



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

6th December 2020

120 STAFFORD ROAD WALLINGTON SM6 9AY

Parish Administrator: Fr. Patrick Udotai

Assistant Parish Priest: Fr. Gerard Balinnya

Parish Office: Tuesday-Friday 9am -4pm

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Sandra Anima Tsiboe

Tel: 020 8647 5079 **E-mail:** wallington@rcaos.org.uk **website** www.stelphegesonline.co.uk

The Federation of St Elphege's & Regina Coeli Catholic Schools:

Executive Head of Schools: Mrs. Frances Hawkes

Head of St Elphege's School: Mr. Martin Jones

Tel: 020 8669 6306

Head of Regina Coeli's School: Mrs. Tessa Christoforou

Tel: 020 8688 4582

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 6	6.00pm	Filomena Dabiloa
	Vigil Mass	
2 nd Sunday of Advent	09.00 am	U.C.M
	10.30 am	Family Mass – George Noronha
	12.00 noon	Bill Harris & Family
	5.30 pm	M. Nicholas (B'day)
Mon 7	10.00am	Josie Hodgins
<i>St Ambrose. Bishop. Doctor.</i>	7:30 pm	Broken Homes & Families
	<i>Virgil Mass of the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception</i>	
Tues 8	10.00 am	Dada Keshinro (B'day thanksgiving)
<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Wed 9	10.00 am	Mrs Christiana Dellams Frank Dellams (RIP)
<i>St Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin</i>	10.30am to noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs 10	10.00 am	Soosaithasan & Marya Padnini (Wedding Anniv)
Fri 11	10.00 am	Veronica McDermott (Good Estate)
<i>St Damasus I.Pope</i>	10.30am to noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 12	10.00 am	
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass Tina Powderham (Private Intentions)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY



those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and all who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they rest in peace.



the sick, the isolated and their carers, especially those within our own Parish Community:

Jackie Van Elswick	Rosemary Day	David Uzor
Rosaline Jordan	Anne Jagelman	Susie King
Doreen Charlish	Kosenat Tetteh	Mary Scott
Margaret O'Flaherty	Luke DuCasse	B.Novicki
Brenda Kavanagh	Monir Jacob	Alex Coffey
Eddie Hamilton	Frank Kinsella	Guy Saide
Theresa Mittcosbe	Maggie	Deleaney
Cynthia Lobendhan		

INFANT BAPTISM



The Baptism programme has changed due to COVID-19. Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.

Next Baptism Course:

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, 24/12/2020 – 4:00 pm (**Family Mass**) & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day, 25/12/2020 – 12:00 am, 9. 00 am & 10:30 am

New Year's Eve, 31/12/2020 – 11:30 pm

New Year's Day, 01/01/2021 – 9:00 am & 10.30 am

CHURCH COLLECTION (November 2020)



£ 2,112.72

Thank you for your generosity.

Next week's 2nd Collection: Catholic Youth Service

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



We pray that the grace of God may guide us through this period of Advent that we may be ready to welcome Our Lord Jesus when He comes. Amen

NOTICES

Return to Public Worship and Faith Engagement

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have released a statement welcoming the return to public worship after 2nd December <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-welcome-return-to-public-worship/>
Parishioners are encouraged to take part in the Government open consultation – the Independent Faith Engagement Review. Catholics submissions are welcome. The closing date is **11 December 2020** and details can be found <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

NEW CHURCH SIGN IN - QR CODE

Please scan the QR Code at the entry of the Church or on the pews to sign in. iPhone users can scan the code with their camera and select the link shown. Android users may need to download a QR Code reader from the Google Play Store.

Advent with the Southwark Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis

This new Southwark agency has compiled a wealth of resources for Advent, including weekly meditations, a video based 'Advent Journey' and access to a 26 day online retreat on the theme of Joy, with additional resources to follow. Visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/advent-from-the-agency>

University Chaplaincy Advent Retreat:

On Saturday 12th December 2020, the Archdiocesan University Chaplaincy Team will be hosting an online retreat for university students. More details are available from individual university chaplains, whose contact details are available at www.sthildashouse.org.uk or email universitychaplaincy@rcaos.org.uk

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD

After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and events, such as [A journey to the Manger](#): gentle prayers on Sunday Night during Advent, In addition they also have a [Carol Service](#), [Advent Mass](#) and [Assembly for schools](#). These opportunities are designed to enable Catholics to come together online to pray and reflect as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. The Agency also has a virtual [Advent Calendar](#) for all ages. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more about how parishioners can support CAFOD.

The Priest Training Fund

Also known as the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, pays for men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying 'Yes' to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have 8 men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark. This year we have Priest Training Fund gift aid envelopes available. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html (select Priest Training Fund) or by scanning the QR code (right). Please be generous today and keep our seminarians, and priests, in your prayers. Thank you.



Due to COVID, Altar Servers are not able to share Albs. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection of an Alb for your child's sole use while they are Altar Servers. The Alb should be thoroughly washed (and ironed) before they are used.

REPOSITORY

2021 Catholic calendars and diaries are in!! Limited supply! There are many gift products for First Holy Communion and Christening. Also **2020 Confirmation** CD's are still available, **£10 each**.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work. Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

There will be no offertory procession with gifts taken to the altar. Collection Boxes are provided at the entry and exit points for individual offerings at Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to set up a Standing Order to make their donation directly to Parish's Bank account. Standing Order forms are available from the Parish website or from the Parish Gift Aid Team (email wallingtonparishgiftaidteam@rcaos.org.uk); please complete and drop the completed 2nd page of the form in the box near the exit of the church.

STEWARDS NEEDED

We still need stewards to assist at various Masses.
To volunteer please send an email to wallington@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you.

FACE MASK

In accordance with the Prime Minister's 31st July 2020 announcement, all Parishioners are requested to wear a face mask when entering the Church and while in the Church.

HAND SANITISER

To control the spread of COVID, please sanitise your hands before entering and leaving the Church and avoid touching surfaces while in the Church. Hand sanitisers are available at the Church premises.

NHS TEST AND TRACE FORM

We would like to inform all parishioners to collect NHS Test Form at the entry before taking their seats.
Please remember to complete and hand it to the stewards before leaving. Alternatively, you can download NHS Test Form from the parish website (stelphegesonline.co.uk), complete at home and bring to Church.

PARISH GROUPS

Due to COVID restrictions, meetings of all Parish Groups have been cancelled till further notices

ADVERTISEMENTS**Foundation Governors Needed**

Foundation governors are crucial to operation of our 169 Catholic schools and Colleges. As their role is to represent the Church and to ensure that the school's mission is clearly rooted in Catholic teaching, it is vital that they are practising Catholics. If there is a person in your parish who would be suited to this important role, either in the local Catholic school or one further afield, please encourage them to submit an application. <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor/> Those interested in this opportunity may like to sign up to the Maximilian Newsletter: A monthly mailing from the Education Commission especially for Governors in the Catholic schools and Colleges across the Archdiocese of Southwark: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/publications/maximilian-sign-up/>

MASS BOOK (CYCLE A, VOLUME 2)

New copies of the Cycle A, Volume II of Mass Book are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for only £5.00. Pop in to get a copy for yourself and family.