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# St Elphege's Catholic Church



Sunday 27th July 2025

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: We pray for travelling mercies. Amen

## **Tuesday Mass @ 7:15pm** **Mass Intentions and Prayers**

Requested by

Sun 27 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (c)	6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Christina SCANLAN (B'day Thanksgiving) Joe RYAN & Family Marley ONYUTTA (Birthday Thanksgiving) Archbishop John WILSON	Beatrice Terry Prisca Parish
Mon 28 Feria	8:30am 10:00am	Nikita & Family Children on holiday	Teddy
Tue 29 Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus	8:30am 10:00am 7:15pm	Peace in the world Family & friends of Teddy Marriages & Families	Teddy
Wed 30 Feria	8:30am 10:00am 10:30am - 7:00pm	Holy Souls People of the Parish Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Theresa
Thu 31 St Ignatius of Loyola	8:30am 10:00am	For housebound parishioners and around the world Tom HENNELLY (RIP)	Eileen
Fri 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori	8:30am 10:00am 10:30 - noon	<b>NO Mass</b> Shirley & Denis SIMMONITE (Good Health) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Grace
Sat 2 Feria	10.00 am 10.30 am to 11.45 am 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm 6:00pm	Pope Leo XIV Reconciliation Reconciliation David FOSAH	Mary Ann  Beatrice
Sun 3 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (c)	9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon	U.C.M Jaden Anthony (B'day Thanksgiving) Agnes, Michael, Yahui & George	UCM Anthony Youth Choir

In our thoughts and prayers - Please pray for our fellow parishioners especially the sick, the isolated, and their carers within our 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	Thomas Pereira	Mendonca	Monir Jacob
Cynthia Lobendhan	Eddie Hamilton	Anne Jagelman	Grace Quansah	Aubrey Jiggins	Thomas Pereira
Mrs Rosa Faleiro					

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

# Parish Notices

## NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Please note that there will be no 8:30 AM Mass on weekdays in August as it is a summer break. This change is ONLY for August, and we shall resume in September 2025. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Thank you.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS OF BIDDING PRAYER PARTICIPANTS

We have created a WhatsApp group to help improve communication and coordination. Our leader has consistently shared readings in advance to allow parents time to prepare with their children before Sunday Mass. However, we've noticed some children are absent without prior notice. We are now contacting each parent to confirm continued participation. If we do not hear from you by the end of August, your child's name will be removed from the list. New members are welcome! Please register your child via the parish website or email the parish office if already registered. Kindly respond to calls and emails promptly.

**BIRTH MONTH BIRTHDAYS** If you were born in August or September, please write your name on the list provided at both foyers. A WhatsApp group will be created for each month, where you can submit your photos. This is in preparation for a birthday party being organised for each birth month. Thank you!

## FAITH SUMMER BREAK 2025

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th August

St Mary's School, Ascot

For ages 11–15

An exciting four-day Catholic holiday packed with fun and faith! Activities include daily Mass, talks, games, crafts, sports, and a trip to Thorpe Park (transport and entry included). All meals and accommodation are provided on-site, with dietary needs catered for. The event is fully supervised by experienced leaders, youth workers, and priests. Watch last year's highlights video online! More info and booking at: [www.faith.org.uk](http://www.faith.org.uk) or scan the barcode at the church foyer.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is hosting a Celebration of St. Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent, on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August 2025, from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, the Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Benediction, and Veneration of the Image of the Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

## THE JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY IS ON SUMMER BREAK.

We welcome new and existing members back on Tuesday, 26th August 2025, at 1:30 pm for our meeting, followed by a picnic in the park.

\*\*\*SPIRITUALITY FOR THE SUMMER. KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FAITH. JOIN US FOR :

- Tuesday evening Mass ( Main church) 7:15 pm
- Wednesday Adoration ( Chapel) Spend time with the Lord - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Thursday evening Bible study ( Ward Room) 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm.



"WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY WEDS, HELEN HUDSON & STUART BROCKHURST. WE WISH YOU GOD'S CONTINUOUS PRESENCE IN YOUR LIVES AND FAMILY"

## CHURCH OF ENGLISH MARTYRS, GORING BY SEA – 15TH AUGUST

Fr. Patrick is inviting all interested parishioners to join a special trip to the Ugandan Martyrs Shrine on Friday, 15th August.

We will begin with 8:00 AM Mass at the parish, then travel together to West Croydon train station to continue the journey. After visiting the shrine, we will also stop by the beach for a time to relax.

We encourage all parishioners to join this spiritual and social outing.

We aim to return before 6:00 PM on the same day. Interested persons should please write down their names on the list provided in the foyer of the church.

