



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Twenty Sixth Sunday
of the Year

Sunday 1st
October 2017

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Good to Know...

Did you know that you can access all the main events of the parish diary both on Church Suite and also on the the calendar page of the parish diary?

On Monday evening this week we have a parish surgery. For anyone who didn't come to have school applications signed during the dedicated times earlier this month, you will need to come to a parish surgery as I do not have time to make individual appointments. The parish surgery is also the time to see me about weddings and baptisms as well as other administrative matters that will not require much time.

This Tuesday is the first Tuesday of the month and we have our usual parish lunch at 12.30pm, preceded by Mass at midday. We warmly encourage

parishioners to join us for a great meal, the proceeds of which go to support the work of SPEAR locally.

After receiving requests in the Big Conversation last term, we have agreed to establish a weekly evening Mass in the parish. It will start this week on Thursday at 7.00pm. After the Mass, for those who can stay, there will be a parish Holy Hour - a chance for us all to come together to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

This week on Friday I have been asked to celebrate Mass at our parish school at 9.30am. There won't, therefore, be a 10.00am Mass here in the Church. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass at the school which is on Queen's Road, TW10 6HN. Please note the time.

On Saturday evening at 6.30pm we have the taster session for this year's Family Development Course which will use case studies to look at how couples might develop greater communication and understanding within the family.

We didn't get many volunteers offering to help with different areas of parish life last week which was a bit disappointing but some people said they forgot and others hadn't read the booklet through to the volunteering section at the end! So we are giving you another chance this week: if you haven't done so please fill in the form and let us have it back before you leave the Church. A parish will be what its parishioners make it. Our ideal is to work towards everyone doing something.

Music at the 11.00am Mass

I am very pleased to be able to welcome Cambridge Music Scholar, Stephen Bick, to help develop our choir and repertoire of music at the 11.00am Mass. Stephen will be with us for the next two years (when he plans to go abroad). I am sure he would love to hear from anyone willing to sing in the choir. The current plan is to practise on Sunday mornings for a short while before and after Mass.

Catholic Alpha

On Tuesday we fed over thirty people who joined us for the taster evening for this term's Alpha course. Our next session will be this Tuesday at 7.00pm. You are still welcome to join us even if you missed the introductory sessions. Alpha begins with a simple meal (no charge but donations welcome) so it helps to have some idea of numbers so why not email us if you will be there for the first time.



Parish Finances

I am a bit concerned that our Sunday collection hasn't recovered much since the summer. Last year it cost us £2,259.05 per week to run the parish (including things like diocesan taxes). Our monthly standing orders amounted to approximately £1,438.00 (about £332 a week).

Our recent Sunday collections have been:

30th July	£577.13	27th August	£589.48
6th August	£489.62	3rd September	£607.25
13th August	£773.13	10th September	£800.52
20th August	£520.89	17th September	£787.96

This equates to a shortfall of £10,050.42 over the last two months.

First Holy Communion Classes

For children at non-Catholic schools who have been enrolled classes will begin in the crypt on Monday 2nd October from 5.00pm until 6.00pm.

If you missed enrolment (a quarter of the year!) we need to speak to discern a way forward. Please come to the next parish surgery.

Parish Life & News

New to the Parish?

Our next welcome evening for new parishioners will be on Monday 9th October at 8.00pm in the Crypt. We would love to see you there and it will be a great opportunity to meet people. It is EASY to let us know that you are coming: go to the parish website and click on the event on the Calendar and you will be taken to a sign-up page.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for supporting the Macmillan Coffee morning last Sunday. We raised £476.00 for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. A special word of thanks to Desiree and Bob from the Vineyard Church next door for advertising the event at the Vineyard Community Centre and for a wonderful donation of cakes.

Family Development Course

After a last term's popular course for parents with small children we are hosting another Family Development Course in the parish. There will be a 1

hour taster session on 7th October 2017 at 6.30pm. For more info: familydevelopment.org.uk or call Maria on 07840182866.

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.

Homeless Lunch

Many thanks to all of you who helped recently at our lunch for the homeless. We had a lot of people come for lunch that day.

Reaching out to the Homeless

Sleeping on the streets is rough. In the winter months it is positively dangerous. Some of the churches in Richmond have been asking ourselves what we can do to help. We have met up with Glass Door, the Homeless Charity, to look into the practicalities of offering accommodation to the homeless during the coldest months of the year. Glass Door would look after security and the churches would offer an evening meal and a place to sleep. We need seven churches in Richmond to take one night a week each - from November to April. So far six churches have offered to help. Could we be the seventh?

Please let me know what you think.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£195.00
Not Gift Aid	£641.97
Total	£836.97

To avoid seasonal fluctuations and to help us budget it greatly helps our parish finances if you take part in our **Planned Giving** scheme. For more information please email:

giftaid@stelizabethschurch.org.uk

We invite new parishioners to fill out a welcome card so that we can invite you to a special celebration. You can decide whether to register as parishioners of St Elizabeth's using our ChurchSuite system.

Social Media



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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week Saturday

5.30pm

Twenty-Sixth Sunday

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Sunday

9.30am

Holy Souls

11.00am

Pro Populo

5.30pm

Monday

9.00am

The Holy Guardian Angels

Ralph Rytton RIP

Tuesday

Noon

Feria

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Wednesday

9.00am

St Francis of Assisi

Canon John Bagshawe RIP

Thursday

7.00pm

Feria

Gretta Osborne RIP

Friday

9.30am

MASS IN THE SCHOOL

Hannah and Zachary
Fernandez

Saturday

5.30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary

Ray Simpson RIP

Sunday

9.30am

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

Pro Populo

11.00am

Innocent T. De Souza

5.30pm

Please Pray For:

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

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