



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

Seventh Sunday  
of Easter

Sunday 13th  
May 2018

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## First Holy Communions

This weekend a second group of children will make their first Holy Communion in the parish. We congratulate both them and their families. I would also like to express our thanks to their teachers and catechists.

It is sometimes useful to recall what is required before someone can receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. There are three things to keep in mind: firstly the purpose of the sacraments, secondly who they are for, and thirdly the specific discipline of the Church.

The sacraments are not Christian staging posts associated with certain age groups. They exist to nourish the relationship with God which we call 'discipleship'. They have no meaning outside of the context of our relationship with God.

The characteristics of discipleship are given in the Acts of the Apostles and can be summed up as faith, fellowship and prayer. In other words, the sacraments presume we embrace the teaching of the Church and are united by our common faith. They presume that we are living a self-sacrificing love that extends beyond our family commitment and embraces the wider Christian community. Finally, they presume that we pray as individuals and that we come together each weekend to be united in the prayer of Christ made present in the celebration of Mass.

In his mercy God has given us the sacrament of Confession so that we can always begin again, but the bottom line is that if we do not accept the faith of the

Church, or if we do not live the fellowship to which we are called, or if we do not attend Mass (unless we are sick or under certain other specific circumstances recognised by the Church), then Holy Communion is not for us.

The discipline of the Church requires us to fast from food or drink (including chewing gum) for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion. The Church also obliges us to attend Mass each weekend and Holy Day of Obligation and to go to confession at least once a year.

Sometimes people are quite surprised to hear these things so it is good to be reminded of them from time to time. In this way we will not be in danger of taking the great gift of the sacraments for granted.

**REFRAME**

Wednesdays 8.00pm in the Crypt

**May 16th**

Is the Church anti-Science?

**May 23rd**

Being a Catholic Voice in the 21st Century

**"Understanding Sex and Gender"**

*A Conference for Catholic Educators*

**13-14 July 2018, St. Mary's Twickenham**

Catholic educators know firsthand the difficult task of teaching in the midst of a growing trend of confusion surrounding personal identity, particularly sex and gender. Many feel ill-prepared to address these challenging issues, especially in a faith school setting.

In order to support those in Catholic education and formation, St. Patrick's Soho is partnering with the **Humanum Institute** to offer a two-day, multi-disciplinary conference for Catholic educators on the topic of sex and gender. We will have experts from the fields of philosophy, psychology, spirituality, law, and others to help us gain insight into the Catholic perspective on this challenging topic.

The conference is open to teachers, clergy, chaplains, parents, catechists, and anyone in a formation role who is interested in learning more. Educators in Catholic schools will especially benefit from a 90 minute workshop with specialist lawyers who will explain the current legal landscape surrounding these issues, as well as answer questions about specific situations for faith schools.

Friday's Keynote Address, "Sexuality, Discipleship, and Evangelisation: Humanae Vitae 50 Years Later" is free and open to the public. Speaker Fr. Anthony Doe, is a well-respected and experienced psychotherapist and priest.

**RSVP at [www.sexandgender2018.com](http://www.sexandgender2018.com)**

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## *Parish Life & News*

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### **Parish Surgery**

The next Parish Surgery will be Monday 14th May from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Parish Surgery is the time to see me about weddings and baptisms without needing an appointment.

### **Confirmations**

On Sunday 20th May Bishop Hendricks will be here to administer the Sacrament of confirmation to our candidates at the Sunday evening Mass.

### **Edge**

Edge is our exciting new programme for those in years 5, 6, & 7. It meets in the crypt on Fridays from 5.00pm until 6.30pm. All welcome.

### **LifeTeen**

LifeTeen is our ministry towards teenagers. We meet on the crypt on Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm. All welcome!

### **Richmond Irish Network**

Congratulations to the Richmond Irish Network who raised £5,000 for SPEAR at their recent St Patrick's Night Supper.

### **Natural Fertility Matters**

For more information about natural ways to achieve or space out pregnancy please visit [www.naturalfertilitymatters.com](http://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. Please contact the office for more information.

### **An Joyful Community**

One way to become known as a joyful Christian community is for us to get to know each other and to make an effort to smile! Wouldn't it be good if all our visitors felt we were really grateful they joined us?

## **Living Word Weekend**

**29th June - 1st July**

St Elizabeth's warmly invites you to join us for our Living Word Weekend. The weekend will deepen your understanding of the Bible's relevance to everyday life, and connect you with new people in the parish community.

You can join us for the just one session or for the whole weekend!

Book your place today at:

[www.stelizabethschurch.org.uk/word](http://www.stelizabethschurch.org.uk/word)

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## Thank You

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Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

<b>Gift Aid</b>	£234.00
<b>Not Gift Aid</b>	£791.69
<b>Total</b>	£1,025.69

There is a second collection today for **World Communications Day**, which supports the Bishops in promoting the Gospel through the media.

### Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	67
Sun. 9.30am	138
Sun. 11.00am	160
Sun. 5.30pm	107
<b>Total:</b>	<b>472</b>

## Social Media

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## Mass Intentions this Week

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### This Week

**Saturday**  
5.30pm

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Liz Pilgrim

**Sunday**  
9.30am  
11.00am  
5.30pm

Gerry McGuinness RIP  
Maureen Rayel RIP  
*Pro Populo*

**Monday**  
9.00am

**St. Matthias**  
Ken & Peggy Alp RIP

**Tuesday**  
9.00am

**Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit**  
Jo McGough RIP

**Wednesday**  
9.00am

**St. Simon Stock**  
John Armstrong RIP

**Thursday**  
7.00pm

**Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit**  
Michael J McNulty RIP

**Friday**  
10.00am

**Pope St. John I**  
Mary Frances Morrell

**Saturday**  
5.30pm

**Vigil of Pentecost**  
Marie Toal RIP

**Sunday**  
9.30am  
11.00am  
5.30pm

**PENTECOST**  
*Pro Populo*  
Christine Lassow RIP  
Maier & Hagmann

### Please Pray For:

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

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