



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Sunday 11th
February 2018

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Bible Weekend

On the weekend of the 16th-18th March we are offering all our parishioners and their friends a wonderful opportunity to discover the riches of God's Word in Sacred Scripture.

The purpose of the weekend is to give all of us a chance to become more familiar with the Scriptures and learn how to use them to grow in faith and prayer. There will be various streams running throughout the weekend and we really hope not just to offer something to everyone but that all our parishioners will take part at some stage. On the Friday night we are planning an informal overview of the whole weekend for anyone to attend with some drinks and nibbles available. The Catholic Bible School will give a

presentation and there will be time for discussion as well as for prayer.

On the Saturday morning we are encouraging the men of the parish to join us for a Men's Breakfast at 8.30am. The team will give an input and this session will be finished by 9.30am.

We are then inviting all our parents and children up to seven years old to join us at 10.30am for "Play & Pray" an exciting activity for younger children which will last thirty minutes.

After a light lunch at 1.00pm we invite everyone in the parish, including young people aged 13+, to experience *lectio divina* which is a way of using the scriptures for prayer.

There will also be two Workshops on the Saturday at 11.30am

and at 3.30pm. These will have material for those who have signed up for the whole weekend. After the evening Mass we are offering a meal followed by a time of prayer and reflection led by the Catholic Bible School team.

On Sunday we want to reach out also to the families of our parish and invite you to join us for a shared meal after the 11.00am Mass and to stay for a family focused presentation where we will explore the theme of stepping out in faith.

Throughout the weekend we will also be offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church and encourage all our parishioners to make time to come to the Church to pray even if they are not signed up for the weekend.

Parish Life & News

Bible Weekend Volunteers

We need a team of willing volunteers to help make the Bible Weekend a success. For example we need people to prepare the crypt, to prepare the food, to look after the kitchen, to acts as hosts, to help with the music.

If you can help us please email the parish office with details of when you would be available:

office@stelizabethschurch.org.uk

Bible Weekend

16th - 18th March

To join us for the whole weekend please text "QN8F3 Bible" to 60777.

To join us for the Men's Breakfast please text "MensBreakfast" to 60777.

To join us for the Children's activity please text "PlayandPray" to 60777.

To join us for the Lectio Divine session please text "lectio" to 60777.

To join us only for an individual workshop please text "W1" or "W2" to 60777.

To join us for Sunday lunch and family presentation please text "Sunday" to 60777.

(All text keywords are without spaces)

Gallup Survey

We are asking all our parishioners aged sixteen and over to help us plan for the future by completing the Gallup "Membership Engagement" Survey (ME25). You can complete a paper version or access it online (but please do not use a mobile device as all the options will not be available).

The online version is available here:

my.gallupfaith.com/elizabeththames_TW106AQ

You will need the following (case sensitive) access code: DCA0616.

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 back-ground. 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 enable Gallup weight the results so that we are compared with parishes of a similar socio-economic make up rather than one which is very different.

Parish Life & News

Parish Surgery

On Monday evening we have the Deanery Pastoral Council meeting here so there is no Parish surgery. The next parish surgery will be Monday 19th February.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday Lent begins with the traditional blessing and reception of Ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence (no meat). Ashes will be distributed at the 9.00am Mass and at a special evening Mass at 7.30pm.

Mary's Meals - NEXT WEEK

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.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League will hold their Annual Review (AGM) on Thursday, February 15th in the crypt at 19.30. This will mark the launch of our CWL 2018 Project in support of the Community Sponsorship Scheme which aims, under the aegis of the Home Office, to resettle Syrian refugee families with the involvement of registered charities or community interest companies. Visitors welcome.

Catholic History Walk

Next Tuesday 20th February at 2pm, Scott will be leading a history walk around Chelsea, about St Thomas More - all welcome. Further details from the office.

Natural Fertility

Natural fertility: An introduction. Friday 23rd February, 7.30pm, at St John the Baptist Church Hall, Purley. 48 Dale Road Purley, CR8 2EF. A free evening for anyone interested in finding out more about what natural fertility awareness is, how it fits into everyday life, and its potential to change an individual and a marriage. With separate presentations from a Billings-trained and NAPRO-trained practitioner. For couples, parents, grandparents, priests, single people: come and build up your knowledge. Contact learnbillings@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Saturday Evening Mass

Just a reminder to those attending the Saturday evening Mass to join in with the entrance and communion antiphons. These are found in the parish Mass book.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£389.20
Not Gift Aid	£818.58
Total	£1,207.78

Second Collection: this Sunday there is a collection for poor parishes.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	84
Sun. 9.30am	172
Sun. 11.00am	109
Sun. 5.30pm	134
Total:	499

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Monday

9.00am

Tuesday

9.00am

Wednesday

9.00am &

7.30pm

Thursday

7.00pm

Friday

10.00am

Saturday

5.30pm

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Sixth Sunday

Bronislaw, Leokadia, & Hanna
Krepczynska RIP

Eileen O'Hara RIP

Georg & Hermine Maris RIP

Pro Populo

Feria

Liam Kearns

Feria

Deceased Family & Friends of
Ana Milton RIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

Annie and Jim

Canon Gerry Coates RIP

Feria (Lent)

Bernard Ross

Feria (Lent)

Donor's Intention

Feria (Lent)

David Urch

First Sunday of Lent

Pierina Harwood & Eda
Sanderson

Pro Populo

Francesco Signorini

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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