



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd
September 2018

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What makes us distinctive?

It is amazing how far some people travel to be part of our parish community. So what attracts them? What makes us distinctive?

First of all we have a clear sense of purpose. We are striving to become a joyful, invitational community where people of all ages can encounter and entrust themselves to Jesus Christ; grow through formation and the Holy Spirit; and be encouraged to find practical ways of witnessing to God's love in the world.

To achieve this there are five areas of parish life which we prioritise:

Community: We are trying to foster bonds of friendship and support within our parish and the wider community. We want to be both invitational and also to care for our members.

Evangelisation: St Pope Paul VI once said, "the Church exists to evangelise". We want to reach out to others and share with them a real awareness of God's love manifest in Jesus Christ.

Discipleship: We want to help people of all ages grow in their relationship with Christ as well as their understanding of Christ's truth in today's society.

Service: A flourishing parish is marked by the spirit of service among its parishioners. We try to encourage all our parishioners to get involved in the life of the parish and to help out in whatever ways they find life-giving.

Worship: At St Elizabeth's we sometimes speak of the "Sunday experience" - what is it like for someone who comes to

Mass here? We are trying to improve the welcome we offer by encouraging all our regular parishioners to see themselves as hosts rather than guests. Each week the Parish Leadership Team reviews its experience of the previous Sunday. The Sunday experience also includes the quality of worship we offer God and so we are striving to build up a sense of participation of mind and heart in the Church's liturgy among all our parishioners.

St Elizabeth's is also part of the Divine Renovation Network which is a loose federation of parishes trying to move from a spirit of maintenance to one of growth and mission. If you haven't yet read it, we recommend the book [Divine Renovation](#) by Fr James Mallon.

Parish Life & News

Farewell to Summer Party

We hope to see lots of you on Friday evening for our Farewell to Summer Party. Whether you have been in the parish six days or sixty years you are warmly invited to join us for some drinks and nibbles in the parish crypt and garden. A last chance to celebrate together before the cold weather and dark nights set in.

We will provide the drinks and canapés. Donations of bite-sized sweet nibbles are welcome. The party begins at 7.00pm and will end at 9.00pm. Please invite you families as well. You can let us know that you are coming by clicking the link on the parish calendar which is to be found on our website or signing up through your MyChurchSuite account.

New Parishioners Party

Continuing the party theme, we would like to invite all our new parishioners to a special reception at 8.00pm on Monday 29th October. At St Elizabeth's getting to know our new parishioners and putting people in contact with each other is an important part of our parish life because for us hospitality is a core value.

If you have not yet attended a New Parishioners Party please join us for the next one. It really is a great introduction to the parish. As always, you can let us know that you are coming by clicking the link on the parish calendar which is to be found on our website: www.stelizabetschurch.org.uk.

Alpha

Alpha starts this week in the parish with a taster session in the crypt on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. We kick off with a meal so it helps to have an idea of how many people are coming. You can sign up through the link on the parish calendar which is on the parish website: www.stelizabetschurch.org.uk.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

New Course

for parents with children between 4 & 7 years of age

There will be a 1 hr TASTER SESSION on 6th October 2017 at 6.30pm in the Crypt and we would like to invite all parents with children in that age group to come and see for themselves. The course will then start in November consisting of monthly 1.5 hr sessions on a Saturday afternoon.

More info: <http://familydevelopment.org.uk> or 07840182866 (Maria).

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Parish Surgery

I will be available in the parish office on Tuesday evening this week from 6.00pm until 8.00pm for any parishioners who would like to see me without needing an appointment. Please wait in the church.

Scott Coleman

There will be a second collection for Scott Coleman after the Masses today. Scott had an internship in the parish last year and has begun studying for the priesthood. The collection is our chance to thank him for his work and to support him into the future.

First Holy Communions

There will be a meeting at 8.00pm in the crypt for **ALL** parents with First Communion-aged children on Wednesday evening this week. If you can't make this Wednesday it will be repeated on 3rd October. We are changing the way we prepare for sacraments in the parish and we need to explain why **before** we invite you to commit to the programme. If you can't make either of these meetings they will be repeated next summer.

Cold Calling

We are slowly coming to terms with life after Scott who was always available in the parish office. In time we may be able to get some volunteers to ensure a presence in the office for a few hours each day. In the meantime cold-calling is probably not a good idea. To see Fr Stephen without an appointment please come to the Parish Surgery. Keep an eye on the newsletter for times to sign school reference forms.

No Mass here on Tuesday

There won't be a Mass here on Tuesday morning as I shall be in Oxford for a meeting.

Gardening Day

On Saturday 6th October we are inviting parishioners to help us tidy-up the parish garden before the winter sets in. It helps to know who is coming so that we can work out which jobs to tackle (and how much we need by way of coffee and doughnuts!). You can email the office or sign up via MyChurchSuite or the calendar on the parish website.

The Vineyard Community Centre

I thought you would be interested to hear that I have been appointed as a trustee to the Vineyard Community Centre next door. The VCC carries out an enormous work of outreach and care towards the disadvantaged in the local area including the poor, the homeless and those with mental health issues. I look forward to closer collaboration between us in the years ahead.

St Elizabeth's Nursery

St Elizabeth's Nursery still has a few spaces left for this academic year. Situated within the grounds of St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School on the borders of Richmond Park, we have an "Outstanding" Ofsted. If you are interested in a place and your child is 3 years of age, please call 0208 940 9141 or email Nursery Manager Delia Garitta to arrange a visit: nursery@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£297.00
Not Gift Aid	£904.45
Total	£1,201.45

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	105
Sun. 9.30am	171
Sun. 11.00am	163
Sun. 5.30pm	113
Total:	552

Social Media



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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday
5.30pm

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
Teresa Salmon RIP

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Ava Beorsley & Family RIP

Monday
9.00am

Our Lady of Walsingham
Gerald Howard

Tuesday
9.00am

Feria
NO MASS HERE TODAY

Wednesday
9:00am

Ss. Cosmas & Damian
Gerald Howard

Thursday
7.00pm

St. Vincent de Paul
Gerald Howard

Friday
10.00am

Saint Wenceslaus
Ralph Fytton RIP

Saturday
5.30pm

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
Ava Beorsley & Family

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Elizabeth Doughty RIP
Gerald Howard

Please Pray For:

Ava Borsley, Christopher Browne, Gaye Delanghe, Ben Horgan, Ella Dale, Stella Richards, Anne Wilkinson, Peter Connor.

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