



## ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024

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### The Federation of St. Elphege's & Regina Caeli Catholic Schools:

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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 3 <i>Third Sunday of Lent (B)</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Week</i> <i>CAFOD</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Conrad LOBO (RIP)
	09.00 am	U.C.M
	10.30 am	Lorne MASH (Private Intentions)
	12.00 pm	Anne GIDDINGS (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary RIP)
Mon 4 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Fr Richard AKPAN (RIP)
	10.00 am	Victor D'SA (RIP)
Tue 5 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Fr Martin AKPAN (RIP)
	10.00 am	All Pregnant Women
Wed 6 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Archbishop Joseph EKWUEUS (Good Health)
	10.00 am	Claudia ROSINHA (Healing)
	10.30 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Thu 7 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Fr Paulinus UMANAH (RIP)
	10.00 am	Betty ALOYO (RIP)
Fri 8 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Those who are separated
	10.00 am	Maria DE FATIMA (RIP)
	10.30 am to Noon	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 9 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Joel RANJEEV (B'day Thanksgiving), K.O VARGHESE (RIP)
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
	6:00 pm	Mrs Ellen PHELAN
Sun 10 <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i> <i>MOTHERS' DAY</i>	09.00 am	Ruth NOAH (Healing)
	10.30 am	In honour of Our Lady, Thanksgiving Mass for Ghana Independence
	12.00 noon	Philomena & David CHARLES (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.

### FEBRUARY 2024 COLLECTION

LOOSE CASH £ 3898.83  
STANDING ORDER £ 2984.68  
GIFT AID £ 764.52

CAFOD £ 82

## PARISH NOTICES

### OUR CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

“...like [good](#) stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others”

- 1 Peter 4:10

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 7 pm**. We encourage parishioners to make good use of this programme. Priests from various parishes will be available to assist.

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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.

**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**, starting on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm/Passion Sunday Vigil Mass	18:00
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm/Passion Sunday	09:00, 10:30 & Noon
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	CHRISM MASS at Cathedral	11.00 am
	Evening Mass in church	19.30
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday (Mass of the Last Supper)	19.30 till midnight
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday-Passion Service	10:00- Stations of the Cross 15:00 Passion of the Lord Saturday
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Blessing of Easter Breakfast (Polish)	9.30 am in the church compound
	Holy Saturday	19:30- The Lord's Resurrection
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Sunday	09:00, 10:30 & Noon Sunday
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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](https://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

#### **LOVE HEALS**

BODY MIND and SPIRIT MINISTRY

Welcome you to come to a day Retreat of quiet Reflection

Saturday 2nd March 2024, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm at The Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR

#### **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](http://stelpheges.co.uk)) and click on the "Donate to the Parish" option to make a payment. Thank you

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**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 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](mailto: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**.