



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

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Time to take the Survey

Over the last couple of weeks in the newsletter I have mentioned the fact that we will be repeating the Gallup Membership Engagement Survey to see how things may have changed, for better or worse, in the parish in the two years since we last took it.

The ME25 measures how people's sense of engagement with their parish. Engagement is not the same as involvement and so our headline scores will give us a sense of how people feel about the parish and what we do here.

The survey can be completed either using a paper form or online at:

my.gallupfaith.com/elizabeththames_TW106AQ (please note: you will need to use a computer rather than a mobile device). All the

responses are anonymous, including the online ones.

The survey asks 25 'ME' questions to measure engagement. These are followed by seven demographic questions: D1-D7. These questions help our results to be compared to other similar parishes. However, because the survey was originally devised in the United States, some unpacking is required.

Questions D1 and D7 are financial questions. If you fill the document in online simply ignore the dollar sign (\$) and imagine it were a pound sign (£) instead.

Question D6 asks about educational background. For "high school graduate" read "A-Levels" and for "college" read "university".

Last time we carried out the survey some people asked the relevance of

these questions. They are important because they help Gallup's mega-computer to weight the results so that it is comparing like for like. In other words that we are compared with parishes of a similar socio-economic make up rather than one which is very different.

The survey will run for four weeks. I would like to invite everyone aged sixteen and over to complete either the paper or the online version (only one survey per person please). Please do not write your names on the paper surveys. If you complete the paper version of the survey the forms can be left in the box at the back of the Church.

That you for taking part because the more people respond the more accurate our results will be.

Parish Life & News

Parish Surgery

There is no parish surgery this week as we have a parish Finance Committee meeting at that time. The next parish surgery will be on Monday 5th February from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. The parish surgery is the time to make initial enquiries about baptisms and weddings.

New Parishioner Evening

We invite all our new parishioners to join us at 8.00pm on Monday 5th February for some drinks and canapés. It is a great way to meet other parishioners and to make new friends in the local area. Please let us know if you can come.

Rediscover Jesus

At Christmas we gave a present to everyone who attended one of the services here in the Church. Many of our parishioners were away and so we are making copies available for you (and to take for your friends) at the back of the Church. The book has forty short chapters and would make ideal reading for Lent which begins next month.

Bible Weekend

The Bible Weekend runs from the evening of Friday 16th until lunch on Sunday 18th March.

This weekend will give us an introduction to the Bible, helping us navigate it and understand how we can use it to deepen our prayer life. This one-off course is a must for all our parishioners! We need you to register for the Bible Weekend as places are limited. You can do so on ChurchSuite or by texting "QN8F3 Bible" to 60777. (It is important to include the quotation marks).

Lent Study Groups

We would like to offer the opportunity for parishioners to get together during Lent for some study groups. The great thing about them is that they are hosted in people's homes and can therefore take place on different days and at different times. This Lent we will use materials available to all our parishioners on the **Formed** website.

Please let us know if you would like to take part in a group. There are application forms at the back of Church. Please also let us know if you would be willing to host a Lent Group in your home. We will get back to you with details.

Discipleship Course

Thirty people signed up and joined us for the first evening of the Discipleship Course last Tuesday. It was moving to hear how some people experienced a real support from friends they have made here at St Elizabeth's and also their experience of sharing their faith in natural ways with friends and colleagues.

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A Note to our Readers at Mass

We are very grateful to everyone who helps proclaim God's Word at Mass. The role of a reader is an important one in the life of the Church. It is more than simply being able to read in an audible and intelligible manner which is why Readers need to undergo a specific liturgical formation. In the parish we are working towards offering that formation "in house" to make it as accessible as possible.

The readings at Mass must be proclaimed in the way the Church intends. The faithful have a right to this, including the way they are introduced. We do NOT use expressions such as "our reading today is...", or "The first/second reading...", or "The response to the psalm is..." etc. We SIMPLY use the formula given in the Lectionary: "A Reading from..." (e.g. "A Reading from the Book of Genesis" or "A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah"). If in doubt please check with the priest before Mass.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows, please) and will be at our Church on Sunday 18th February until no later than 11am to collect them. Put your clothing/ bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass for collection. Amazingly 4 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a year. Mary's Meals feeds children where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

Eucharistic Adoration

A diocesan lay committee is being set up to encourage Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to an information meeting on Sunday 3rd February, 11 - 12.15 at the Centre for Catholic Formation. More details from the Parish Office.

Confirmation

We invite any young person in Year 8 and above who attends Mass regularly at St Elizabeth's to apply for this year's confirmation course. This is only open to young people already attending Mass at St Elizabeth's. Other young people will be invited to join the new system when it begins. Please note the deadline for applications is looming.

Passion Play

Good Friday: March 30th: Christians from different churches in Richmond are staging an open air Passion Play on the river front from 12-2pm. Would you like to take part: as a singer, actor or in the production team? Just ordinary people portraying an extraordinary event. No experience needed! Rehearsals each Friday evening start February. Email Peter Flower if you'd like to join in: pjflower@btinternet.com.

Celebrate

Celebrate - A Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend will take place at St Mary's Twickenham, 16 - 17th June 2018. www.celebrateconference.org has full details.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£372.51
Not Gift Aid	£817.10
Total	£1,189.61

Second Collection: today there is a collection for racial justice Sunday.

We have received additional contributions of £560 for the homeless shelter: thank you.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	79
Sun. 9.30am	179
Sun. 11.00am	145
Sun. 5.30pm	147
Total:	550

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday
5.30pm

Fourth Sunday
Kenneth Alp RIP

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Johanna Emma Ballin
Pro Populo
Fr Seamus Flynn RIP

Monday
9.00am

Feria
David Allen RIP

Tuesday
9.00am

Feria
Eileen van Driel and Family

Wednesday
9.00am

St John Bosco
Goodhart (Int.)

Thursday
7.00pm

Feria
Elizabeth Doughty

Friday
10.00am

The Presentation of the Lord
Beatrice Beasley

Saturday
5.30pm

St Blaise
Mrs Jenny King

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Fifth Sunday
Pro Populo
Peter John Doyle RIP
Rita Lyons

Please Pray For:

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

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