



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2ND MARCH 2025

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS INVITES US TO LOOK AT OUR WEAKNESSES, FAULTS AND FAILURES RATHER THAN THOSE OF OTHERS. WE PRAY FOR HONESTY IN OUR LIVES SO THAT WE CAN SEE OURSELVES AS WE ARE AND STRIVE TO BE MORE UNDERSTANDING, KIND AND LOVING WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

(REQUESTED BY)

<i>Sunday 2</i> <i>8TH Sunday (C)</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Mrs Ellemas & husband Frank	<i>Christina</i>
	09.00 am	U.C.M, Joel RENJEEV (Birthday Thanksgiving)	<i>UCM</i> <i>Sushma</i>
	10.30 am	Mr Conrad LOBO (Birthday in Heaven)	<i>Mrs S Lobo</i>
	12.00 pm	Dara IKENNA (Birthday Thanksgiving)	<i>Bernice</i>
	2 pm	Confirmation Mass	
<i>Mon 3</i> <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Fr Patrick CANON (RIP)	<i>The Parish</i>
	10.00 am	Lawrence JOSEPH (RIP)	<i>Thomas</i>
<i>Tue 4</i> <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Fr John LAWRENCE (RIP)	<i>The Parish</i>
	10.00 am	Nicholas SYNNOTT & Kevin MELVILLE (RIP)	<i>Thomas</i>
<i>Wed 5</i> <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	08.30 am	Deacon James SHEAHAN (RIP)	
	10.00 am	Ann BRADLEY	<i>Rose Family</i>
	10.30 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition /Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7.30 pm	Eileen LANZON (RIP)	<i>Mary</i>
<i>Thu 6</i> <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Paddy BRADLEY	<i>Rose Family</i>
	10.00 am	Repose of Soul Vivek	<i>Fifi</i>
<i>Fri 7</i> <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Fr Jake DICTO (RIP)	
	10.00 am	PEREIRA Family & Friends (Thanksgiving)	<i>Linda</i>
	10.30 am-noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<i>Sat 8</i> <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	People of the Parish	<i>The Parish</i>
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation	
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation	
	6.00 pm	Chris & Husband Jerry (RIP)	<i>Christina</i>
<i>Sun 9</i> <i>First Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	09.00 am	Lorne MASH (RIP)	<i>Terry</i>
	10.30 am	George Osazoga IDAH (RIP)	<i>Virginia</i>
	12.00 noon	Olivia GOLEBIEWSKA (18 th Birthday Thanksgiving) Ghana Independence Day Thanksgiving	<i>Iwona</i>

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY

1. The sick, the isolated, and their careers, especially those within our own Parish Community:

Jackie Van Elswick	Rosemary Day	Kosenat Tetteh	Luke DuCasse	Terry Harper	David Uzor
Therese Mittcosbe	Margaret O'Flaherty	Frank Kinsella	Thomas Pereira	John Strentz	Susie King
Pathmini Soosai	Diana Camilleri	Doreen Charlish		Mendonca	Monir Jacob
Cynthia Lobendhan	Eddie Hamilton	Anne Jagelman	Grace Quansah	Aubrey Jiggins	

For those who recently died, and for those whose anniversaries are now. May their souls rest in peace AMEN

PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation 2025 – This Sunday, March 2, 2025, Canon Gerard will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 49 young individuals. It is a significant moment in their faith journey, and the community is invited to keep them in their prayers. Special gifts to mark the occasion are available for purchase in the repository

Flame 2025 – Registration is open for young people in Year 8 and above to attend Flame 2025. The event is a wonderful opportunity for them to grow in their faith. Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is £10 for both the ticket and coach travel. Registration can be done by scanning the QR code pasted in the foyers of the church

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HEALING SERVICE

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH, 2025: TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer, petition & reconciliation, healing, anointing and thanksgiving.

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Dear Parish Family,

We invite all parishioners to join us in prayer as we prepare to celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion and Rite of Election. This special event will occur on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 12:30 PM at St. George's Cathedral.

We are blessed to welcome two catechumens and four candidates who will be formally presented during the Rite of Election. Let us pray that the Lord will guide their steps, strengthen their faith, and bring them closer to the warmth and unity of the Catholic Church.

May they experience the deep fellowship of our faith community as they continue their journey of conversion. Amen!

AYLESFORD TRIP ON 7TH JUNE 2025- ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY @ THE FRIARS

We have limited spaces available on a 33-seater coach, and booking is on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Destination:** AYLESFORD
- **Cost:** £15 per person
- **Event Duration:** 7 hours (Please bring your lunch)

Interested participants should write their names on the list provided at the entrance foyer of the church. Payments should be made at the parish office. Thank you

PRAYING THE DIVINE OFFICE

We shall begin to pray the Divine Office (Lauds) in the morning (Mon-Sat) @ 9.30 am starting from Ash Wednesday. You are welcome to the Lenten celebration.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every **Wednesday** evening during Lent – **7:30 PM**

Every **Friday Morning Mass**

ADORATION

Saturdays after Morning Mass until **Noon**

Let us prepare our hearts for Lent through prayer, reflection, and devotion.

