



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Fourteenth Sunday of the
Year

Sunday 9th July 2017

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Our Parish Feast Day

On Tuesday we celebrated the feast of St Elizabeth of Portugal with an evening Mass followed by a reception in the parish garden. It was also a chance to welcome the students who have come over from the U.S. as part of the FOCUS mission.

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners of all ages at the Mass and mingling so well afterwards. Some of our young adults provided musical entertainment and were soon joined by other parishioners as well. The refreshments were coordinated by our social committee who have worked hard this year in different areas of parish life, and particularly helping us live a spirit of hospitality through our new parishioner evenings. I am very grateful to them not only for their hard work but also for the

grace and good will with which they embrace anything we have asked of them. They are a real treasure for our parish.

I have mentioned before that one of the revelations of "The Big Conversation" was that some of our older members of the parish felt somewhat disenfranchised by the influx of newer people. I hope Tuesday went some way towards dispelling any "them and us" mentality that may have been unwittingly occasioned by our successful outreach to students and young adults. It is important that we get to know each other so that we can work together to build Christ's kingdom in this little part of London that has been entrusted to us. There should be no rivalry in the parish. Disunity is never of God. Disunity is

diabolical - literally: the Greek word "diabolein" means to cast asunder. It is one of the reasons I am so opposed to a spirit of gossip. Gossip is deeply divisive.

Hospitality is a core value for our parish and Tuesday's celebration showed what we can be when take seriously the call to raise up disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ.

I am conscious that many of our local schools have now closed for the summer and that lots of our parishioners have left or are preparing to leave for their summer holidays. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful and blessed break. The summer is a good moment to work on building up our family life. I'm looking forward to catching up with you all in the new term.

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FOCUS MISSION UPDATE

For the two days following their arrival the FOCUS missionaries helped with mission days in a local Catholic girls' school. On Friday they had a rest day before helping prepare for "The Commission", a conference for university students that begins this evening (Sunday) at St Mary's, Twickenham. Last year we hosted the conference in the parish but it proved so successful that we have had to find a larger venue. The purpose of the conference is to help students understand the role they can play sharing their faith with their friends. For this to be effective they must first of all be living in a relationship with God: praying daily, drawing life from the sacraments; contemplating Christ's face through the scriptures and the Church's faith. They also need the generosity of spirit to reach out developing genuine bonds of friendship. Finally they need to make use of opportunities God gives to share their faith with their friends. The students who came last year have amazing stories of how God has worked through them to change lives.

The student conference ends at lunch time on Wednesday but the team will remain at St Mary's to help with "Reboot" the evening event with Chris Stefanick. I know that many of you have already booked tickets for Reboot. I still have a few left (£10 each) and there are also some available online. Chris Stefanick speaks to people of all ages but he is remarkably successful in getting young people to reconsider their values and priorities so I am encouraging parents to invite their older teenagers who - for whatever reason - may no longer go to Church.

Next Saturday we will have a time of Eucharistic Adoration St Elizabeth's in thanksgiving for the mission and for everything that God has done in our parish over the last twelve months. It will begin at 7.00pm and end at about 9.00pm. Please find time to drop in at some point to pray for the parish and to thank God for his blessings. You are free to stay as long as you wish. During the day the missionaries will meet people in Richmond, gathering prayer requests and letting people know they are welcome to come along as well.

ChurchSuite

Last week I wrote about our parish database system called ChurchSuite and on Tuesday we resent a link for everyone to activate their "My ChurchSuite" account. If you didn't receive the email it is either because we don't have an address for you or because you have opted out of receiving emails from us. Please let us know and we can set up an account for you. My ChurchSuite can also be downloaded as an app for your smartphone. We encourage parishioners on a rota to make at least one form of communication visible so that swaps can be arranged when necessary.

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Summer in the Forest

A remarkable new film about the inspirational Catholic philosopher Jean Vanier and the L'Arche communities he founded was released in the UK in June. The film tells the story of the search for love and friendship by the intellectually disabled members of the the L'Arche communities in France and Bethlehem. It is comic, touching and moving. As one critic said "it is extremely rare for a film to have the power to change lives. This one really might". It will be shown at cinemas around the UK including PictureHouse Piccadilly. All screenings are listed on: www.summerintheforest.com. For those unable to go, you can download the video from the website at a special reduced price for parishioners. You will need to quote a Parish discount code SUMMER2017.

First Holy Communion Enrolment DEADLINE APPROACHING

All children (including those at St Elizabeth's School) must enrol for First Communion preparation through the parish where they attend Mass.

The enrolment forms for First Communion are available at the back of the Church. **They must be returned to us by Saturday 15th July.**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

If you are keen to see how our faith can be shared with young children (age 3-6), using beautiful hands-on materials, and in a way that leads to joy and peaceful contemplation, you

might like to consider signing up for the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** course thing place here at St Elizabeth's from 17-22 July. In a retreat-like atmosphere, participants will experience 25 presentations based either on Scripture or an aspect of the Mass and have an opportunity to practise presenting and making materials, as well as taking part in lectures and group discussion. ***A number of places have been reserved for parishioners so do get in touch soon if you would like one.*** To find out more and to register please follow this link: <http://www.cgsuk.org/becoming-a-catechist> or contact Christine Byrne at children@stelizabethschurch.org.uk.

Parish Surgery

There is no parish surgery this week. The next one will be Tuesday 18th July from 6.30 until 8.00pm. Please note Fr Stephen will be away from 23rd July until mid-August so please come to this surgery if you need to see him.

Natural Fertility Matters

Finding it hard to conceive naturally? Natural Fertility Matters uses the Creighton Model, a university-developed scientific framework for managing a couple's fertility, diagnosing and treating infertility. For more information please visit www.naturalfertilitymatters.com

or call Freda McMahon on 07887 676 923 for a free and confidential consultation.

Thank You

The Offering last week came to:

Gift Aid	£178.90
Not Gift Aid	£720.51
Total	£899.41

Thank you for all your support. Today there is a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

My Church Suite



We manage our parish database, rotas, emails and many other things through Church Suite. You can access "My Church Suite" online or download it as an app to your smartphone or tablet device & contact us for a link.

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week Saturday

5.30pm

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Monday

9.00am

Tuesday

7.00pm

Wednesday

9.00am

Thursday

9.00am

Friday

10.00am

Saturday

5.30pm

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Thirteenth Sunday

Jennifer Chan

Errol Khan RIP

Viviana & Piers Shepherd

Pro Populo

Feria

Mary Burbage

St Benedict

Michelle Tan's Int.

Feria

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

St Mildred

Fr Peter Ryman RIP

St Camillus

Holy Souls

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Fifteenth Sunday

Pro Populo

Holy Souls

Please Pray For:

Philomena Dunne, Kenneth Alps, Jules & Gaye Delanghe, Raymond and Marie Toal, Ben Horgan, Ella Dale, Stella Richards, Anne Wilkinson.

Fr Stephen Langridge MA Oxon.

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Parish Surgery:

The next parish surgery will be on Tuesday 18th July from 6.30 until 8.00pm. Please note this is the LAST surgery this academic year as Fr Stephen goes on holiday later that week. The parish surgery is a good time to talk about weddings and baptisms.