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St Elphege's Catholic Church



Sunday 6th September 2026

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: "Let us pray for Members of Parliament, that their ability to support the most vulnerable in society would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life... Amen."

Mass Intentions and Prayers

Requested by

Sun 6 23 rd Sunday (A)	6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Fr George MARSDEN (RIP) UCM Elizabeth OKOGHO (B'day Thanksgiving) Greg OBI (Healing & Good Health)	Pat Okogho Family
Mon 7 Feria	8:30am 10am	Workers returning to work Greg OBI (Healing & Good Health)	Rosemary
Tue 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30am 10:00am	All those returning from summer holidays James JOSE (RIP)	Thomas
Wed 9 Feria	8.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am - 7pm	Pupils & Teachers resuming school Kathleen POOLE (RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ann
Thu 10 Feria	8.30 am 10 am	All housebound parishioners Fr Patrick & Fr Charles (Thanksgiving Mass)	Val
Fri 11 Feria	8.30 am 10 am 10.30 am - Noon	Recently Deceased Monica BEWICK (RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ann
Sat 12 Feria	10.00 am 10.30 am to 11.30 am 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm 6:00 pm	Nana Tsiboe (B'Day Thanksgiving); Pat Banks (80 th B'day Thanksgiving) Reconciliation Reconciliation Rajanayagam LOUIS (RIP)	Tsioboe family Mark Blaseeda
Sun 13 24 th Sunday (A)	9:00am 10:30am 12:00 noon	Jeremy RAVENDRAN & Grandparents (RIP) Tony PEREIRA (RIP) Homes Graced by Our Lady of Fatima	Ravi Teddy LOM

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	Mrs Rosa Faleiro	
Therese Mittcosbe	Maria Pereira	Frank Kinsella	Grace Quansah	David Uzor	
Pathmini Soosai	Diana Camilleri	Doreen Charlish	Aubrey Jiggins	Susie King	
Cynthia Lobendhan	Eddie Hamilton	Anne Jagelman	Mendonca		

Those who have recently died... May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Notices

BORN IN SEPTEMBER?

The September Borns have invited all parishioners to their b'day party on Sunday 6th September in the Ellis Hall after the 10.30 am Mass.

TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

This will be held **every Monday from Monday 21 September to Monday 26 October 2026**. It is a weekday programme that runs for an hour per session, from **6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**. All parents of interested children are expected to note this.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EMs) TRAINING

Training for new EMs will begin on **Friday 18th September and run every Friday for the following 5 weeks**. Those interested should register in the Parish Office for scrutiny by the parish priests.

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.

RCIA COURSE

Anyone considering becoming a Catholic is warmly invited to meet with Fr Patrick in preparation for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course, which will be held weekly (Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm) from 8th September 2026 to 27th March 2027. Please invite friends or colleagues who may have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic to arrange a meeting with Fr Patrick in the first instance.

MASS BOOK CYCLE (A)

The New Mass Books for cycle A are available for purchase. It is £5 per copy. 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: a contactless machine is available for all transactions at the church's entry and exit foyers. 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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IN OCTOBER

Dear Parents and Carers, registration for Confirmation will take place on **the four Sundays in October, after the 12:00 PM Mass**.

To complete registration, please:

- Scan the QR code available in the church foyers to register.
- Bring the £20 registration fee.
- Candidates must provide their Baptism and First Holy Communion (FHC) certificates.
- Candidates must come for an interview on any one of the four Sundays after the **12:00 PM Mass**.

Please note: Registration will not be considered complete unless all the above requirements are fulfilled. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER, MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called **Teach Me to Pray** facilitated by the Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be **online** on Tuesdays, starting **6th October from 7 pm to 8.15 pm**. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. **For details / to sign up, see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email for further information: spirituality@rcaos.org.uk**

ASSISTED DYING BILL

The Assisted Dying Bill comes before Parliament for further debate on **Friday 11 September**. We encourage parishioners with concerns about the proposals to contact their local MP and respectfully make their views known.

Our concern is that a right to die should never become a duty to die, particularly for elderly, disabled or otherwise vulnerable people who may feel they are a burden on others. We believe greater investment is needed in high-quality palliative and end-of-life care, so that everyone can receive compassionate support and dignity in their final years and days. Please grab a form from the church foyers, sign it, and drop it in the all-purpose box. Thank you.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Our annual Day for Catechists is on **Saturday 3 October 2026**. Registration for this event is now open at -

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>

We urge all parish catechists to register as soon as possible. For the last two years, this event has been fully booked. If, once booked, you are no longer able to attend, please cancel your registration so others may attend. QR code:



ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. **The course begins online on 10 October 2026 from 2 pm to 4 pm**. The total cost of the 2-year course is **£800**; £400 is payable before the start of each academic year. Registration must be completed in advance, and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50.

Would you like to know more? Join our **'Come and See' Evening on Monday 14 September at 7 pm**. A link to register can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

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 individuals who have registered for various church activities 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!

