



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Second Sunday
of Easter

Sunday 8th
April 2018

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Time to Get Dressed

The Sunday after Easter used to be known as *Domenica in Albis*, which was a shortened form of *Domenica in Albis Deponendis* - or "The Sunday for taking off white clothes". The reason takes us back to the time when many adults were baptised at the Easter Vigil. After their baptism they were dressed in a white garment (an "Alb") which they wore for the whole of Easter Week until the following Sunday: the Sunday for taking off your white clothes.

The white garment was a symbol of baptismal purity and also of being wrapped in the faith. Baptism is a sacrament of faith. It presumes the desire to embrace the fulness of Christian life which means a desire to grow in faith, to live fellowship with one's Christian brothers and

sisters, and to pray and keep the Sabbath holy by attending Mass each weekend.

On Easter Sunday we were all given the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises. Now we have to look for ways to live them!

How might we wrap ourselves in the faith? Here at St Elizabeth's we try to offer lots of different opportunities to suit as many people as possible. An important starting point is to go back to the essential Christian proclamation (the 'kerygma') and to see how it answers some pretty universal questions: Is there more to life than work, mortgage and looming mid-life crisis? That's why we offer Alpha here in the parish - not just for parishioners but also for all of our friends. A truly successful Alpha is one where fifty percent

of our guests are there because they have been invited by someone else.

Secondly, we try to offer occasional courses on aspects of the faith. This term we are offering "Reframe", a series of talks looking at some of the modern confusions about the Church's teaching.

Thirdly, we encourage parishioners to get together in smaller groups for five or six weeks - like our Lenten House Groups - to read a particular book or follow a particular study course.

Finally, we try to ensure the faith is accessible to all of you through our parish subscription to formed.org where you will find great books, films and courses that you can study at home.

Let's make an effort to dress ourselves in faith.

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

FORMED.ORG

To access the wealth of content on formed.org you need to register using the Parish Access Code: 4H782Z. The parish has an annual subscription so it is free for you to log one and enjoy this great resource. Check out its children's videos too!

ALPHA

Our next season of Alpha starts on Tuesday 17th April at 7.00pm in the Crypt. We are encouraging all our parishioners to invite their friends.

Recently I was helping a really nice young couple with their marriage paperwork but they don't practise their faith. They live on a small road in Richmond with an unusually high proportion of Catholics - but no one has invited them to join us for Alpha here in the parish. Let's be generous in inviting. The Lord relies on us.

Parish Life & News

Parish Surgery

The next Parish Surgery will be on Monday 16th April from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Parish Surgery is the time to see me about weddings and baptisms without needing an appointment.

Inviting People to Alpha

We are asking all our parishioners to think of and pray for four friends who could be invited to our next Alpha. Fr Stephen is also praying for them intentionally at Mass every day. This week, for example, who do you know who is a lapsed Catholic?

Reframe - Catholic Voices

It's tough when you're asked about a controversial issue... Reframe is an inspiring and practical experience of applying the wisdom and genius of the heart of the Gospel to 'hot-button' and relevant topics. Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices sharing the Church's story in the media and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home. Reframe will be on Wednesday evenings starting on 25th April, in the Crypt.

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

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. Towards the end of this month the Finance Committee will present the finalised parish accounts for last year to the parish.

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

During the 9.30am Mass we have a special creche in the upper crypt for small children. Parents leave the children there before the beginning of Mass and are given a pager so that they can be called if their child needs them. We are always happy to receive new children (although you will be asked to register their details beforehand) and we also need more volunteers to help look after the creche. As with all activities with children or vulnerable adults the volunteers need references and a DBS check which can take some time. Please contact the office for more information.

An Invitational Community

The best way to develop a culture of invitation is for all of us to constantly invite people to things happening here in the parish - including Alpha!

Thank You

Thank you for your Easter Offering which came to:

Gift Aid	£4,093.00
Not Gift Aid	£1,862.34
Total	£5,955.34

The Easter Offering is your gift to the clergy of the your parish but by using Gift Aid envelopes the parish will receive just over £1,023.00 from the Inland Revenue.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Easter Vigil	101
Sun. 9.30am	225
Sun. 11.00am	216
Sun. 5.30pm	78
Total:	620

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday
5.30pm

Second Sunday of Easter

Jolly Hawking & Sharon Gillyon

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Pro Populo

Patricia Conroy
Goodhart (Int.)

Monday
9.00am

The Annunciation of the Lord

Goodhart (Int.)

Tuesday
9.00am

Feria (Eastertide)

Buckham Family

Wednesday
9.00am

St Stanislaus

Holy Souls

Thursday
7.00pm

Feria (Eastertide)

Holy Souls

Friday
10.00am

Feria (Eastertide)

Holy Souls

Saturday
5.30pm

Our Lady

Liam Gallager

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Third Sunday of Easter

William O'Hara RIP

Pro Populo

Fr Peter Madden RIP

Please Pray For:

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

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