## Reflection

"The negative daily bombardment of bad news assails our senses constantly on all fronts, and in a myriad of ways. The more we see, hear and experience violence and hatred locally, nationally, and internationally can make us feel overwhelmed and helpless. However, God would not have us do that, for He and the full might of His power is for us. The word of God states that we who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are "the salt of the earth," who radiate Jesus, the light of the world. (Mathew 5:13). We are therefore to "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" Mathew 5:16. We can pray, and then, because we are followers of God, we put our beliefs into action, in the face of violence and hatred. Jesus Christ is our living hope. So, we pray, hope and act in faith and trust in God."

## A life-changing opportunity!

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith more profoundly and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18 October 2025, and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years, is £800. Additionally, registration must be completed in advance, and a non-refundable registration fee of £50 applies.

Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Note: For previous courses, we have suggested a sharing of the total cost between the participant and the parish. We suggest that you may wish to consider this arrangement.

### ST. PAUL'S CAFÉ

We have been attending local Dementia Cafes, as well as those in Croydon & Coulsdon. We are assisting with plans for another café at St. Paul's Church in Roundshaw, called "Thursday Club." The launch is scheduled for 31st July at 10.30 am, with the first session on 14th August. They are seeking more volunteer helpers. Training in Dementia care is available, and those with experience of Dementia are welcome. A young man from St. Elphege's Parish is already helping, and we would like to encourage others to join. We can be the point of contact. They are also requesting helpers to organise occasional activities. More details are available, or you can visit to see what they do

### CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS Summer 2025 – All welcome: no need to book!

THURSDAY, Aug 14th, meet 2.30 pm, Church of the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara Street, London SE1. We will learn the story of St Olaf and a Viking battle, and walk along the river to Shakespeare's rebuilt Globe Theatre.

### FAITH Summer Session 2025 (Christ Our Eucharist – Earth's Light and Jubilee)

A five-day Catholic conference for young adults at Ampleforth Abbey, York

When: 28 July – 1 August 2025

Cost: £225 (£200 for students/unwaged)

Subsidies available – contact Angela Hughes at [safeguarding@faith.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@faith.org.uk)

Join young Catholics from across Britain for a week of talks, prayer, friendship, and fun!

Booking deadline: 14 July 2025

Book now at [www.faith.org.uk/events](http://www.faith.org.uk/events)

Or scan the QR code in the church foyer

### CARITAS SOUTHWARK - NEW RESOURCES FOR PARISHES

Canon Vicar Darlington launched a parish toolkit and resources based on St. Elphege's meetings on Love the Stranger held last year. A Catholic response to migrants and refugees, it promotes our understanding and helps us celebrate our unity in diversity. I was invited to speak about the work in Sutton Deanery—our efforts as Community Sponsors of a Syrian family, as well as holding four meetings on Love the Stranger. Details of the resources can be found on the Caritas Southwark website under NEWS.

– Jackie McLoughlin

## SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few spaces available on the pilgrimage organised by Southwark to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year. For details and booking, please visit <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>. A range of hotels is available, although most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. Further information can be obtained from Bishop Paul ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)) or Canon Perera ([edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)).

## THE FAITH MOVEMENT 49TH ANNUAL SUMMER SESSION

### FAITH Winter Conference for Young Adults

From modest beginnings, this annual five-day conference has grown into a major event for young Catholics across Britain, including students, seminarians, and active young adults. The week offers a rich mix of social, spiritual, and catechetical activities, with daily Mass, prayer, talks, and evening events like a Ceilidh and quiz night.

### About the FAITH Movement

Founded in 1972, the FAITH Movement promotes a synthesis of science and religion rooted in Catholic teaching. Its mission is to support young people in deepening their faith through retreats, education, and conferences. Pamphlets, books, and other resources will be available for purchase during the Winter Session.



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.

## MARRIAGE MASS LAST CHANCE

Celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Is it your first, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or any longer period? If so, this is your last chance to apply for a personal invitation from Abp John to celebrate with him at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. The date of the Mass is July 12; the time, 3 pm. And during the Mass, you will get the opportunity to renew your marriage vows.

To receive an invitation from Abp John, simply email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) the following details: your full name, address, phone number, parish and the anniversary being celebrated. You can bring close members of your family with you to the Mass as well. Don't delay: the deadline is June 2. So act now.

## GIFTAID ENVELOPES

Kindly be informed that the Gift Aid envelopes for the year 2025 are available for collection. Envelopes for new signups are also accessible. Each box is designated with a name tag; therefore, we kindly request that you check the exit foyer of the church to collect your respective envelopes. Those individuals who have not yet enrolled in the Gift Aid program and are taxpayers are encouraged to obtain a Gift Aid Form and register. The forms are available in both foyers of the church. Thank you.

## 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!

## 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 must be completed to process the request. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## 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.