



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

Tenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th  
June 2018

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## Divine Renovation Conference

I am very grateful to Fr Dominic Allain who will be covering the Sunday Masses for me this weekend. I leave early on Sunday morning as one of the UK delegates attending the "Divine Renovation Conference" in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I will be back on Friday. Unfortunately I've not been able to find a priest to cover in my absence and so there won't be Mass here this week. If you need a priest in an emergency please contact the parish office and leave a message for Scott who will be able to reach out to the local clergy.

The conference takes its name from a book I recommend to you: "Divine Renovation" by Fr James Mallon. In it Fr Mallon describes how the pastoral practice of the church was developed in a more religious age and how it

must adapt if it is to engage with and respond to the needs of a secular society.

The recent referendum in Ireland is perhaps a good example of the change that has taken place. Two thirds of the population effectively voted to introduce legislation that would permit the termination of life in the womb. Only a third voted to keep the existing defence of unborn life. This suggests that the Church in Ireland has failed to engage the vast majority of the people in any meaningful way.

In Divine Renovation Fr Mallon challenges parishes to face up to their underlying assumptions and to introduce changes that would move them out of a maintenance model which presumes everything is fine with

the institution and, when numbers are going down, concludes it must be someone else's fault. He - like Pope Francis - proposes a missionary model whereby we recover the priority of the early Church to engage with people and win them over.

The model he proposes also has consequences for the nature of priestly ministry. Priests are ordained to lead, to teach and to sanctify. In many parishes the people's expectation is that he be the janitor and general dogsbody: the holder of keys and dispenser of loo rolls! The Divine Renovation model, on the other hand, is about encouraging lay people to recognise their own baptismal responsibility and to become leaders and protagonists in the task of building up a Christian community.

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## *Parish Life & News*

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### **Can You Help?**

How are your trifle making skills? Can you barbecue?

We need some deserts for the Living Word Weekend and are hoping that some of our parishioners will help us out by contributing their speciality dish. We also need some volunteers to look after the barbecue on the Sunday afternoon when we are inviting all our parishioners, and especially our families to join us for a barbecue and Living Word session after the 11.00am Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help. Thanks.

### **Two Sponsors Still Needed**

It is really fantastic that we have now had enough sponsors to be able to employ a full-time Director of pastoral Ministries to help Fr Stephen develop what has begun in the parish. Please pray we find the right person.

We still need, however, two more sponsors to employ a part-time Operations Manager who can develop the operations and administrative side of parish life. Sponsors make a three year commitment of £5k per year.

Please help us if you can. It will really make a difference in our parish.

## **"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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### **No Parish Surgery**

There is no parish surgery this week as fr Stephen is away. The dates of the parish surgery are on the ChurchSuite calendar and parish website.

### **Parish Feast Day - 4th July**

The feast day of St Elizabeth of Portugal will soon be upon us. This is not only an opportunity not only for us to honour our heavenly patron, but also for our whole community to come together and celebrate. There will be Mass at 7pm, followed by a party in the parish garden, to which everyone is invited. There will be prosecco, soft drinks, and canapés, and we ask you to bring bite-sized desserts.

### **An Appeal for Volunteer Drivers**

Richmond Good Neighbours is a voluntary charity scheme which helps elderly and house bound people who live in the Richmond area with tasks such as shopping, visits to the doctor and social activities and also offers befriending. We urgently need volunteer drivers on an ad hoc or regular basis to meet the many

requests we receive. If anyone has an extra hour to spare we would love to hear from you and we would be delighted if you could help us meet some of these unfulfilled requests.

Please contact Anne Speak (Co-ordinator) on 0203 538 4060 or email [organiser@richmondgoodneighbours.org.uk](mailto:organiser@richmondgoodneighbours.org.uk)

### **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.

### **New Parishioners Evening**

Are you new to St Elizabeth's? We would love to get to know you better and give you a chance to meet some other parishioners. Our next evening celebration for new parishioners will be on Monday 18th June in the presbytery at 8.00pm. It's very informal but it helps if you could email the office to let us know you're coming.

## **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>	£287.40
<b>Not Gift Aid</b>	£582.60
<b>Total</b>	£870.00

Today's second collection supports the central administration of the Church in this country. Next week there is a collection for the Day for Life.

### Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	59
Sun. 9.30am	139
Sun. 11.00am	87
Sun. 5.30pm	94
<b>Total:</b>	<b>379</b>

## Social Media

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## Mass Intentions this Week

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### This Week

#### Saturday

5.30pm

#### Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

#### Wednesday

#### Thursday

#### Friday

#### Saturday

5.30pm

#### Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

#### Tenth Sunday

Holy Souls

Anne O'Connell Int.

Thompson & Ann O'Connor Int.

*Pro Populo*

#### St Barnabas, Apostle

*No Mass*

*Feria*

*No Mass*

#### St Anthony of Padua

*No Mass*

*Feria*

*No Mass*

*Feria*

*No Mass*

#### Our Lady

Terence Woram RIP

#### Eleventh Sunday

*Pro Populo*

Bishop Francis Walmsley RIP

Fr David Weston RIP

### 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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