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## St Elphege's Catholic Church

**Sunday 23rd November 2025**

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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 the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond... Amen

### Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

Sun 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (c) <b>This Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b> Catholic Youth Service	6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Patrick DEENEY (RIP) Simon CROSWELL (RIP) Roque FERNANDES (RIP) Mr S SATHEEKUMAR (B'day Thanksgiving)	Noreen Sebastian Ranji
Mon 24 St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & companions	8:30am 10:00am	Deceased families of Grace O'Shea Nora CANTILLON (Thanksgiving)	Grace Kathy
Tue 25 Feria	8:30am 10:00am <b>7:15pm</b>	Robert POWDERHAM & HODGINS Family Thanksgiving to St Anthony People of the Parish	Mary Val
Wed 26 Feria	8:30am 10:00am 10:30am - 7:00pm	Rosy MATHEW (RIP) Sandra TSIBOE (Thanksgiving Mass) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Matthew
Thu 27 Feria	8:30am 10:00am	God's Intervention Deceased Members of the Pilgrim Club	Denise Bob
Fri 28 Feria	8:30am 10:00am 10:30 - noon	Betty ALOYO (RIP) & Deceased Family Members Thomas PEREIRA (RIP) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Prisca Teddy
Sat 29 Feria	10.00am 10.30am to 11.45am 5.15pm to 5.45pm 6:00pm	Satheeskumar (B'day Thanksgiving) Reconciliation Reconciliation Keith OCKENDEN (RIP)	Soosai Mary
Sun 30 First Sunday of Advent	9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & GRANDPARENTS (RIP) Gorska Family & Friends (Healing) Allen ROOKE (RIP)	Ravi Jean

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	
Mrs Rosa Faleiro					

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

Please remember in your prayers **Brigid Murphy**, whose burial will take place on **Friday, 28 November 2025**, at 12:30 p.m., and **John Joyce**, whose Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, 6 December, at 10:00 a.m.** We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

# Parish Notices

## December- BURNS BIRTHDAY NOTICE

Please send your name and phone number to the WhatsApp number 07927-670-539 or write down your name on the list provided at the foyers. Let's celebrate together!

## Christmas Gift Drive for Our Little Ones

This Christmas, let us make our little ones feel extra special!

Christmas gift boxes are placed at both church foyers – please drop your gifts for our parish children there. Santa will hand them out at our Parish Christmas Party on **December 21st**.

Your kind donations will bring so much joy – thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas!

## NOVEMBER – MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to offer Masses and prayers for your departed loved ones, envelopes are available in the church foyers. Please fill them out and return them to the basket at the foot of the altar or the presbytery letterbox.

Let us come together this November in prayerful remembrance of all those who have gone before us.

## World Youth Sunday 2025

Sunday, 23 November, is World Youth Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth and young adults across the Archdiocese.

- For more information, visit [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1) or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network for regular updates at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork). Additional resources for World Youth Sunday are available from CYMFed at [www.wys.cymfed.org.uk](http://www.wys.cymfed.org.uk)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR YEAR 3 AND ABOVE

Online registration for First Holy Communion 2026 is now open. QR codes for registration are available in the church foyers. To confirm your registration, a face-to-face interview will commence on the following Sundays: 4th January 2026 through to 25th January 2026, between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm in Ellis Hall. We kindly encourage all eligible candidates to attend in person and to bring along a Baptism Certificate and a registration fee of £20 in cash. For more information, please contact the parish office: [wallington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk) or Deepa Haridas at [dharidas1@suttonmail.org](mailto:dharidas1@suttonmail.org).

## Gift Aid Reminder

We encourage all parishioners who have not yet signed up for Gift Aid to pick up a form from the church foyer. Through Gift Aid, the church can reclaim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate – at no additional cost to you! It is a simple way to make your offering go even further and greatly support our parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support

## BRIDGET MURPHY BURIAL

We are saddened to announce that Brigid Murphy passed away on 29 October 2025 after a short stay in hospital. Born in Belfast, she joined our parish in 1977 and served faithfully as a special minister, UCM member, catechist, choir member, and long-time teacher at St Philomena's Catholic School. She is survived by her two children and four grandchildren. Her funeral will be held on Friday, 28th November 2025, @ 12.30 pm. All are cordially invited! May God rest her soul.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CAKE SALE – SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER

The Youth Ministry will be visiting the Franciscan Centre, Ladywell, as part of their ongoing faith journey. To support this trip, a cake sale will be held on Sunday, 14 December, after 10:30 a.m. Mass and after the 12:00 p.m. Mass in Ellis Hall. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY AFTERNOONS – ST ELPHEGE'S CHURCH

Children in Years 4–6 or those who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to Saturday Activity Afternoons (2:30–5:30 pm) in Ellis Hall, which include games, crafts, pizza, tea, and optional participation in the 6 pm Mass. Dates: Sat 15 Nov, Sat 6 Dec, Sat 20 Dec (2:30–4 pm – Christmas Eve Mass practice) Contact: Mrs Haridas – [dharidas1@suttonmail.org](mailto:dharidas1@suttonmail.org) All faiths welcome.

## RCIA COURSE – TUESDAYS AT 7 P.M. ELLIS HALL

Are you new to the Catholic faith or seeking to complete your sacraments? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for you! Join us every **Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Ellis Hall** to explore the Catholic faith in a welcoming and supportive environment. Whether you are unbaptised, not yet confirmed, or simply curious – all are welcome!

## 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

## YOUNG CATECHIST PROGRAM 2025 “FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST CARLO ACUTIS”

We are inviting young people who have been confirmed to join the Confirmation Team this year! Be encouraged, step out in faith, and grow in your faith in Christ. Share your love for the Lord. Do not worry – you will be fully supported by our dedicated team, led by Stacy. Interested? Contact Fr. Patrick or the Parish Office to learn more.

## 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.

## **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**

### **ELPHEGE'S INFANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2026 NOW OPEN (OFSTED - OUTSTANDING 2024)**

All parents and carers who wish their child to attend a primary school must make an application through their home local authority midnight on **15 January 2026**. To do this, please visit the Sutton website at [www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions). A school admissions administrations form is also required to be sent to the school.

The school also offers 15 and 30 hour places for Nursery aged children who will be three from September 2026, and are also open to admissions by submitting the school admissions administration form directly to the school. If you would like to apply to the school, please download the form from the school website or contact the school office for a copy.

Tours of the school are available; again please contact the school directly to book an appointment.

Website: <https://stelphegesrcschools.org.uk/>

School email: [infant-office@stelphegesrcschools.org.uk](mailto:infant-office@stelphegesrcschools.org.uk)

### **Southwark Catholic Youth Service**

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has several programs for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up for its network at [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

For queries on youth activities, email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

### **ATTENTION ALL THE NEWLY ARRIVED CATHOLICS FROM HONG KONG NOW LIVING IN SUTTON**

Every first Saturday of the month, Fr. Phillip Pak (RC Chaplain at St Helier Hospital) will celebrate a Mass in Cantonese and English at Holy Family Church, Sorrento Road, Sutton Green, SM1 1QU at 2.30pm. There will be refreshments after Mass. Buses 151/154/280/470 & 53 pass nearby.