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St Elphege's Catholic Church

Sunday 25th January 2026

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: We pray for all who work in maternity units with expectant mothers, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child...
Amen

Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

<p>Sun 25 3rd Sunday (A) Sunday of the Word of God 2nd Collection this week St George's Cathedral Next week's 2nd Collection Racial Justice Day</p>	<p>6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm</p>	<p>Thanksgiving & Blessings for Beatrice's Family Jeremy RAVENDRAN & GRANDPARENTS (RIP) Mr & Mrs AIKENS (RIP) Jonathan ENABULELE (18th Birthday Thanksgiving)</p>	<p>Beatrice Ravi Agnes Ijoema</p>
<p>Mon 26 St Timothy & Titus</p>	<p>8:30am 10:00am</p>	<p>Anil & Velma (11th Wedding Anniversary) John O'MARA (RIP)</p>	<p>Betty Kathelln</p>
<p>Tue 27 Feria</p>	<p>8:30am 10:00am 7:15pm</p>	<p>Prayer for all NHS Staff Tom & Lily KEARNS (RIP) People of the Parish</p>	<p>Parish Kathleen Parish</p>
<p>Wed 28 St Thomas Aquinas</p>	<p>8:30am 10.00 am 10.30 am to 7 pm</p>	<p>Rajanayagam LOUIS (RIP) Thomas PEREIRA (RIP) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Blaseeda Teddy</p>
<p>Thu 29 Feria</p>	<p>8:30am 10 am</p>	<p>Priscilla DUAH (B'day Thanksgiving) Gillian Louise VAUGHAN (RIP)</p>	<p>Sandra Ann & John</p>
<p>Fri 30 Feria</p>	<p>8:30am 10 am 10.30 am-noon</p>	<p>Paul HEALY (RIP) Fr Paul HOUGH (90th Birthday Thanksgiving) Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Mary Parish</p>
<p>Sat 31 St John Bosco</p>	<p>10.00am 10.30am to 11.45am 5.15pm to 5.45pm 6:00pm</p>	<p>Omena EDO-UKEH (RIP) Reconciliation Reconciliation Martin & Nora CONNELLY & Family Nino GOMEZ (RIP)</p>	<p>Mary Christina Angel</p>
<p>Sun 1st Feb 4th Sunday</p>	<p>9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon</p>	<p>U.C.M Ivy DAVY (RIP) Brigid McNAMARA (Good Estate)</p>	<p>UCM Terry Kathleen</p>

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	Giovanna Wiafe	Terry Harper	David Uzor
Therese Mittcosbe	Margaret O'Flaherty	Frank Kinsella	Thomas Pereira	John Strentz	Susie King
Pathmini Soosai	Diana Camilleri	Doreen Charlish	Grace Quansah	Mendonca	Monir Jacob
Cynthia Lobendhan	Eddie Hamilton	Anne Jagelman	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

FEBRUARY BORNIS

We would like to invite all parishioners to their birthday celebrations on 1st February 2026, after the 10.30 am Mass in the Ellis Hall.

CANDLE BLESSING (CANDLEMAS) – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.

The blessing of candles reminds us of Christ, the Light of the World, who guides us through every season of our faith. This special celebration will be held on **Monday, 2nd February, at 8:30 am and 9:30 am**, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Parishioners are kindly advised to bring their candles to the church during this period for blessing. Preparing the candles in advance allows the celebration to take place with calm, reverence, and thoughtful care.

May this feast offer a quiet moment of light and renewal for our community, drawing us together in faith and hope.

We apologise for the change to the usual 10:00 am Mass time. This is due to the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Gerard Bradley.

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. Date: **Saturday 7th February 2026**

Contact: Mrs Haridas – dharidas1@suttonmail.org All faiths welcome.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Our parish is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes from: **Thursday 7th May – Monday 11th May 2026**. This pilgrimage offers parishioners an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and fellowship in one of the most sacred Marian shrines in the world.

Travel & Accommodation Details:

- Direct flight from Stansted to Lourdes
- Transfers on arrival to hotel in Lourdes
- 4 nights Full Board accommodation
 - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included
- Transfer from the hotel to Lourdes Airport for the return flight

Cost: £799.00 per person (sharing a double room)

Single room supplement: £39.00 per day

Please note: Coach transfer from St Elphege's Church to Stansted Airport is not included. Further details, booking information, and payment arrangements will be provided shortly.

For expressions of interest, please contact Elaine Paice at wallingtonpilo@rcaos.org.uk or the Parish Office@wallington@rcaos.org.uk

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday, 1 February 2026, at 10 am.

Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to participate, and those who wish may wear national or cultural attire as a symbol of unity and pride.

If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45 am to join the procession of national flags.

After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments – a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.

You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it, you can watch the livestream through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>

Marriage Preparation residential weekend course, 13 - 15 March 2026

The CHC's weekend marriage prep course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a deeper understanding of both the natural and Sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend is framed by prayer, time for reflection personally and as a couple, group discussion and a social. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

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.

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 (stelpeges.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.

Other notices



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.