



CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
**ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL**  
*Newsletter*

Thirty-Second Sunday  
of the Year

Sunday 12th  
November 2017

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## Managing Ministries

At St Elizabeth's we are totally dependent on the generosity of volunteers to function as a parish and I was pleased on Monday to have been able to host a drinks reception in the crypt to thank as many of them as possible.

Recently I have been thinking not only about how we can encourage more people to get involved in the life of the parish but also how we might structure things so that communication is easier and things work more efficiently.

Some of our activities are overseen by a small committee or leadership team. It is a model that seems to work really well for Busy Lizzies, the new Connexions group and, of course, our outstanding Social Committee. LifeTeam will also be run by a Core Team of committed leaders.

There are many advantages to working out of a team. First of all, it ensures continuity when people move on. It is always easier to replace one person as a team member than to find a new volunteer to take on responsibility for the whole operation.

Secondly, it helps with recruitment. Often I am asked to find people to do things but in my experience we can encourage more people to get involved when a network of relationships has already been established through a wider group of people. Associated with this is the possibility of establishing a "recruitment pipeline" whereby tasks and responsibilities can be broken down into smaller parts to get more people involved.

From my perspective, it helps communication if I

am working through people who can then share any important information with their whole ministry or group. I would, therefore, like to encourage the model of leadership teams for each parish activity and over the next few months we will give some thought as to how this would work for those activities that do not currently have one.

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Thank you for supporting the Sisters of Mary Morning Star last weekend. They raised an amazing £2,110.00 through their sale of work and are very grateful to the parish.

Last Sunday 526 people attended Mass at St Elizabeth's. When I came in October 2015 we averaged 386 at Sunday Mass. Let's thank God for his blessings towards us.

## *LifeTeen Launches*

**LifeTeen** launches today with our LifeTeen Birth-Day Party in the crypt from 4.00 until 5.30pm. We are really keen to invite all the teenagers in our parish and have already emailed all the parents who have teenagers registered on ChurchSuite. If you've not yet received yours - this is it! We would really love to see all our teenagers there.

## *St Elizabeth's School*

St Elizabeth's School is looking to appoint a KS2 Class teacher. NQTs are welcome to apply. The closing day for applications is 17th November.

Visits to the school are welcome and encouraged and can be arranged through the school office on: (0208) 940 3015 or [admin@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk).

## *The Boiler*

Sincere apologies for the cold Church recently. There is a problem with the boiler which we hope to have fixed by the weekend. Basically the fan which removes the carbon monoxide isn't working and so a safety feature cuts in to prevent us poisoning everyone! If it is any consolation the central heating doesn't work in the presbytery either. In the case of the presbytery it seems to be a pump that isn't working and needs to be replaced. I'm hoping that everything will be up and running some time next week.

## *School References*

If you need a reference for a nursery or primary school please come to a special extended Parish Surgery on Monday 27th November. I will be available in the Parish Office from 6.30pm until 9.00pm.

Please come prepared:

- I can only give you a reference if you have been filling out the school reference forms at Mass.
- It saves time if you fill out the forms **before** coming to the office - including the name and address of the Church.
- If you attend Mass elsewhere you must get a reference from the priest in that parish.

## *Open Doors*

Silva Catherall is collecting signatures for a petition by **Open Doors**, an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide. The Open Doors team will present this petition to the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) in December. The petition will make sure that Syrian and Iraqi Christian voices are heard in recognising the positive contribution that they can make in being allowed back to their countries and rebuild their nations.

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## *Parish Life & News*

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### **Syrian Refugee Family**

Thank you to all who have contributed to help so far. The family are settling in, and many of you will have met Shoresh at the 11am Mass. They are still in need of support - if you could contribute a week's shopping, please contact the Parish Office.

### **The Holy Shroud**

A talk on the Holy Shroud, by Louise Cowley, will be given in the crypt of St Elizabeth's on Thursday, November 16th, 19.30 to 20.15. Please take advantage of this event to find out more about this intriguing relic. The talk is organised by the Catholic Women's League whose monthly meeting will follow.

### **Kenneth Alp RIP**

We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Kenneth Alp who died last Sunday. Ken & his wife attended the Sunday evening Mass.

### **Homeless Winter Shelter**

We have been approved to use the crypt as a homeless shelter on Monday nights during the winter months beginning in January. We now

need two volunteers to coordinate the meals. Please contact the office if you would be willing to help.

### **November Dead List**

Please use the brown envelopes provided. Donations will be used for the celebration of Holy Souls Masses throughout the year. To request a Mass for a specific intention please use the white envelopes.

### **Interested in Becoming a Catholic**

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church, we invite you to contact Scott Coleman in the parish office. Scott will be running an introductory course on the Catholic faith this year.

### **The London Mission**

St Patrick's Soho will again host the London Mission, 7th - 10th December. The focus this year is Our Lady, Mother of Mercy. Email the parish office for more details, especially if you are interested assisting the mission and evangelisation.

### **Children's Christmas Concert**

Many children in our parish play a musical instrument or sing and would be delighted to perform in front of their families and friends. This year again, we would like to organise a Children's Christmas Concert. If your child plays a recorder, piano, violin or any other musical instrument or sings, then please contact Filip on [filip.kucera@email.cz](mailto:filip.kucera@email.cz) for more details (ideally ASAP to make the Concert program). Each child will have the opportunity to perform a piece (pieces) of music of choice. There is no age limit.

The concert will take place on **Saturday 2nd December** at 3 pm in our church. Please, put this date in your diary and join us to support our children.

## Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

<b>Gift Aid</b>	£211.50
<b>Not Gift Aid</b>	£504.18
<b>Total</b>	£715.68

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](mailto:giftaid@stelizabethschurch.org.uk)

### Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	109
Sun. 9.30am	183
Sun. 11.00am	98
Sun. 5.30pm	136
<b>Total:</b>	<b>526</b>

## Social Media



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## Mass Intentions this Week

### This Week

#### Saturday

5.30pm

### Thirty-Second Sunday

Shelia, Pakianathan, Sandra, and Adrian

#### Sunday

9.30am

*Pro Populo*

11.00am

Yousif and Evelyn Farage RIP  
Bridgette Jones (Intentions)

5.30pm

#### Monday

9.00am

**Feria**

Emma van Driel's Intentions

#### Tuesday

9.00am

**Feria**

William Hair RIP

#### Wednesday

9.00am

**Feria**

Rose Tommasso RIP

#### Thursday

7.00pm

**Feria**

Joe and Peggy Devine RIP

#### Friday

10.00am

**Feria**

Ignatius Pereisa Igin Fernandez

#### Saturday

5.30pm

**Our Lady**

In thanksgiving for Sheldon Fernandes

#### Sunday

9.30am

**Thirty-Third Sunday**

Frank Morrell RIP

11.00am

Yousif and Evelyn Farage RIP

5.30pm

*Pro Populo*

## Please Pray For:

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

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