



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

10TH MARCH 2024

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK "We pray for our society that we would promote a culture that values life and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death AMEN"

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 10 <i>4th Sunday of Lent (B)</i> MOTHERS' DAY <i>2nd Collection next week</i> <i>Poor Parishes</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Mrs Ellen PHELAN
	09.00 am	Ruth NOAH (Healing)
	10.30 am	In honour of Our Lady, Thanksgiving Mass for Ghana Independence
	12.00 pm	Philomena & David CHARLES (RIP)
Mon 11 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Babylena BRUCCIANI (Healing)
	10.00 am	Ita GRREN (RIP)
Tue 12 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Edwin MATHEW (16 th Birthday)
	10.00 am	Trevlyn PEREIRA (RIP)
Wed 13 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Celine HARGREAVES & Family
	10.00 am	Cyril MONTEIRO (Birthday Remembrance)
	10.30 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Stations of the Cross
Thu 14 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Robert POWDERHAM (RIP)
	10.00 am	Carine BRENNAN & Family
Fri 15 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	John STRENZ (Good Estate)
	10.00 am	Nikki PASI & Family (Birthday Intentions)
	10.30 am to Noon	Stations of the Cross
Sat 16 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
Sun 17 <i>5th Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	6:00 pm	Peter & May O'CONNOR, Elis PAULAZZO (RIP),
	09.00 am	Lawrence SALDANHA (RIP)
	10.30 am	Donna HEADE(RIP) & deceased members of the ROSE Family
	12.00 noon	Abel CARRASCO (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	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	

2. Those who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur now. May their souls rest in peace Amen.

..... 2024 COLLECTION

PARISH NOTICES

OUR PARISH, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

“...they are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous in giving and always ready to share....”

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

At the beginning of Lent, we reminded ourselves that the parish belongs to us. It is our home that offers spiritual refuge and a family where we find support, warmth, and love. Our parish can grow and flourish in every aspect by contributing our talents and expertise. It can be what we would love to be, a truly spiritual house of comfort and celebration if we develop that love for it. We desire to make our parish a home where everyone feels welcomed, loved, and supported.

What is my idea of a parish?

How can I actualise this in St. Elphege?

What commitment am I ready to make?

In a couple of weeks, we shall focus on helping us to address these questions individually and personally through a 3-week Planned Giving Drive. Be a part of our transformation!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a reconciliation service on **Monday 18th March 2024 @ 7 pm**. We encourage parishioners to make good use of this programme. Priests from various parishes will be available to assist.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN AND PARENTS' LESSON B

We want to remind parents and carers of the Lesson on Tuesday 19th March 2024 in the Church starting at 4 pm. Parents and Carers are advised to come along with the children.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - every Wednesday at 7.30 pm and every Friday after morning Mass throughout the Lenten season

ADORATION – Saturday after morning Mass. **CONFESSIONS:** On request, the Priests will be available for Confessions immediately after Morning Mass. The Saturday Morning (10. 30 am to 11.15 am) and Saturday Evening (5. 15 pm to 5: 45 pm) still stand.

CHILDREN LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

All children and young people are welcome to join our Lenten Bible Study at St Elphege's Roman Catholic Church. We will have a great time studying the Bible and exploring the power of the Word. The sessions will occur on **Saturdays** during **Lent** from **5:00 pm to 5:45 pm**. We will hold the classes in the Wardroom and sometimes in the Upper Room. Please bring your Bible, and we will provide some biscuits and drinks for a fun time together after the studies.

EASTER PROGRAMME 2024

Saturday 23 th March	Palm/Passion Sunday Vigil Mass	18:00
Sunday 24 th March	Palm/Passion Sunday	09:00, 10:30 & Noon
Wednesday 27 th March	CHRISM MASS at Cathedral	11.00 am
	Evening Mass in church	19.30
Thursday 28 th March	Maundy Thursday (Mass of the Last Supper)	19.30 till midnight
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday-Passion Service	10:00- Stations of the Cross 15:00 Passion of the Lord Saturday
Saturday 30 th March	Blessing of Easter Breakfast (Polish)	9.30 am in the church compound
	Holy Saturday	19:30- The Lord's Resurrection
Sunday 31 st March	Easter Sunday	09:00, 10:30 & Noon Sunday
Sunday 7 th April	Divine Mercy	3 pm

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has re-launched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork

FAITH SUMMER BREAK for 11-15-YEAR-OLDS [MON 12th - THU 15th August 2024]: Set in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's School, Ascot, the [Faith Summer Break](#) is an exciting four days for 11-15-year-olds combining both faith and fun activities in a relaxed holiday setting. The week is structured around getting to know God and each other and includes Holy Mass each day, talks about the Catholic Faith, discussions, prayer, quizzes, arts and crafts, games, sports and a visit to Thorpe Park. It costs £200 [£50 deposit, full amount due on arrival], however, subsidies can be applied for if you are unable to afford the full amount for your child. The event is run by Fr Matthew O'Gorman and his brother Fr Dermott will be there along with other clergy and helpers.

Booking Deadline - 26th July 2024! For the bookings please check the Notice Board for further information. Thank you

CARD PAYMENTS

Attention all parishioners, we would like to inform you that there is a contactless machine available for all transactions at the entry and exit foyers of the church. In the event of a system failure, you can visit the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk) and click on the "Donate to the Parish" option to make a payment. Thank you

OTHER NOTICES

NEW MINIBUSES FUNDRAISING PAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Here at St Elphege's school, we are looking to replace our well-used minibuses that have now become unsustainable to run due to the ULEZ charges and ongoing maintenance costs. The current minibuses are used each week for sporting fixtures, curriculum events, swimming, quiz team competitions, farm excursions, choir events, donation drop-offs, class trips and mass to name a few!

The children at St Elphege's excel in extra-curricular activities and competitions such as athletics, football, choir and Top of the Form however without the minibuses the children would not be able to attend and compete. The buses also enable children to go on a multitude of valuable academic trips which aid the faith and spiritual development of all the pupils. Children and staff have been making exceptional progress in their challenges.

Mr P Jones is running the London Marathon (26.2 miles) on Sunday 21st April and is currently running over 50 miles a week in training. Children have been taking part in the daily mile to reach 26.2 miles before the 21st April and are continuing to be as active as possible as part of the School Superzone.

Teachers and children are continuing to drink only water with a number of them using new St Elphege's branded water bottles. We are asking you to consider sponsoring the activities being carried out by pupils and staff to help raise money for the buses. Please click on the link below to sponsor both children being active and Mr Jones running the London Marathon.

Every penny counts!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/st-elpheges-ptfa-minibus-crowdfunder>

Thank you for your continued support.

Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent School in Purley is looking for a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to start as soon as possible. For more information and application forms please visit our school website - www.lalehamlea.co.uk or call 0208 660 3351.

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Suppose you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year. In that case, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3 pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk with the following details: your full name, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31.

MAKING A NEW START

Beginning Experience is a residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. The next programme will be on April 12-14. For details phone 0208 647 4760 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 3rd 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 are 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.

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.**