



ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

13th December 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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| Sun 13 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> | 6.00pm | Tina Powderham (Private Intentions) |
| | Vigil Mass | |
| | 09.00 am | Jeremy Ravendran & Grandparents (RIP) |
| | 10.30 am | Family Mass – Eddie & Stella Hamilton |
| | 12.00 noon | Deceased members of Taggart Family |
| | 5.30 pm | Sherine Dias (RIP) |
| Mon 14 <i>St John of the Cross- Priest Doctor.</i> | 10.00am | Donna Heade (RIP) |
| Tues 15 | 10.00 am | Fr John Mulholland |
| Wed 16 | 10.00 am | Deceased members of the Chambers Family |
| | 10.30am to noon | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thurs 17 | 10.00 am | Deceased members of Green Family |
| Fri 18 | 10.00 am | Owen Reynolds |
| | 10.30am to noon | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 19 | 10.00 am | Tracy Killick (RIP) |
| | 6.00pm Vigil Mass | Ranji Satheeskumar & Family (Private intentions) |

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



We pray for all families, as we celebrate this very Christmas-with-a-difference, we pray that we may be drawn even by our physical distance to be spiritually close and supportive of each other.. Amen

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:

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| 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 & OCTAVE 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

SAT. 26th – Feast of St. Stephen (Patron of Altar Servers) – 10. 00am – *Special Mass for All Altar Servers*

6. 00pm – Vigil Mass of Holy Family

SUN. 27TH – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9. 00am; 10. 30am; 12. 00 midday; 5. 30pm

MON. 28TH – Feast of the Holy Innocents (Martyrs) 10. 00am & 7. 30pm

TUE. 29TH – Feast of Thomas of Canterbury (Bishop Martyr) 10. 00am
WED. 30TH – Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas 10. 00am & 7. 30pm

THUR. 31ST – Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas 10. 00am & 11. 30pm

FRI. 1ST – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9. 00am & 10.30am

SAT. 2ND – St. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen 10. 00am & 6.00pm (Vigil)

SUN. 3RD – The Epiphany 9. 00am; 10.30 am; 12. 00 midday; 5.30pm

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PRIEST

Christmas always presents the people of God in the parish the opportunity to express appreciation, love and support to their priests by giving.

In his Letter to Priests on November 20 2020, the Bishop John Wilson instructed:

The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. Thus, I would like to invite parishes to encourage their communities to make full use of the Christmas Octave and, if it is not possible to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day this year, to do so during the Christmas Octave. This year, all of the collections (including electronic giving) which are taken on each of the days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord and up to and including 6th January 2021, will constitute the annual personal Christmas offerings of the faithful for their priests.

Please let us support our priests by donating generously during this Christmas.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's 2nd collection is for the Youth service.

Next week's 2nd collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

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>

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(CHURCH SHOP)

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 to 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

PARISH EVENTS

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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 apply. <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 B, VOLUME 1)

New copies of the Cycle B, Volume I 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.