



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

Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

Sunday 29th  
April 2018

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## The Finance Committee

We welcome the members of the parish Finance Committee who will speak at our Masses this weekend and we invite you to take home a summary of our ordinary income and expenditure for 2017. The figures are an extract from the Financial Return which we submit to the diocese each year along with an Independent Examiner's report. I'm very grateful to the Finance Committee for their work.

Our aim for 2017 was to end the year with a surplus. I am pleased to report that we have achieved this and that for the first time in many years the parish has not had to rely on its capital for the ordinary running costs of the parish.

We managed this partly by increasing opportunities to support the parish through **Gift Aid**.

Gift Aid is a government scheme by which the Inland Revenue will return to a charity the Income or Capital Gains Tax they have already taken on donations.

Last Sunday, for example, the collection included £416.50 which was given under the Gift Aid scheme. We can now recover an extra £104.12 from the Inland Revenue.

On the other hand, a further £736.49 was given outside of the Gift Aid Scheme. Had it been donated in Gift Aid envelopes, it would have been worth an extra £184.12.

If our total cash collection last Sunday had been Gift Aided its value to the parish would have increased by 25%, from £1,152.99 to £1,441.23.

If everyone who gave to the parish got into the habit of Gift Aiding their

donation, we estimate that we would receive about £9,500 extra from the Inland Revenue each year. Furthermore, higher rate tax payers can claim back for themselves the remainder of the tax they have already paid.

There are two requirements for Gift Aid to work. The first is that we have to pay UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax. If we are not tax payers there is nothing for the Inland Revenue to refund.

Secondly, there needs to be evidence of the donation having been Gift Aided. Some people do this by online giving, others by using Gift Aid envelopes. We can supply you with a box of envelopes for the whole year, and there are also blue Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church for anyone to use any time they give.

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## *Parish Life & News*

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### **REFRAME**

Wednesdays 8.00pm in the Crypt

**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**

Don't get left out! When the GDPR comes into force next month we won't be able to keep you on the parish register without your explicit consent. Under the regulation, that consent can no longer be presumed and so we will have to archive or delete records.

We will also need your consent to contact you. Without that consent we can't, for example, send you a card at Christmas, or let you know what rota you have signed up for!

Next week we will have some census forms available for you to complete. We will use these to check our records on ChurchSuite and update them where necessary. Currently we are waiting for the revised diocesan Privacy Policy to be published. Once the revised Privacy Policy is in place we will contact you with a link.

The GDPR will change the way many entities work. At St Elizabeth's we use ChurchSuite which is already GDPR compliant so you can be sure your data is safe. The only real change is that we will soon require your permission to keep you registered as a parishioner and to contact you.

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### **Parish Surgery**

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

### **Tuesday Mass**

On Tuesday this week the Mass will be at midday.

### **Parish Lunch Club**

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

### **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!

### **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.

### **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](mailto:alinejcook@hotmail.com)

### **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 Invitational Community**

The way to develop a culture of invitation is to invite people to things happening here in the parish. This week let's invite friends to the **lunch club** on Tuesday and to **Reframe** on Wednesday!

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## Thank You

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Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

<b>Gift Aid</b>	£416.50
<b>Not Gift Aid</b>	£736.49
<b>Total</b>	£1,152.99

Today there is a second collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

### Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	109
Sun. 9.30am	162
Sun. 11.00am	107
Sun. 5.30pm	111
<b>Total:</b>	<b>489</b>

## Social Media

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## Mass Intentions this Week

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### This Week

<b>Saturday</b> 5.30pm	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Souls
<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> Christine Lassow RIP Fr David Weston RIP
<b>Monday</b> 9.00am	<b>St Pius V</b> Ken & Peggy Alp RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> 12 Noon	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b> May Burke
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.00am	<b>St Athanasius</b> Elizabeth Doughty
<b>Thursday</b> 7.00pm	<b>Ss. Philip &amp; Jim</b> Ruth Wauters
<b>Friday</b> 10.00am	<b>The English Martyrs</b> Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b> 5.30pm	<b>Our Lady</b> Holy Souls
<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Fr Kevin Pelham RIP Christine Lassow RIP <i>Pro Populo</i>

### Please Pray For:

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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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