



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

Sunday 6th
May 2018

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Gift Aid

I'd like to express my thanks to the Finance Committee for the work they do throughout the year and, in particular, for giving an update on parish finances at all our Masses last weekend. There are copies of the financial report available at the back of the church and we encourage you to take one home.

As part of their presentation, the Finance Committee included a 'call to action' which I thought I would repeat here for those who were away last weekend. The Committee invited us to review how much we contribute to the parish and consider increasing it, especially if we have not done so for some time. This would help us meet rising costs and ensure a stable basis for the future. The second point was that

we consider moving towards standing orders or online giving. This method of supporting the parish has a number of advantages. It avoids carrying cash and means we don't have to spend so much time counting the collection each week or taking it to the bank - with the associated security risks involved. It also means we can budget more effectively and are less affected by the seasonal fluctuations that come about when large numbers of people are away on holiday.

The final request was that we try to make more use of the Gift Aid scheme. Catholic parishes do not receive any funding from the State but, as a registered charity, the diocese is able to claim back the tax an individual has already paid on his or her

donation. This increases the value of a donation by 25% - but only if we can show that it was your intention to Gift Aid it. Additionally, higher rate tax payers can claim the remainder of the tax they paid on that donation.

So long as you pay income or capital gains tax we can claim Gift Aid on any donation you make to the Church. In the newsletter today you will find one of the Gift Aid envelopes that are always available at the back of the church for 'one-off' donations which includes the Sunday collection. The Finance Committee hopes to increase the proportion of income Gift Aided this year from 45% to 55%. A very simple way of achieving this would be to use these blue Gift Aid envelopes whenever we come to Church.

Parish Life & News

REFRAME

Wednesdays 8.00pm in the Crypt

May 9th

Catholics, Money & the Markets

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

Parish Life & News

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.

Mass on Wednesday

On Wednesday I shall be away at a conference on parish renewal. The Mass on Wednesday will be at 7.00am.

Feast of the Ascension

Thursday this week is the Feast of the Ascension which has been restored as a Holy Day of Obligation (a day on which Catholics are required to attend Mass). There will be an additional Mass here on Thursday morning at 9.00am as well as our usual 7.00pm Mass that evening.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to the children who will receive the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time today at the 11.00am Mass and to those who will make their first Communion next Sunday also at 11.00am. On Sunday 20th May Bishop Hendricks will be here to administer the Sacrament of confirmation to our candidates at the Sunday evening Mass.

School Sponsored Bike Ride

Intrepid parents from St Elizabeth's school, including four of our parishioners, are attempting to cycle from Richmond to Paris in 24 hours to raise funds to improve the school playground. Donations are very welcome via justgiving.com - look for St Elizabeth's Richmond.

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!

CWL at the May Fair

The Catholic Women's League will offer their home-made produce at the May Fair on Saturday, May 12th. If you wish to bake something yourself for the stall, order a specific cake in advance or simply visit our stall, it will all be most helpful. Contact: 0208 948 5637; alinejcook@hotmail.com.

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. Please contact the office for more information.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£295.50
Not Gift Aid	£822.45
Total	£1,117.95

To avoid seasonal fluctuations and to help us budget it greatly helps our parish finances if you take part in our **Planned Giving** scheme. For more information please email:

giftaid@stelizabethschurch.org.uk

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	73
Sun. 9.30am	161
Sun. 11.00am	103
Sun. 5.30pm	146
Total:	483

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Souls

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Fr Kevin Pelham RIP

Christine Lassow RIP

Pro Populo

Monday

10.00am

Feria (Eastertide)

Ken & Peggy Alp RIP

Tuesday

9.00am

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Josephine Hamilton

Wednesday

7.00am

Feria (Eastertide)

Goan Restoration Team

Thursday

9.00am

7.00pm

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Fr Kevin Pelham RIP

Pro Populo

Friday

10.00am

Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

Margaret Marcella

Saturday

5.30pm

Our Lady

Liz Pilgrim

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gerry McGuinness RIP

Maureen Rayel RIP

Pro Populo

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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