



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

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A Welcoming Community

On Monday we had a welcome evening for our new parishioners. It is really nice to be able to get to know people new to our parish and to do what we can to help them feel at home and make contact with existing parishioners. Once again we are indebted to the Social Committee for hosting the event and for everything they do to help us achieve our aim of being a welcoming community.

For many people the first contact with St Elizabeth's takes place when they join us for one of the Sunday Masses. There are a number of things we can do to make that contact as pleasant an experience as possible.

First of all I am very keen to have more people helping welcome people to Mass. Ideally I would like to have two

or three people outside the church for every weekend Mass. The purpose is to ensure that our first experience is of human warmth and friendliness. We all complain when we our telephone calls are met with a computerised voice telling us to press one of a series of options. We would prefer to deal with a person. Surely the same is true when we go to Mass. For some parishioners that warm welcome might be their only friendly human interaction all week. Sometimes we can be held back by irrational fears: but is it really so daunting to say "Hello" to someone we already spend an hour with each week?

The second thing we can do is to consider how we accommodate latecomers and parents with small children who

may sometimes get a bit distracted during Mass. I would like to make it clear that I consider it unacceptable for any of us to tell off a parent trying to cope with a noisy or upset child. A more appropriate response is to try to make things as easy as possible for such parents.

One way we can do this is to reserve some space at the back of the church for latecomers and for parents who might be a bit self-conscious with children further up. We can achieve this by asking parishioners not to sit in the last two pews when they come to Church. There is plenty of room in the Church. Currently attendance at our Masses averages: 92 (Saturday 5.30pm), 170 (9.30am), 94 (11.00am), and 115 (young adults' Mass).

Rev Trevor Patterson

Many of you will know Trevor who was the vicar at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Richmond for over seventeen years. He was often shoulder to shoulder with our parents supporting his boys as they played rugby or football.

Trevor gave me a very warm welcome here in Richmond and I have taken to having breakfast with him and some other local ministers on Wednesday mornings.

This week we heard that Trevor had a heart attack after going for a run in Richmond Park on Tuesday evening. Sadly he did not recover and died later that day.

His death is a tremendous shock particularly for his wife and children, for the parish community at Holy Trinity, as well as for all his friends and those who looked towards him for support and guidance. Please keep them in your prayers. We entrust Trevor to the merciful love of God and pray for the repose of his soul.

Tuberculosis Screening for the Homeless

I have invited an NHS Screening unit to set up in the parking area next to the Church. They will be with us from 9am until midday on Wednesday 25th October. No parking here that day.

Please Consider Planned Giving

I'd like to thank all those who responded to our Finance Committee's appeal for planned giving and Gift Aid last week.

Planned Giving is when we think ahead about how we support our parish financially rather than relying on whatever spare change we happen to have in our pockets when the collection is taken up at Mass.

An efficient way of planned giving is by standing order from one's own bank to the parish bank account - it avoids us having to count large sums of money each week, and ensures we don't lose out when parishioners are away at holiday times.

It's not too late to return the forms.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

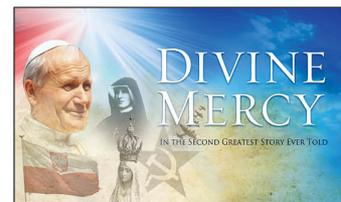
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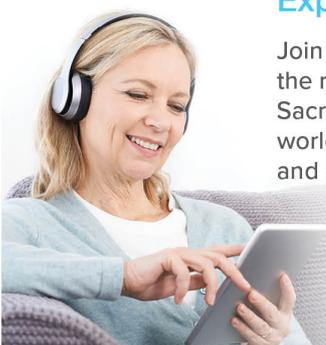
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Catholic History Walk

Scott will be leading a Catholic History Walk on Wednesday 18th October on the topic 'Catholics and Politics'. Meet here at Church at 12.45pm or Westminster Cathedral at 2pm. Full details: catholichistorywalks.com

Altar Servers' Practice

There will be a practice for all current altar servers on All Saints Day, Wednesday 1st November at 6pm. (N.b. this is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will follow at 7pm.)

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League will have their monthly meeting in the crypt at 19.30 on Thursday, October 19th. We are a praying organisation and in October we particularly pray for persecuted Christians through a decade of the Holy Rosary. Visitors welcome.

Missio

21/22 October is designated as World Mission Sunday. Have you thought of helping foreign missions on a regular basis? You can do so is to

by acquiring a MISSIO Red Box and filling it with your spare change through the year. Aline Cook, MISSIO Secretary at St Elizabeth's, will be present at every mass on Mission Sunday to tell you more about the scheme or collect your filled Red Box if you are already a member.

Parish Surgery

Parish Surgery will take place this week from 6.30 until 8pm on Monday evening. We ask you to wait in the church. This is the time to book baptisms and weddings as well as request school references.

Formed.org

Have you looked at your Formed account recently? There is a great new film to commemorate the centenary of the Fatima apparitions called "Finding Fatima". Your account also gives you access to podcasts, eBooks, courses on the faith and lots of stuff for children. If you haven't activated your account yet please contact the office for a code. Thanks to a benefactor, access to formed.org is free for all our parishioners.

LifeTeen

LifeTeen is a fantastic new programme for teenagers that we are introducing to our parish. LifeTeen is for teenagers but it works very closely with families and the parish in order to create a culture in which young people are cared for and valued. Our mission statement for introducing it to the parish is: "Through LifeTeen we aim to lead teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church, equipping them to be effective witnesses of Christ's love in the world".

If LifeTeen is to be a success we need your help. On Saturday 21st October at 6.30pm (after the evening Mass) there will be an information session in the crypt. Please join us to see how **you** can help get LifeTeen off the ground in our parish.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£304.00
Not Gift Aid	£529.70
Total	£833.70

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-Eighth Sunday

Alejandra de Solis RIP

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Sean McKeown

Pro Populo

Monday

9.00am

Feria

The Jones Family

Tuesday

9.00am

St Ignatius of Antioch

In Thanksgiving

Wednesday

9.00am

St Luke, Evangelist

Elsie and Isaac Fernandez
RIP

Thursday

7.00pm

Feria

Holy Souls

Friday

10.00am

Feria

Holy Souls

Saturday

5.30pm

Our Lady

Daniel Coleman

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Twenty-Ninth Sunday

Pro populo

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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