



## ST. ELPHEGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

20<sup>TH</sup> December 2020

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

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### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sun 20	6.00pm	Ranji Satheeskumar & Family (Private Intentions)
	Vigil Mass	
4 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Advent	09.00 am	Joseph & Sheila Walsh (Wellbeing)
	10.30 am	Family Mass – Mario Almeida
	12.00 noon	Emily Scarborough (RIP)
	5.30 pm	Jack Miller (RIP)
Mon 21 <i>St Peter Canisius. Priest. Doctor</i>	10.00am	Collette Hodgkinson & Family Parsooramen Family (Thanksgiving)
Tues 22	10.00 am	Corado Caguioa(RIP) Ricardina Pereira (Holy Souls)
Wed 23	10.00 am	
	10.30am to noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 Noon	Margaret Butler (B'day thanksgiving)

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thurs 24	10.00 am	Victor DeLima
	4.00pm (Family Mass)	(Prayer for Children)
	6.00 pm	Robert Powderham (RIP)
Fri 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	12 MIDNIGHT	Thanksgiving
	9.00 am	Allan & Anita Rookes (Thanksgiving)
	10.30 am	Patricia, Celeste, Mark-Ainsley John & Family Golly & Anansa Legere & Family
Sat 26 <i>St Stephen 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr</i>	10.00 am	The Antoine Family (Thanksgiving)
	Special Mass for Altar Servers	
	6.00pm Vigil Mass	Prayer for the Homeless

### 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:

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

### 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. 26<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St. Stephen (Patron of Altar Servers) –

10.00am – Special Mass for All Altar Servers

6.00pm – Vigil Mass of Holy Family

SUN. 27<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9.00am; 10.30am; 12.00 midday; 5.30pm

MON. 28<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Innocents (Martyrs)

10.00am & 7.30pm

TUE. 29<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Thomas of Canterbury (Bishop Martyr) 10.00am

WED. 30<sup>th</sup> – Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas

10.00am & 7.30pm

THUR. 31<sup>st</sup> – Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas

10.00am & 11.30pm

FRI. 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9.00am & 10.30am

SAT. 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen 10.00am & 6.00pm (Vigil)

SUN. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021, will constitute the annual personal Christmas offerings of the faithful for their priests.*

*Offering envelopes are available at the Entry and Exit points of the Church. If you are a registered Gift Aid giver, kindly write your name and number on the envelope (eg Green/28).*

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

### SECOND COLLECTION

**This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)**

**NEXT WEEK'S 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION IS FOR HOLY PLACES & PETER PENCE**

### 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.

### ACT NOW AND ASK YOUR MP TO OPPOSE INTRODUCING ASSISTED SUICIDE

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:wallingtonparishgiftaidteam@rcaos.org.uk)); please complete and drop the completed 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:wallington@rcaos.org.uk). Thank you.

**FACE MASK**

In accordance with the Prime Minister's 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.