



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1st
June 2018

Mass Book: Page 164 (Vigil) or 167 (Sunday)

Changing Culture

On Monday evening we had very enjoyable house party to welcome new parishioners. As always I am grateful to Anna McNulty and the social committee for looking after us!

It was great to hear from our new parishioners that they felt a real welcome when they came to St Elizabeth's. How things have changed since my first Sunday when a young friend of mine, who had never been here before and had arrived early for Mass, was tapped on the shoulder and told to move because "you're sitting in my place"!

Recently a number of people have spoken of the changes they have seen at St Elizabeth's over the last couple of years. Lasting change is a result of changed expectations. If our expectation is that our parish be welcoming

and hospitable, rather than a silo for a self-referential clique, our behaviour will change. We will celebrate hospitality and call out selfish behaviours. In time hospitality becomes part of our culture and we won't even have to name it any more: it will just become part of who we are as a parish.

Last week I spoke of the pastoral challenge of those families requesting sacraments but who are not in any meaningful way part of a Christian community. One option is simply to accede to their request. Another is just to turn them away. The problem is that neither course of action will help them grow in a relationship with Christ. So what can we do to help them?

As with hospitality, it begins with changing

our expectations. At present they first hear at the school gate that Communion classes are starting. They call the parish, are shocked to discover they have to meet with me and then, in a panic that granny might be upset if he's not 'done' this year, lie through their teeth in order to get him on the programme. It's not an auspicious start!

But what if that initial school gate conversation already included an expectation of Mass attendance? "I didn't realise you were a Catholic. Which Mass do you go to? Oh, but why do you want the sacraments if you don't go to Mass? You know, I think that could be a problem. Why not come to Mass with me and we could explore ways of integrating you back into the community". We all have a role to play!

Parish Life & News

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.

One 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, ONE more sponsor 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

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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.

Ss Peter & Paul

Friday this week is the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul. In England and Wales it is a Holy Day of Obligation and there will be an additional evening Mass at 7.00pm that day. After the Mass we invite you downstairs for a celebratory glass of wine and to meet the members of the Living Word team.

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. This year's deanery pilgrimage walk will help us reflect on Catholic history in Roehampton and famous Catholics who have lived and worked there. We will meet at the University of Roehampton which has thirteen Grade I or Grade II listed buildings and 53 acres adjacent to Richmond Park. Come and 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 and Charles Hatchett. The Kennedys also get a mention. Meet at the University's main entrance (Roehampton Lane). Parking available at the university or accessible by the 72, 493 and 265 buses. Any queries, please contact: fionalhoyle@gmail.com

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

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£180.00
Not Gift Aid	£871.13
Total	£1,051.13

On Friday, the Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul, there is a collection for Peter's Pence.

Last week's second collection was £173.01: thank you.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	81
Sun. 9.30am	147
Sun. 11.00am	135
Sun. 5.30pm	128
Total:	491

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Deceased members of the Dunne Family RIP

Sunday

9.30am

Canon Francis Harrington RIP

11.00am

Kathleen Woplin RIP

5.30pm

Pro Populo

Monday

9.00am

Feria

Annie & Jim RIP

Tuesday

9.00am

St. Josemaria Escriva

Fr Michael Clifton RIP

Wednesday

9.00am

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Fr Michael Clifton RIP

Thursday

7.00pm

St. Irenaeus

Fr Michael Clifton RIP

Friday

10.00am

SS. PETER AND PAUL

Goodhart (Int.)

7.00pm

Pro Populo

Saturday

5.30pm

Our Lady

Bernadette Smith RIP

Sunday

9.30am

Thirteenth Sunday

Pro Populo

11.00am

Canon Terence Healey RIP

5.30pm

Fr Eric Nimmo RIP

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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