



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28th
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Mass Book: Page 149

What Makes an Intentional Disciple?

In the Gospels we see clearly the different reactions people had to Jesus. The secular authorities largely saw him as a threat because they wanted a compliant religious leadership rather than one that might threaten their power. In a similar way, the Lord was rejected by the official religious representatives, the scribes, Pharisees, and doctors of the Law. He didn't fit their pre-determined notions of the future Messiah and so was condemned as a blasphemer.

Even among those who were more favourable to him we can see a variety of responses. The Gospels distinguish between "the people", "his disciples", and the "Twelve" whom we also call "Apostles".

The "people" were those who listened to Christ, often favourably, but

who made no personal commitment or effort to follow him. Hearing his message was largely determined by their own convenience. If Jesus happened to be in town and they were free they might go to hear him out of curiosity, but there was no sense of following Jesus or an encounter with him changing their lives.

Things were different for the "disciples". These were the people for whom the teaching and miracles of Jesus had such an impact that they couldn't get enough and so they made sacrifices to follow him, to hear his teaching, to talk with him, and to learn from his example. They wanted answers to their questions and to learn how to pray. They were convinced that the Lord would help them. They were what today we would call "intentional

disciples": men and women who actively sought the Lord and desired to learn from him.

The Apostles were the twelve disciples to whom Jesus gave a more intense formation so that eventually they could become the first bishops, overseers or leaders, of the Church.

The word 'apostle' means 'sent' but it was not only the Twelve who were sent out by the Lord. The disciples followed Jesus wanting to absorb as much formation as they could, but they were also sent out by him 'to the places he himself was to visit' and eventually to the 'ends of the earth'. And so Pope Francis reminds us that an 'intentional disciple' needs eventually to become a 'missionary disciple' and to share his faith with his friends.

Parish Life & News

Fr Stephen

Fr Stephen returns to the parish on Monday evening this week and our usual weekday Mass schedule commences on Tuesday morning. Fr Stephen thanks everyone who sent him cards and good will messages during his convalescence.

We are grateful to Fr Peter Geldard who looked after the parish last weekend and to Fr Geoffrey Smith who will be with us this weekend.

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.

Divine Renovation Conference

7th - 8th February 2019

Divine Renovation is the title of a book by Fr James Mallon that has sparked a movement of parish renewal across the Church. St Elizabeth's is part of the Divine Renovation Network and Fr Stephen is one of the official coaches for that network. The Network exists to help us respond to Pope Francis' call for parishes to move from maintenance to mission and specifically to raise up missionary disciples as the fullest expression of Christian life.

To learn more about the principles involved an obvious first step is to read the book which is available on Amazon. Parishioners are also invited to join us for the Divine Renovation Conference that will take place in Birmingham from 7th to 8th February next year. You can find out more about the conference, and book your ticket, here: <https://www.divinerenovationuk.org>.

If you know of a priest who may be interested in meeting with Fr Stephen to learn more about Divine Renovation and how it might look in their parish please invite him to contact me.

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ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday this week is All Saints Day which is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10am on that day in addition to our usual Thursday evening Mass at 7.00pm.

Parish Surgery

Parish surgery will be on Tuesday evening this week from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Please wait in the Church.

Volunteering

A word of thanks to everyone who has returned a volunteering form to help us improve our Sunday Experience. Serving is a fundamental element of Christian Discipleship and in the parish we would like everyone to serve in whatever ways are most appropriate for them. Rather than a few people doing everything our aim is for everyone to do something. If you haven't yet returned your form please do so this week as we will soon start training people for the individual roles and updating our rotas.

Winter Night Shelter

On Monday November 5th we will open our doors to the homeless of Richmond to provide them with a hot meal and a place to sleep. This project is being run in cooperation with other local Christian communities to provide overnight accommodation throughout the winter months. It is being overseen by a charity called Glassdoor who carry out a pre-assessment of the guests and provide security in each venue overnight. Glassdoor are also equipped to work with the homeless in order to find pathways back into society. I am grateful to all our

parishioners who have volunteered to help with this venture.

TB Screening

I have invited the NHS mobile TB screening unit to the parish on Wednesday 21st November. The unit will set up in the space next to the Church and will be available until midday to screen the homeless who wish to have that service.

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.

Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday at the 11.00am Mass our local branch of the Catholic Women's League will lay a special centenary wreath in the Lady Chapel which is our parish war memorial.

Altar Servers' Practice

There will be training for new Altar Servers on Saturday 10th November from 10.00am until 11.00am.

November Dead

Please use the brown envelopes for the November Dead List. This list will be placed at the foot of the altar during Mass and we will pray for the people on it in a special way during November. Donations left in the envelopes will be used for Holy Souls Masses which will be celebrated in the course of the year.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£146.00
Not Gift Aid	£570.90
Total	£716.90

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	84
Sun. 9.30am	107
Sun. 11.00am	120
Sun. 5.30pm	140
Total:	451

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Thirtieth Sunday

Holy Souls

Sunday

9.30am

Michael Harding

11.00am

Fr. Stephen Langridge

5.30pm

Pro Populo

Monday

Feria

No Mass Here Today

Tuesday

9.00am

Feria

Canon John Bagshawe

Wednesday

9.00am

Feria

Canon John Bagshawe

Thursday

All Saints

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10.00am

Pro Populo

7.00 pm

Fr. Michael Clifton

Friday

10.00am

All Souls

Holy Souls

Saturday

5.30pm

Thirty-First Sunday

Dermot Costello

Sunday

9.30am

Pro Populo

11.00am

Evelyn & Yousif Farage RIP

5.30pm

Canon Eric Flood RIP

Please Pray For:

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

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