



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th
November 2018

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Times & Seasons

Next Sunday the feast of Christ the King marks the beginning of the last week of the Church's liturgical year. We prepare ourselves for Advent with a reminder that Christ is the "heir of the ages", the summit of all things.

Advent is a penitential season: anything important requires preparation. The only thing more important than the birth of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity into our world is that same Saviour's death and resurrection which we prepare for in the even longer season of Lent.

Advent gives way to Christmastide and the Church encourages us to hold on to the wonder of Christ's birth well into the new year, long after tinsel and trappings of secular Christmas have been discarded by the world.

The rhythm of the Church's liturgical year, offers us a chance to contemplate different aspect of our faith and to live them with greater intensity. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and the Ordinary time of the year are all opportunities for us to enter more deeply into the mystery of faith which proclaims that God loves the world and sent into it his only Son to be our Saviour.

The four great Liturgical Seasons are themselves marked by specific themes and individual feasts and celebrations. November, as autumn really takes effect and the trees are stripped of their leaves, is the month when we are encouraged to contemplate the reality of the four Last Things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. So it has become a natural

month to pray for the dead. May is the month when spring gives way to summer and the teeming of life within nature leads us to contemplate the "Yes" of Mary which led to the birth of her Son and the possibility of salvation.

All these celebrations have at their heart the fundamental truth that our faith is incarnational. We read in the Scriptures that at each stage of creation "God saw that it was good" and that the creation of mankind was "very good". Our faith is rooted in history and in the realities of daily life and we should avoid the temptation to spiritualise it in the sense of making it a theory disconnected from the reality of crying babies, doing the washing up or getting a haircut. That is precisely the world Jesus entered and came to save.

Parish Life & News

Welcome Sisters!

A very warm welcome to the Sisters of Mary Morning Star for their annual visit and sale of work in our parish. The sisters depend on the generosity of benefactors for their survival.

Please support them today.

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.

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 interest 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.

Music at 11.00am

By coincidence both our organist and our Director of Music are away this weekend. I am grateful to Maria Byrne who has stepped in to help with music.

No Mass here on Monday

On Monday I am attending a meeting in Manchester. I leave this afternoon and so there will be no Mass here on Monday morning. I am grateful to Fr Valentine Erhahon who will celebrate the evening Mass today. Fr Valentine's full time ministry is as a prison chaplain.

Liturgists Needed!

We currently have an extremely low number of helpers for Children's Liturgy. Please consider joining the team so that Children's Liturgy can continue in a consistent manner without an extra workload on the current helpers. If you are interested in helping, please contact office@stelizabethschurch.org.uk

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.

TB Screening

The NHS mobile TB screening unit will be here this Wednesday. 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.

Congratulations

Our warm congratulations to Christopher Goodhart who was received into the Church this weekend and also to the families of those children baptised at our 11.00am Mass today.

Winter Night Shelter

Our night shelter is open on Monday nights throughout the winter months.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£241.50
Not Gift Aid	£689.87
Total	£931.37

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	90
Sun. 9.30am	178
Sun. 11.00am	110
Sun. 5.30pm	110
Total:	488

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Mass Intentions this Week

This Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Monday

Tuesday

9.00am

Wednesday

9.00am

Thursday

7.00pm

Friday

10.00am

Saturday

5.30pm

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Thirty-Third Sunday

Verna Parsloe

Lily Binchy RIP

Evelyn & Yousif Farage RIP

Pro Populo

Feria

NO MASS HERE TODAY

Feria

Joseph & Peggy Devine

**Presentation of
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Lani Vera Laplit RIP

St Cecilia

Emma van Driel RIP

St Clement I

Joseph & Peggy Devine

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of The Universe**

Bridie Naughton

Pro Populo

CWL Rota Mass

Please Pray For:

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

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