



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

28TH APRIL 2024

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK "While we ponder the depth of the love of God present in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, we pray that He would make us channels of His Divine Mercy, especially to those who may have suffered the loss of a baby. *AMEN*

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 28 5 th Sunday of Easter <i>Next Week's Second Collection</i> <i>Maintenance of St George's Cathedral</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Andy COLE (RIP)
	09.00 am	Repose of the Soul of Rita D'Aguair
	10.30 am	SATURNINO SNR (RIP)
	12.00 pm	Mary CONNOR (RIP)
Mon 29 <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	8.30 am	Fr Paulinus UMANAH (RIP)
	10.00 am	Betty BREW HAMMOND (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Tue 30 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Fr Anthony OKON (RIP)
	10.00 am	Archbishop Brian USANGA (RIP)
Wed 1 May <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Rajanayagam LOUIS (RIP)
	10.00 am	Nina & Pam DAVY
	10.00 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thu 2 <i>St Athanasius, Bishop & Dr</i>	8.30 am	Bishop John AYAH (Divine Intervention)
	10.00 am	Archbishop Ekuwen (Divine Intervention)
Fri 3 <i>St Philip & James</i>	8.30 am	Archbishop Peter SMITH (RIP)
	10.00 am	Bishop Paul HENDRICKS
Sat 4 <i>The English Martyrs</i>	10.00 am	Bishop Philip MORGER
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation
	6.00 pm	All Deceased Souls of the World
Sun 5 6 th Sunday of Easter	09.00 am	U.C.M, (50 TH Wedding Anniversary)
	10.30 am	Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for answered prayers
	12.00 noon	

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 who will be buried and those whose anniversaries occur now. May their souls rest in peace Amen.

..... **2024 COLLECTION**

Parish Notices

Canon Victor Darlington is scheduled to visit the parish on Sunday, April 28th, 2024 for the inauguration of the Racial and Cultural Committee.

GIFTAID ENVELOPES

Please be informed that the GiftAid envelopes for the year 2024 are available for collection. This includes new signups who have opted for GiftAid envelopes. Each box is assigned a name tag, so kindly check the exit foyer of the church to collect your respective envelopes. Thank you.

MAY DEVOTIONS

The month of May is the month of the Rosary to the Blessed Virgin. As a parish, we shall be praying together in the Church every **weekday evening at 7. 30 pm** and **6. 00 pm on Sunday** with Benediction. All are invited

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Our monthly Parish Prayer and Worship evening will be held on the **first Friday of every month at 6. 30 pm**. This will be led by Father Emmanuel. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Thank you

ALPHA YOUTH IS CALLING YOUNG ADULTS!!!

Calling all year 7 and 8s! (And anyone who wants to join confirmation class this year.) Join us for Alpha Youth on **Fridays at 6:30 pm for 9 weeks starting this Friday 19th April 2024**. – Ellis Hall. Please visit the parish website and register. The link can be found under NOTICES. Thank you

Dear Parishioners

Please visit the parish website (stelpheges.co.uk) to find more activities on the parish calendar.

The Annual Mass for London Migrant Workers in honour of St Joseph the Worker is on **Monday 6th May 2024 at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR at 12.30 pm**. All are invited. Please come early. You are welcome to come in the national dress to participate in the banner procession at 12.15 pm. The Mass is hosted by the three London Catholic Diocese, supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions and Ethnic Chaplaincies, Caritas Brentwood and London Citizens UK in celebration of all the people who live, work and contribute to life across our city.

THE LEGION OF MARY is organising its Annual Edel Quinn pilgrimage to Aylesford and everyone is invited to join. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 4th May 2024 and the coach will leave St. Elpheges at 8:00 am. The price for adults is £20:00 and for children aged 16 and under is £10:00. To participate in the pilgrimage, please make the payment at the Parish office.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

We will be celebrating **Pentecost Sunday on May 19th**, and just like in previous years, our parish will be celebrating its international diversity. We encourage different nationalities in our parish to prepare an innovative way to showcase their unique culture, food, costumes, and traditions. We cordially invite all parishioners to come dressed in their traditional costumes and to bring along traditional food to share with others.

FHC 2024 CHURCH LESSON

Parents and guardians are reminded of the upcoming church lessons for First Holy Communion Candidates. The classes will be held on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, at 4 pm in the church. We encourage parents to review the registration form and ensure that their child's name is spelt accurately, as it will be printed exactly as it appears on the certificate. Thank you for your attention.

ST ELPHEGE SCHOOL

Tickets are available for the St Elphege's School Race Night on Friday, May 3rd at 6.30 pm at the school. £5 or £15 with a fish and chips supper. A fun night to raise money for the school's new minibuses. If you can't come please name a horse or sponsor a race.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

We want to thank all parishioners for their unwavering support towards the Planned Giving Drive. The responses and feedback we have received so far have been truly amazing! However, we are still urging those who have not yet returned the **voluntary form** and **Gift Aid form** to kindly drop them in the blue bags or all-purpose boxes placed at the exit of the church, or in the office letter box. Donations can be made through Gift Aid Envelopes, through the parish website and contactless machines. Copies of the forms can be found in the foyer at the exit of the church. We thank you all and may God bless you. For further information on the drive, please visit the parish website and check under the 'notices' section.

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 a contactless machine is 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

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls is seeking to appoint the following positions for an immediate start:

- Teaching Assistant (LSA)
- Examination Invigilator

A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, **from 23rd to 30th August 2024**. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

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