The Catholic Directories are available in the church's entry and exit foyers. To donate, scan the barcode behind the directory.

### **NO MORE BOTTLE TOPS**

Dear Parishioners, we would like to inform you that we have ceased collecting bottle tops. We appreciate your support in the past and would like to thank you for your contributions. Thank you.

### **MASS BOOKINGS FOR 2024**

Parishioners are encouraged to use the envelopes at the entrance and exit foyers for their preferred Mass dates. Alternatively, they can visit the office. Thank you

### **2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION**

Attention Parents and Carers, we are pleased to announce that registration for the 2024 First Holy Communion is now open to all children in Year 3 or above. You can find the registration link under Notices on the parish website [stelpheges.co.uk](http://stelpheges.co.uk). After the registration process, please join us on any of the following **Sundays: January 6th, 14th, or 21st**, from **11:30 am to 12:30 pm** in **Ellis Hall** along with your child's baptism certificate. Please note that the registration fee is **£20**. Kindly note that your registration will not be considered complete until you have submitted your child's baptism certificate. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you and your child on the specified dates. Thank You

### **CHURCH SHOP**

There are (2024) Diaries, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Cribs etc now available in the Church Shop. Don't forget we stalk cards for all occasions.

## **WINNERS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS**

- 16(Green Ticket) – Ginger Frog Restaurant Voucher
- 278 (yellow Ticket)- Christmas Hamper
- 60 (Yellow Ticket) - Fitness Pilates (Fit for Life)

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **Purley John Fisher RFC are looking for volunteers to support the delivery of the STAR scheme at the club.**

With the Christmas season ending with the Epiphany, it seemed like an appropriate time to appeal for volunteers to help us deliver the STAR scheme at the Purley John Fisher rugby club. The programme is designed to help youngsters from socio-economically challenged backgrounds to realise their potential by following the STAR programme that uses the structured framework used by the Rugby Football Union to coach young people in the game of rugby. We need volunteers to help the young people referred into the programme with transport to and from training sessions at 10.00am at the John Fisher School fields on Plough Lane, Purley on Sundays. The young people referred into the programme will be integrated with our other minis in the appropriate age groups. The sessions last for about 1.5 hours so the time commitment will be about 2 hours on a Sunday.

Before making any commitment, we invite you to join us at an online meeting on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm where you will learn more about the scheme, the research that is behind the scheme and the next steps. If you are able to spare some time and are interested, please contact me at [niel.kenny@btinternet.com](mailto:niel.kenny@btinternet.com) (And yes, that is the way I spell Niel), I will then forward you the links for the meeting. Thank you.

Useful links: <https://www.starscheme.co.uk/> ; <https://www.pjfrfc.co.uk/>; <https://mattratanarugby.foundation/>

## CAFOD REPRESENTATIVE APPEAL

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, and our world need you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of the church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish?

**CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, by inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support are provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? [cafod.org.uk/walk](https://cafod.org.uk/walk)

This year we will be celebrating on the [Year of Prayer](#) as we look towards the Year of Jubilee. We'll share more in the coming months but please do get in touch if you have any ideas for how we can work together to mark the Year of Prayer and the Year of Jubilee.

Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY 2024

With the festivities around Christmas and the New Year now celebrated, I would like to point to our reoccurring celebration of **Racial Justice Sunday coming up on 28 January 2024**. On that day, **Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the event at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY at the 10 am Mass.**

The Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, coordinated by Canon Victor Darlington, would like to invite you and your parishioners to this event. A **poster is hereby attached** which I gently request that you publish and insert in your Newsletter.

Kindly advise members of your Parish to come in their **traditional attires and costumes** and possibly bring **a flag of their country of origin**. This will add vigour and colour to the occasion.

**Mass will begin at 10.00 am** and everyone is gently requested to be seated at least **15 minutes before**

This March, we celebrate the first anniversary of Caritas Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John will celebrate Mass at St George's Cathedral on **Saturday 16 March at 12.30 pm.**

### Vacancy for Paid Part-time Parish Administrator – St. Christopher's, Cheam

St Christopher's parish is seeking a paid part-time parish administrator, to replace our current administrator who is retiring from the role.

A job description, setting out the key accountabilities of the role, together with the competencies and personal qualities required, can be found on our parish website: <https://www.stchristopherscheam.com/feed>

Working hours of 25 hours per week include staffing the parish office, on the church premises, between 09.00-13.00 Monday-Friday (inclusive), with 28 days annual leave inclusive of public holidays. The remuneration offered will be up to £19.50 per hour depending on skills and experience.

To apply, please submit a CV (maximum 2 pages A4 font size 12) and a covering letter (maximum 2 pages A4 font size 12) setting out how you meet the requirements in the job description. Please submit your application by email to: [hr@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hr@rcaos.org.uk)

The closing date for applications is: **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Please do not apply after the closing date as your application will not be considered.