



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1st
July 2018

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Parish Feast Day

I do hope you will be able to join on on Wednesday evening this week to celebrate the feast of our patroness St Elizabeth of Portugal. There will be a special Mass in the church at 7.00pm followed by a drinks reception in the garden. Please come along if you can and feel free to invite your friends. We aspire to be an 'invitational community' and it is good to be able to offer activities outside of the Holy Mass to which we can invite people.

I'm often asked why the parish was dedicated to St Elizabeth. I suspect it was simply because she was the patron saint of Elizabeth Doughty whose generosity enabled the church to be built between 1822 and 1824. At that time there were no Catholic bishops in these lands but, although the anti-

Catholic laws were still in force, their enforcement was largely in abeyance. Anti-Catholic sentiment was, however, still strong and Miss Doughty's sacrifice in providing a dignified setting for the celebration of Mass should not be underestimated. Even some twenty-five years later when the Catholic hierarchy was finally restored, the news occasioned an angry response. The Times wrote, "The Romish priests have not yet learned to speak to Englishmen and there is a taint of impunity in the very expressions they employ to emit the decrees of their outlandish authority". The Church, an Anglican review, decried it as, "one of the grossest acts of folly and impertinence which the Court of Rome has

ventured to commit since the crown and the people of England threw off its yoke". The Prime Minister accused the Pope of being "insolent and insidious". And the Archdeacon of London addressed his clergy calling it an, "invasion of our church and country by a foreign Prince... an attack upon the Queen's authority as the supreme governor over all persons and in all causes, ecclesiastical as well as temporal, within her dominions".

It is hard to imagine the personal cost suffered by Elizabeth Doughty in her heroic act of bequeathing us our Church. Many of her society friends would have considered her a traitor simply for making the Mass available to Catholics. It is good to reflect on that if ever we feel like skipping Mass one Sunday!

Parish Life & News

Renewing our Sacramental Ministry: Baptism

The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of the need to evangelise those who seek to receive the sacraments: “the sacramental mission is implied in the mission to evangelise, because the sacrament is prepared for by the *word of God and by the faith* which is assent to this word”. “The preaching of the Word is required for the sacramental ministry itself, since the sacraments are sacraments of faith...” (CCC Paragraph 1122). Baptism is a sacrament of faith and is given in response to the lived faith of a

child’s parents and god-parents. These days many people, especially if they haven’t had much formation in the faith, do not realise the Church has any expectations of them when they seek baptism for their children. So the question becomes how do we best help them understand what is required of them? How do we offer them a chance, they may never before have had, to explore the Christian faith and come to a decision as to whether or not they want to follow it? I’d be happy to hear your suggestions...

"Understanding Sex and Gender"

A Conference for Catholic Educators

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

Are you involved in education and in need of some help to understand the issues - moral and psychological - around questions concerning sex and gender identity? Are you a journalist experiencing first hand a bias towards a particular agenda and an unwillingness to allow discussion of wider issues? Are you in the medical profession and called upon to make life changing decisions for children, adolescents and adults?

In order to support those faced with these questions, the **Humanum Institute** is offering a two-day, multi-disciplinary conference 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 relevant 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

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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.

Becoming a Catholic

Looking ahead to next year, it would be very helpful to know how many of our parishioners have questions about becoming a Catholic. Sometimes it is possible to link people with an individual to help them explore the faith and sometimes it makes sense to have a small group exploring the faith together. Let me know if interested.

Fascinating Catholics - Deanery Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday 1 September 2018, 10am to 12.45pm. We reflect on Catholic history in Roehampton and Catholics who have lived and worked there,

meeting at the University of Roehampton which has thirteen Grade I or Grade II listed buildings. Hear more about Gerard Manley Hopkins, Richard Weston, 1st Earl of Portland, Dr William Harvey, Benjamin Goldsmid, Henrietta Ponsonby, Countess of Bessborough, Lady Jane Digby, John Ruskin. Meet at the University's main entrance (Roehampton Lane). Parking available or accessible by the 72, 493 and 265 buses. Any queries, please contact: fionalhoyle@gmail.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.

Credit Card Donations

I'm often asked whether it is possible to donate to the parish by credit or debit card as many people do not carry cash. It soon will be. Watch this space...

Living Word Weekend

29th June - 1st July

Many thanks to all those who helped with our Living Word Weekend, especially to the members of the Catholic Bible School who provided the input, to Rosie Paxton from the parish Leadership Team who coordinated the weekend, and to all our volunteers and helpers.

If you are at the Saturday evening Mass we invite you to join us in the crypt afterwards and everyone to join us after the Sunday 11.00am Mass for the final session and barbecue.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£207.00
Not Gift Aid	£732.60
Total	£939.60

Next week there is a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, a Catholic charity which supports seafarers worldwide.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	80
Sun. 9.30am	159
Sun. 11.00am	117
Sun. 5.30pm	124
Total:	480

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday
5.30pm

Thirteenth Sunday
Bernadette Smith RIP

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Canon Terence Healey RIP
Fr Eric Nimmo RIP

Monday
9.00am

Requiem
Teresa Grafton RIP

Tuesday

No Mass here today

Wednesday
9.00am
7.00pm

St ELIZABETH of PORTUGAL
Fr Michael Murphy RIP
CWL Intentions

Thursday
7.00pm

St Anthony Zaccaria
Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Friday
10.00am

St Maria Goretti
Fr Michael Clifton RIP

Saturday
5.30pm

Our Lady
Fr Michael Clifton RIP

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Fourteenth Sunday
Fr David Maskell RIP
Fr John Pearson RIP
Pro Populo

Please Pray For:

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

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