



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th
September 2018

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Community

I am once again very grateful to our Parish Social Committee for their hard work this week organising the "Farewell to Summer Party". It was great to see parishioners of all ages enjoying time together.

I often say that "community is the context in which we do everything else". Anyone coming to our parish is coming not to a physical building but to one made up of people, the living stones that make up the Body of Christ, the Church.

Each one of us has a role to play to ensure that the human experience of a visitor to our parish community is as good as it possibly can be. Some of these roles are organisational, some relational and others practical.

Recently the diocese appointed three new

parishioners to form the Safeguarding Team for the parish. This is an example of an organisational role: one which enables us to function better as a parish community. I am grateful to Juncal Contreras, Molly Smith and Linda O'Sullivan for accepting this responsibility. I'd also like to acknowledge our gratitude to Jane Barham and Deborah Tynan who looked after this aspect of parish life until very recently.

A relational role within the parish community includes anything that involves reaching out to people. Smiles and human warmth are, as Pope Francis reminds us, more attractive than looking as if we had been "chewing lemons". Sometimes parishes can become de-personalised. At St Elizabeth's we try to use

modern technology. But technology is good only if it serves, not replaces, human interaction. You will see at the back of the Church our new parish welcome hub. The idea is to have this looked after before and after Mass so that people can connect with a person when seeking information, collecting forms or registering for school references. We will need volunteers for this.

Practical roles within our community are those tasks that help things run smoothly and just make life more pleasant for everyone else. They can include putting things out for Mass, tidying up the benches afterwards, gardening or anything of a practical nature.

We all have a role to play in building up a strong and healthy parish community.

School References

If you need a reference for a Catholic school and have been registering your Mass attendance in the parish please come along to the parish surgery either this Tuesday or the next (1st or 8th October). The surgery takes place in the parish office but we ask you to wait your turn in the Church. Please do not come to the front door, particularly if you can see that I am with someone. Parish Surgery runs from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. This is also the time to book weddings and baptisms.

We remind parishioners seeking a school reference that we keep a three-year record of Mass attendance and that it is your responsibility to ensure you register every Sunday during term time.

There will not be a parish surgery on 15th or 22nd October for reasons I will explain next week.

New Parishioners Party

I 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.stelizabethschurch.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).

Parish Life & News

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

Thank you for your generosity towards Scott Coleman last week. The second collection raised just over £1,300.

First Holy Communions

If you missed last week's meeting for First Communion parents please come along this Wednesday when there will be a second chance. We will meet in the Crypt at 8.00pm. You need to attend this meeting in order to enrol your child for preparation.

Parents with children in Year 2 or 4 are also welcome to attend this meeting which will explain why we are changing to family-based catechesis.

Tuesday: Parish Lunch Club

Mass on Tuesday will be at midday and will be followed by a delicious lunch in the crypt for anyone who would like to join us.

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

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.

Coffee Bar

The Coffee Bar after the 9.30 Mass on Sundays would welcome new volunteers. At present six teams work on a rota system. The more the merrier. Contact: Aline Cook on alinejcook@hotmail.com

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£115.50
Not Gift Aid	£693.64
Total	£809.14

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	109
Sun. 9.30am	172
Sun. 11.00am	71
Sun. 5.30pm	126
Total:	478

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Twenty-Sixth Sunday

Ava Beorsley & Family

Sunday

9.30am

Pro Populo

11.00am

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

5.30pm

Monday

9.00am

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Tuesday

12.00am

The Holy Guardian Angels

Fr. Michael Clifton RIP

Wednesday

9:00am

Feria

Holy Souls

Thursday

7.00pm

St. Francis of Assisi

Holy Souls

Friday

10.00am

Feria

Fr. Michael Clifton RIP

Saturday

5.30pm

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

Holy Souls

Sunday

9.30am

Pro Populo

11.00am

Joan Bryan & Julie Lambert RIP

5.30pm

Please Pray For:

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

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