



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th
November 2018

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Remembrance Sunday

Our 11.00am Mass today will begin with a two minute silence in solidarity with people all over the world who will stop whatever they are doing and recall those who died during what became known as the "Great War" or the "war to end all wars". After the silence members of the Catholic Women's League will lay a wreath on the altar of the Lady Chapel which was built as our parish War Memorial. If you get a moment I encourage you to visit it after Mass and to say a prayer for those whose names are inscribed on the memorial plaque.

Today let us also remember to pray for members of the armed forces and ordinary men and women on all sides who have died in recent years because of the failure of governments either in the field of

diplomacy or that of natural justice. That includes the failure of those politicians who, to carve out a name for themselves in history, led their nations into unjustifiable wars with shameful disregard for the lives of those who served in the Armed Forces and for the civilians whose lives remain in danger because of the destabilisation their hubris has occasioned.

I also want us to pay honour to our military personnel. The way to achieve peace is not to dismantle the Armed Forces. Nor is it to claim that no war can be justified. Blaming other people is a neat way to avoid addressing the real cause of human conflict which is the disordered emotion that arises from within the hearts of each one of us.

The truth is that if we are attacked we have a right to defend ourselves. We may choose not to exercise that right but if someone else we have a responsibility for is attacked then we have a **duty** to defend that person. Parents can't legitimately refuse to defend their children on the grounds that they are pacifists.

In a civil society we delegate some aspects of our duties and responsibilities to the state. That does not mean we no longer have them but that we delegate to those in authority the establishment of an effective system to fulfil them paid for by our taxes. For that reason, every society needs to have Armed Forces and to value and honour each individual who serves in them.

Children's Christmas Concert

Many children in our parish play a musical instrument or sing and would be delighted to perform in front of their families and friends. Our Christmas Concert would be an ideal opportunity for them to get involved. If your child plays a recorder, piano, violin or any other musical instrument or sings, then please contact Filip on filip.kucera@email.cz for more details (ideally ASAP to make the Concert program). Each child will have the opportunity to perform a piece of music of choice. There is no age limit.

The concert will take place on **Saturday 15th December at 2 pm** in our church. Please, put this date in your diary and join us to support our children.

Consultation

Last year our Midnight Mass wasn't particularly well attended and a number of older parishioners said it was too late for them. We also found that the Vigil Mass was uncomfortably full. The new Missal doesn't speak of a "Midnight Mass" but a "Mass during the Night". It would be legitimate to celebrate that Mass earlier in the night. What do you think? In addition to our regular Vigil Mass, we could start our Night Mass at 10pm or 11pm or keep it at Midnight. Please let me know your preference by emailing the office or dropping a note in the letterbox.

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.

Parish Life & News

Parish Surgery

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

School Vacancy

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a caring and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant. The role will include delivering 1:1 and group support. Closing date for application is Friday 16th November. For further information, please visit the eteach website: <https://tinyurl.com/ycwt8mkx>.

Winter Night Shelter

Our night shelter for the homeless has started. Each Monday we will provide a hot meal for the homeless and allow those booked by the Glassdoor Charity to sleep in the crypt. We are working with other local churches to provide accommodation each night of the week during the winter months.

Volunteering

We are slowly contacting everyone who volunteered to help improve our celebration of Sunday Mass. Please bear in mind that our rotas are published on ChurchSuite and you will need to activate your account. The advantage of using ChurchSuite is that you will receive automatic reminders and, once you are on a rota, you can swap your turn with other members. This avoids the need to call Fr Stephen asking him to find a replacement if you can't turn up.

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.

Notice to Readers

Just a quick reminder to our readers that we ask you to read from the Lectionary which is on the ambo and **not** from the parish Mass books. The Lectionary contains the correct introduction to the readings ("A Reading from..."). Please arrive in time to check the Lectionary is open at the right page before Mass begins. Many thanks.

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.

Alpha

Please keep our Alpha group in your prayers. They are preparing for their weekend away which will take place at Worth Abbey from 23rd to 25th November. Our next Alpha will begin in January.

Christmas Carols

This year we hope once again to have two Carol Services. Our more formal festival of Readings and Carols will be on Friday 7th December. We have timed it to take place before any of the school holidays. The idea is to invite our friends to share our Christmas experience.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£315.50
Not Gift Aid	£736.29
Total	£1,051.79

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	85
Sun. 9.30am	216
Sun. 11.00am	114
Sun. 5.30pm	134
Total:	549

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Thirty-Second Sunday

Margaret & Chris Larkin

Sunday

9.30am

Pro Populo

11.00am

Deceased of Two World Wars

5.30pm

Fr. Brian Reeves RIP

Monday

9.00am

St. Joeaphat

Holy Souls

Tuesday

9.00am

St Francis Xavier Cabrini

Mary Kirch

Wednesday

9.00am

Feria

Fr. Michael Clifton RIP

Thursday

7.00pm

St Albert the Great

Rose Tomasso

Friday

10.00am

St Edmund of Abingdon

Margaret & Chris Larkin

Saturday

5.30pm

Thirty-Third Sunday

Verna Parsloe

Sunday

9.30am

Lilly Binchy

11.00am

Evelyn & Yousif Farage RIP

5.30pm

Pro Populo

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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