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis are hosting a Sharing Your Faith Workshop on Saturday 15th March 11 am-3:30 pm at St Matthias, Worcester Park. This one-day workshop aims to explore what it means to share our Catholic Faith. There will be practical tips and plenty of opportunities for discussion. For more details, including how to register, please see posters in the Church. Any questions, please email evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk

A DAY WITH MARY

Our parish will be hosting A Day with Mary on Saturday 22nd March 2025 @ 10 am. All are invited and welcome to Eucharistic Adoration, Rosaries & Mass

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford 7 June 2025.

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. A walking pilgrimage will also be from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). **The event itself is free.** You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

Hope in Adoration.

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ". The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our new Bible Study group as we journey through the life of Christ, focusing on the Gospel of St. Luke. Whether you are new to Sacred Scripture or have a deep understanding, all are welcome!

This is a chance to grow in your knowledge of God and deepen your love for Him in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Deut. 11:18 "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes."

When: Every Thursday, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Wardroom

AGE : 18 years and above

We look forward to seeing you there!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 7 MARCH

Local services are at Holy Cross Church Carshalton at 1.30 pm. You can get the 157 or 127 bus. The evening service will be held at St Mary's Beddington at 7.30 pm.

WDP ecumenical day was started by women worldwide This year the service is written by women in the Cook Islands. In prayer, they share their lives, their culture and their hopes.

Men are welcome to come and pray together.

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEWSLETTER SICK LIST

As per the diocese's regulations, anyone wishing to have their name added to the newsletter sick list is kindly requested to contact the parish office. A form will need to be completed to process the request.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

MASS INTENTIONS

We warmly invite parishioners to request Mass intentions for various occasions including thanksgiving, anniversaries, birthdays, and the repose of souls. To make your request, envelopes are conveniently located at the church's entry and exit foyers. Alternatively, feel free to visit the parish office, open Tuesday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM.

Dear Parishioners

As we strive to keep our church a welcoming and tidy place for everyone, we kindly ask for your assistance with the following:

- **Please return hymn books to their designated shelves after use.**
- **Kindly dispose of any used tissues in the bins provided, rather than leaving them behind.**

Your thoughtfulness helps us maintain the beauty and sanctity of our space. Thank you for your cooperation and care for our shared place of worship.

PARISH REGISTRATION UPDATE

We kindly remind every parishioner to ensure they are registered with the parish. The registration link can be found on the parish website's homepage (stelpheges.co.uk). We want to reach out to those individuals who have registered for various activities in the church but may not have been active recently. An email will be sent to you to check and encourage your continued involvement. If we do not hear back from you and do not receive any updates regarding your circumstances, we may need to remove your name from our records. Thank you for your understanding and your assistance in keeping our records accurate is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". The 2025 Jubilee will begin in Advent 2024 and will run until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026. In the parish, we shall emphasise and encourage more prayer groups and pilgrimages within and outside the country. We will soon announce activities for the Jubilee Year in the parish and encourage everyone to participate. Thank you.

JOIN US IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

Our parish relies on its members' active involvement and commitment, and we would greatly appreciate your consideration in volunteering. Whether you have a little time to spare or can commit to a regular role, your participation can make a big difference. We are currently seeking volunteers for the following areas: Flower Arrangers, Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion Catechists and Counters. These activities take place once a month except Holy Communion. If you are interested, please email your details to the parish office at wallington@rcaos.org.uk.

GIFTAID ENVELOPES

Please be informed that the GiftAid envelopes for the year 2024 are available for collection. Envelopes for new signups are also available. Each box is assigned a name tag, so kindly check the exit foyer of the church to collect your respective envelopes. 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

CARITAS ACADEMY (JOIN US ONLINE On Zoom)

Caritas Social Action Network is launching Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction, an online course for parish staff and volunteers. The programme will be spread over five one-hour Zoom sessions each Tuesday in March and 01 April 2025. The course is aimed at parishioners who are unfamiliar with Catholic Social Teaching or who would welcome a refresher. We will also hear from CSAN members who work on the front line of poverty and exclusion, bringing our theoretical discussions to life.

The course fee is £95 for all five sessions, which includes a copy of Raymond Friel's book, Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities.

Get in touch with course administrator, Bernadette, at bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk

Join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN UK) on their Pilgrimage to York: York and the North - the heartland of faith and hope from 21 July - 26 July 2025, led by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ (Spiritual Director). For more information or to book a place contact Bridget Teasdale (bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org).

WIN A TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Irish Centre Free Prize draw taking place on 1st April. The prize for one person includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flights up to €300.

To enter go to the prize draw page on the website

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