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## St Elphege's Catholic Church

**Sunday 7th December 2025**

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### The Federation of St. Elphege's & Regina Caeli Catholic Schools:

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**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Let us pray for all those who are alone and suffering with a terminal illness in hospital or hospice care, that they might experience the love of Christ from their carers and that their suffering might be eased... Amen

### Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

Sun 7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)	6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Nicholas MARIAMPILLAI (B'day in heaven) UCM Myron ONYUTA (B'day Thanksgiving) Ivy RAMBHAJUN (RIP)	Ranji UCM Prisca Ivette
Mon 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	8:30am 10:00am	Rose CORRIGAN (RIP) Teresa DARDE (RIP)	Mary Parish
Tue 9 Feria	8:30am 10:00am 7:15pm	Edward CORRIGAN (RIP) John J BRYCE (RIP) People of the Parish	Mary Martin
Wed 10 St Francis Xavier	8:30am 10:00am 10:30am - 7:00pm	Owen KELLEY (RIP) Mr & Mrs SOOSAI (Wedding Anniversary) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Mary Soosai
Thu 11 Feria	8:30am 10:00am	Anna-Maria FRANCIS (Good Estate) Joshua RAVENDRAN (B'day Thanksgiving)	Stacy Ravi
Fri 12 Feria	8:30am 10:00am 10:30 - noon 7:00pm	Prayer for the Homeless EWAH Family (God to bring them closer to Him) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Carol Service	
Sat 13 ST LUCY	10.00am 10.30am to 11.45am 5.15pm to 5.45pm 6:00pm	Kairo ONYUTA (1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving) Reconciliation Reconciliation Keith OCKENDEN (RIP)	Prisca
Sun 14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)	9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon	Manual PAPILSON (RIP) DHIYA (Thanksgiving Mass ) Joao DINIS (RIP)	Ravi Deepa Oriana

**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

## MASS BOOK CYCLE (A)

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

### Christmas Food Bank

Our Christmas Food Bank will be open to anyone in need on **Sunday, 14 December 2025, in the Wardroom from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Toys and clothing will also be available.

**Please invite someone who may need support** to stop by. All are warmly welcome.

### 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!



**12<sup>TH</sup> December**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> December**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> December**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> December**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> December**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> December**  
  
**25<sup>TH</sup> December**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> December**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> December**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> January**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> January**

## 2025-26 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

<b>Youth Choir Carol</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
Reconciliation Service	6 pm
<b>St Elphege School (Carol Service)</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
Christmas Party	1 pm
<b>Christingle (Children's Service)</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
Morning Mass	10 am
Family Virgil Mass	4 pm
Christmas Eve Mass	6 pm
Christmas Carols	11.30 pm
Mass at Midnight	12 am
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>	<b>9 am, 10.30 am</b>
Mass of St Stephen/ Commissioning of Altar Servers	10 am
<b>Cross-Over New Year Mass</b>	<b>11.45 pm</b>
New Year Mass	9.00 am, 10.30 am
<b>Epiphany Masses</b>	<b>6 pm, 9 am, 10.30 am, 12 pm</b>



### 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CAKE SALE – SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER

The Youth Ministry will be visiting the Franciscan Centre in Ladywell as part of their ongoing faith journey. To support this trip, a cake sale will be held on Sunday, 14 December, after the 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 20 Dec (2:30–4 pm – Christmas Eve Mass practice)

Contact: Mrs Haridas – [dharidas1@suttonmail.org](mailto:dharidas1@suttonmail.org) All faiths welcome.

## Parish Christmas Party – Sunday 21st December, 1–5 pm!

Everyone in the parish is warmly invited to our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, 21st December, from 1 pm to 5 pm! This year's celebration will be extra special — filled with festive games, food, drinks, music, and plenty of Christmas cheer. We will be doing our usual bring-and-share, so please feel free to bring along any food, drinks, or wine you would like to share. If you prefer, you can also donate instead. A sign-up list is available in both church foyers — kindly add your name and what you plan to bring to help us with organising. Come, celebrate, and enjoy a joyful afternoon with your parish family. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 21st of December!

## 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.

## 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 get in touch with the parish office at [office@wallington.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:office@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

As we prepare our hearts to welcome the birth of Christ this festive season, let us also embrace the gift of God's mercy. In the spirit of renewal and grace, we invite everyone to come and experience the healing peace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Our Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on Monday, 15 December 2025, at 6:00 PM.** Several supply priests will be joining us to help make the process smooth and prayerful for all.

Come and lay down your burdens, open your heart to God's forgiving love, and enter Christmas with a renewed spirit. No matter how long it has been or where you find yourself on your faith journey, you are warmly welcome. May this sacred time of preparation lead us closer to Christ, the true Light of the world

## 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!

## 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