



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd
September 2018

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In case you missed it...

A warm welcome back to the parish for all those who have been away. We missed you! Here are some things you need to know...

Fr Philip Mathias, who was parish priest at St Elizabeth's for over twenty-five years, died at the beginning of August. His Requiem Mass will take place here on Tuesday at midday. All welcome.

Director of Pastoral Ministries: at the very end of last term we were able to appoint **David Wills** to this new post. David was previously director of adult formation for the diocese of Arundel & Brighton and, for a short time, Director of Catechesis at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. David's role is essentially to help us deepen our discipleship here in the parish, working with existing

ministries and raising up new leaders to take on responsibilities as a consequence of that discipleship.

Scott Coleman: we are immensely grateful to Scott Coleman who leaves us this month to begin training for the priesthood. Scott has spent the last twelve months doing a pastoral internship here in the parish and has been a tremendous help in many different ways. Scott has worked in return for board and lodging (i.e. he wasn't paid) and a number of parishioners have suggested we show our gratitude by having a farewell collection. Given that there are a number of diocesan collections coming up, I propose having one for Scott on Sunday 23rd September.

The Parish Office: given Scott's departure

we are looking into ways of establishing a presence in the parish office on weekdays. I am hoping that we will be able to establish something on weekday mornings. It probably isn't wise to presume there will be someone to attend to you until further notice.

Alpha: our new season of Alpha starts on Tuesday 25th September. At the back of the church there are postcards with a little explanation of what Alpha is and what to expect. These are for you to take and share with your friends. There are also folded fliers for people to fill out if they would like to join us. It is good for us to have some idea of numbers so that we can prepare a great meal for our guests! I would love it if every parishioner were to invite one person...

Parish Life & News

Looking after the Poor & Less Privileged

Winter Night Shelter

Earlier this year we partnered with Glassdoor and local churches to provide a winter Nightshelter for the homeless. This year we would like to extend the facility to cover the 22 weeks from 5th November to 7th April. As previously, St Elizabeth volunteers would cover Monday nights from 6.30pm - 10 pm. Ideally, we would like two teams each with a 'core' of 4 people, whose role would be to organise and prepare the food, and an additional ten helpers on the night.

To make this happen we would like to organise a meeting with any parishioners willing and able to commit to the scheme. There is a meeting for

anyone who might be interested at 7.30pm on Monday 17th September in the crypt.

Partnering with our Neighbours

We are currently investigating ways of partnering with the Vineyard Life Church and Community Centre next door to extend the scope of work that can be done to help those in need in our community. Currently the Community Centre does a tremendous amount of work with people presenting with a whole range of needs. The hope is that at St Elizabeth's we may be able to provide more specialist help to those who might benefit from pathways back into employment and/or housing.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

New Course

for parents with children between 4 & 7 years of age

After the two previous family courses here, we are offering another Family Development course in our parish. This time it will serve parents of children aged 4 to 7 and will start in autumn. The topics will cover: parenting, character, temperaments, authority and discipline, play, free time and technology as well as lots of other practical and developmental questions. The course material is based on short, fictional but realistic scenarios, and the fun but thought-provoking approach of Harvard's case-study method.

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/> (UK registered charity) 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.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to Robert Lee and Ela Berners-Lee who were married here on Saturday.

Richmond Street Pastors

Serving your community, living your faith on the streets... We are a team of multi-denominational Christians who

serve the Richmond borough each week, both in the night time as well as supporting major events in Twickenham. We listen, care and help people when they are at their most vulnerable - young and old. You too could join the Team of Street Pastors in Richmond - to find out how email richmond@streetpastors.org.uk or call Jennifer on 07510 115986.

Natural Fertility Matters

For more information about natural ways to achieve or space out pregnancy please visit www.naturalfertilitymatters.com

Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Church's poor record on safeguarding children has been in the news again recently: this time highlighting not only the failure of bishops to protect the vulnerable but in many cases the arrogant and humiliating way in which they treated victims. We would be foolish to think the problems highlighted in the United States were not replicated here as well. We need bishops who are primarily men of God not - crumpled individuals whose only ambition has been to ascend some greasy diocesan pole! Any attempt to reduce the issue to some supposed 'conservative v liberal' divide in the Church is nothing more than another manifestation of that deep-rooted clericalism that seeks to protect the institution rather than the individual. Having helped victims of abuse find justice in the past I write this with immense passion. It is not enough to dismiss accusations of abuse or to invite others to 'draw their own conclusions'. Every accusation needs to be investigated and acted upon.

Here in the parish I am grateful to Jane Barham and Deborah Tynan who have looked after Safeguarding for a number of years. This year we have a new team starting and are presently awaiting confirmation of its members from the diocese.

The new Safeguarding Team will have a dedicated telephone number for people to contact them directly. They will also work to help foster a culture of safeguarding throughout the parish. As part of our commitment to safeguarding I will be asking every group in the parish to appoint a Safeguarding Representative to liaise with the team so that the principles of safeguarding are part of everything we do.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£176.02
Not Gift Aid	£492.33
Total	£668.35

Next Sunday there is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	69
Sun. 9.30am	81
Sun. 11.00am	84
Sun. 5.30pm	51
Total:	285

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Twenty-Second Sunday

Miia Beorsely & Family

Sunday

9.30am

Pro Populo

11.00am

Liam Gallagher

5.30pm

Monday

9.00am

St Gregory the Great

CWL Intentions

Tuesday

Noon

Funeral Mass for Fr Philip Mathias RIP

Wednesday

9.00am

Feria

Monica Comerford RIP

Thursday

7.00pm

Feria

Fr Michael Clifton RIP

Friday

10.00am

Feria

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Saturday

5.30pm

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Louis Philippe, Comte de Paris

Sunday

9.30am

Twenty-Third Sunday

Reutter Family (Int.)

11.00am

Fr Philip Matthias

5.30pm

Pro Populo

Please Pray For:

Miia Beorsley, Christopher Browne, Philomena Dunne, Gaye Delanghe, Ben Horgan, Ella Dale, Stella Richards, Anne Wilkinson, Peter Connor.

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