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St Elphege's Catholic Church

Sunday 28th December 2025

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: As we celebrate this Christmas season, we pray especially for all expectant parents who are worried about the practical means of supporting their child, that they would find hope and consolation in the story of the Holy Family and, by the power of God, be able to overcome all obstacles... Amen

Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

Sun 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Tom QUINN (RIP) Patrick Martin KELLY (RIP) Thomas PEREIRA (RIP) Chinenye UNEGBE (Thanksgiving Mass)	Ann Sharon Teddy Helen
Mon 29 St Thomas of Canterbury	8:30am 10:00am	NO MASS Emmaunuel RAJKUMAR	Ranji
Tue 30 6 th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	10:00am 7pm	Tife IKEWNA (B'day Thanksgiving) NO MASS	Bernice Mary
Wed 31 7 th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	10.00 am 10.30 am to 7 pm 11.45 pm	Melanie OSUNDE (B'day Thanksgiving) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass at Midnight	Victor
Thu 1 st January 2026 Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9 am 10.30 am	People of the Parish Peethambram Family (Thanksgiving Mass)	Annamma
Fri 2 St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	10 am 10.30 am-noon	Alcant PEREIRA (RIP) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Deepa
Sat 3 Feria of Christmas Time	10.00am 10.30am to 11.45am 5.15pm to 5.45pm 6:00pm	Stephen & Jacqueline (Good Health) Reconciliation Reconciliation Mr K R WIGNARAJAN (1 ST Death Anniversary)	Margaret Ramesh
Sun 4 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon	UZOR'S Family (Thanksgiving for protection throughout the year) John JOYCE & Delta BRYCE (RIP) Cecilia PABON (Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Perpetual Help)	MARTIN Cecilia

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.

Parish Notices

CHRISTMAS CLERGY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

This is a simple way to show our appreciation for our priests. Envelopes are in both foyers and can be placed in the blue collection bags. For bank transfers, please use "Priest Gift." Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

Dear Parishioners,

Please note that from January 2026, **Baptisms** will be scheduled twice a month on **Saturdays**, during the **1st and 3rd weeks**. The **Baptism Preparation Course** will remain unchanged and continue to be held on the **1st Wednesday of each month**. Thank you for your attention to this update.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR YEAR 3 AND ABOVE

First Holy Communion begins on each Sunday in January 2026, after the 10.30 am Mass in Ellis Hall. Thank you.

MASS BOOK CYCLE (A)

The New Mass Books for cycle A are available for purchase. It is £5 per copy. Thank you

To the Clergy, Consecrated Women and Men, and Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Southwark

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, brother priests and deacons, I write to you with news of great joy. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Canon Gerard Bradley an Auxiliary Bishop for our Archdiocese of Southwark. I am so grateful to Pope Leo for his kindness in providing for the mission and care of the people and communities of our Archdiocese; and I am overjoyed – as I know you will be too – that Canon Gerard, now Bishop-Elect Gerard, will be serving in this new way among us as a Successor of the Apostles.

Bishop-Elect Gerard's Episcopal Ordination will be on Monday, 2 February 2026, the Feast of the Presentation, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, and more details will be forthcoming in due course. The Holy Father has assigned him the Titular See of Beverley, the birthplace in Yorkshire of St John Fisher, beloved to us all in our Archdiocese as a former Catholic Bishop of Rochester.

Please keep Bishop-Elect Gerard in your prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination. This is a wonderful Christmas gift for us all.

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.

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!

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.

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) and click on the "Donate to the Parish" option to make a payment. Thank you.

Other notices