



## ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

120 STAFFORD ROAD WALLINGTON SM6 9AY

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**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK.** *Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospitals, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and those nearing the end of their lives.. Amen*

**Tuesday Mass @ 7.15 pm**

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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Sun 6 <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ( C )</i>	6.00 pm <b>Vigil Mass</b>	Mr Christopher SCANLAN (RIP)	Christina
	09.00 am	U.C.M	UCM
	10.30 am	Celeste Joseph ACOSI (Birthday Thanksgiving)	Nkechi
	12.00 noon	Ronica RAPOSO (Thanksgiving)	Ronica
Mon 7 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Deceased Members of the Thomas Family	Deepa
	10.00 am	Tom QUIN (RIP)	Parish
Tue 8 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Mathen MATHEW (RIP)	Asifa
	10.00 am	Beatrice CULLEY (God's Protection)	Beatrice
	<b>7.15 pm</b>	Fr HEAPHY (RIP)	Parish
Wed 9 <i>Feria</i>	08.30 am	Fr Wilfred ODO (Recovery)	Parish
	10.00 am	Mrs Barbara Maria NOWICKI (RIP)	Mr Nowicki
	10.30 am to 7.00 pm	Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Thu 10 <i>Feria</i> <b>Reconciliation @ 6 pm</b>	8.30 am	People of the Parish	Parish
	10.00 am	Lucy, Gregory & Xavier	Ann
Fri 11 <i>Feria</i>	8.30 am	Robert POWDERHAM (RIP)	Mary
	10.00 am	Mr K R SIVAPALAN (Birthday Remembrance RIP)	Ramesh
	10.30 am- noon	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Sat 12 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 am	Osinachi OBIORA (Thanksgiving)	Nkechi
	10.30 am to 11.45 am	Reconciliation	
	5.15 pm to 5.45 pm	Reconciliation	
	6.00 pm	Mr Daniel SCANLAN (RIP)	CHRISTINA
Sun 13 <i>(PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD C)</i>	09.00 am	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP)	Ravi
	10.30 am	Anthony OSUNDE (Birthday Thanksgiving)	victor
	12.00 noon	Jed MADU (18 <sup>TH</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving)	David

### 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	Giovanna Wiafe	John Strentz	Susie King
Pathmini Soosai	Diana Camilleri	Doreen Charlish	Mendonca	Aubrey Jiggins	Monir Jacob
Cynthia Lobendhan	Eddie Hamilton	Anne Jagelman	Grace Quansah		

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

### MARCH 2025 COLLECTION

LOSSE CASH £ 4,443.95

GIFT AID £ 1,370

REPOSITORY £ 249.75

CAFOD £ 3,032.31

## PARISH NOTICES

*Pope Francis reminds us that Lent is not simply about outward practices but about interior transformation. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are meant to help us reorient our lives toward God and others. In doing so, we grow spiritually, foster compassion, and become more deeply united with the mission of Jesus.*

Certainly! Pope Francis often speaks about the significance of the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices help us draw closer to God, grow in faith, and become more attuned to the needs of others.

## EASTER PROGRAMME

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Reconciliation Service	18:00
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm /Passion Sunday Vigil Mass	18:00
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm/Passion Sunday	09:00, 10:30 & Noon
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April (No 10 am Mass except Adoration)	Morning Mass Chrism Mass @ Cathedral Stations of the Cross	08:30 am 11.30 am 19.30
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Maundy Thursday	19.30 - till midnight Mass of the Last Supper/Adoration
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday – Passion Service	10.00 am Stations of the Cross 15:00 Passion of the Lord
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Blessing of Easter Breakfast Holy Saturday	09.30 am in the church compound 19.30 the Lord's Resurrection
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday	09:00, 10.30 & Noon

### PILGRIMAGE TRIP FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR "PILGRIM OF HOPE" CELEBRATION

"Please visit the entrance of the church foyer for further details regarding the pilgrimage. We encourage everyone to take part in this meaningful spiritual journey."

Celebration to various destinations:

- **Aylesford: Coach trip on 7th June for £15 per person**
- **Lourdes: 12th July 2025 (4 nights) for £859 (sharing)**
- **Fatima: 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 (4 nights) for £639 (sharing)**
- \*\* **Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo 23rd November - 2nd December (9 nights) for £1450 (sharing), £1690 in single room**

For more details, please check the notice boards or email us at [wallington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk)

Let us come together in this journey of hope and faith!

### 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](http://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.

### **CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S WEEKS**

Are you looking for a different kind of holiday this year? At a Catholic People's Week (CPW), you will be part of a small community for a week or a long weekend, explore a theme, grow in faith and have a whole lot of fun. There are family events and adult-only events, and all are welcome regardless of your previous experience of church. Visit [www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk](http://www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk) or contact Louise Cook on 07947 089 157 to learn more.

### **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 for Holy Communion. If you are interested, please email your details to the parish office at [wallington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk).

### **GIFTAID ENVELOPES**

Please be informed that the GiftAid envelopes for the year 2025 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](http://stelpheges.co.uk)) and click on the "Donate to the Parish" option to make a payment. Thank you

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

### **CENTENARY OF THE PONTEVEDRA APPARITION IN DECEMBER 1925:**

In celebration of the Centenary of the Pontevedra Apparition in December 1925 when Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucia at Pontevedra, Spain to request for the Five First Saturdays devotion to REPAIR the offenses against her Immaculate Heart, the NPVS of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of the saints of Fatima will visit the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George on 17-18 May 2025. His Grace Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate the Solemn Mass at 12 noon. He will dedicate the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the Mass(See posters for more information).

**MAKING A NEW START** Beginning Experience is a residential weekend on April 12-14 for separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have themselves experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. Details: ring 0208 647 4760 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**FOR THE BEREAVED** Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from March 21-23, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £260 for a single, £230 each for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

### **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 the administrator, Bernadette, at [bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk](mailto:bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk)