



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

Sunday 22nd
April 2018

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Good Shepherd Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel at Mass always refers to Christ as the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. Part of that solicitude is providing what is needed so that the flock may be nourished and cared for down through the ages and so Good Shepherd Sunday is also the annual day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

This year Good Shepherd Sunday happens to coincide with the Selection Conference at St John's Seminary where this year's applicants for the priesthood will have their final round of interviews before being presented to the bishop for him to decide whether or not to accept them. There are eight

candidates at the Selection Conference and I am sure they would all appreciate your prayers.

Among them is Scott Coleman whom many of you will know from the parish. Scott has been living here this year and helping out as a pastoral assistant with special responsibility for administration while gaining experience of parish life. I would like to acknowledge the great debt of gratitude we owe Scott as a parish for the enormous amount of work he has taken on (and off my shoulders!) this year - and he has done it all on a voluntary basis in return for board and lodging and very little else.

After the Selection Conference Scott will be away for a brief holiday and will remain with us for another couple of

months - exactly how long will depend on the bishop's decision as to where he should be sent to study.

In Holy Week the priests of the diocese gather round the bishop for the Chrism Mass at the cathedral to renew their priestly commitment. This year I was struck by how dependent we have become in Southwark upon priests from Africa and India to provide priests for our parishes.

We are very short of priests but, as the candidates will find out at the seminary this weekend, that doesn't mean the Church will lower the bar. A vocation to the priesthood needs to be born not in a fascination for the Church and her rituals, but in lived discipleship: a relationship with Christ in which his call can be heard.

Parish Life & News

REFRAME

Wednesdays 8.00pm in the Crypt

April 25th

How to Defend the Faith without Raising your Voice

May 2nd

Love & Sex: A Catholic Perspective

May 9th

Catholics, Money & the Markets

May 16th

Is the Church anti-Science?

May 23rd

Being a Catholic Voice in the 21st Century

General Data Protection Regulation

The GDPR comes into force next month and affects the way parishes handle personal information. For example, it can no longer be presumed that consent is indefinite and parishes will have to ensure that the information they hold is accurate and up to date. In practice this means that unless people regularly renew their consent we will be legally obliged to remove them from the parish register.

Fortunately for us, we use ChurchSuite to maintain the parish register. ChurchSuite allows every registered parishioner to access and update any information we have on them through a special desktop user-interface called MyChurchSuite which can also be downloaded as an app.

Even so, in preparation for the GDPR it seems prudent to try to ensure that our current information is up to date. We are looking at how best to do that - possibly by a paper survey - and at what information we may legally gather as well as what explicit consents we need. Watch this space...

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Parish Surgery

The next Parish Surgery will be on Monday 30th April from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Parish Surgery is the time to see me about weddings and baptisms without needing an appointment.

Mass Times this Week

There is **no Mass in the parish on Tuesday** this week as I shall be attending a meeting in Oxford that morning. On **Wednesday** the Mass will be at 10.00am and will be the Requiem Mass for Deborah Longueira.

Alpha

If you missed the start of Alpha last week please feel free to join us in the crypt this Tuesday at 7.00pm. The first couple of weeks are introductory so it is not too late to join. We begin with a meal so it helps if we know numbers beforehand. Please email the office or sign up on Church Suite if you are coming. We look forward to seeing you there.

Gift Aid Envelopes

The diocese is changing the period covered by Gift Aid envelopes to bring it more in line with the tax year so please don't be surprised to be given a new box. Next week the Finance Committee will present the finalised parish accounts for last year to the parish.

Parish Lunch Club

The lunch club will resume on Tuesday 1st May at 12.30pm (Mass at noon). All are welcome for a three-course meal, raising money for a local homeless charity.

St Thomas More History Walk

Scott will be leading a Catholic history walk, telling the story of St Thomas More, around Chelsea on Tuesday 1st May, beginning at 6pm. All our parishioners are very welcome - contact the office for details.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury

Pilgrimage to Canterbury, Wednesday, June 13th. The trip, organised by the Catholic Women's League, will include a guided tour of the Cathedral and Holy Mass in the Cathedral. If interested, please, contact Aline Cook by April 18th on 0208 948 5637 or alinejcook@hotmail.com

Carer and Personal Assistant

Maria, an experienced domestic carer and personal assistant (who formerly worked at the Star and Garter Home) is looking for a live-in position. Contact her on 07787087903 if interested.

Natural Fertility Matters

For more information about natural ways to achieve or space out pregnancy please visit www.naturalfertilitymatters.com

or call Freda McMahon on 07887 676 923 for a free and confidential consultation.

Busy Lizzies

Busy Lizzies is our creche during the 9.30am Mass. Children are dropped off **before** Mass and parents are given a pager in case their child needs them. Children need to be registered beforehand. We welcome volunteers to help look after the creche. Volunteers need references and a DBS check which can take some time.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£113.50
Not Gift Aid	£640.72
Total	£754.22

This Sunday there is a second collection for ecclesiastical education (the cost of training priests); next Sunday there is a second collection for the maintenance of the Cathedral.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	65
Sun. 9.30am	131
Sun. 11.00am	91
Sun. 5.30pm	111
Total:	398

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Souls

Sunday

9.30am

Pro Populo

11.00am

Christine Lassow RIP

5.30pm

John Watson

Monday

9.00am

SAINT GEORGE

Ken & Peggy Alp RIP

Tuesday

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

NO MASS HERE TODAY

Wednesday

10.00am

St Mark

Requiem: Deborah Longueira

Thursday

7.00pm

Feria (Eastertide)

John & Leo Hourigan

Friday

10.00am

Feria (Eastertide)

Confirmation Candidates

Saturday

5.30pm

Our Lady

Holy Souls

Sunday

9.30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pro Populo

11.00am

Christine Lassow RIP

5.30pm

Fr David Weston RIP

Please Pray For:

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

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