



CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
**ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL**  
*Newsletter*

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

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## Save the Date

Is Friday 7th December already in your diary? If not you might want to save the date so that you can invite your friends to join us at 7.00pm for our **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**. We are having it very early this year so that those who will be away later in the month can be with us as well. Afterwards we hope you and your guests will join us in the crypt as we continue to celebrate over a feast of mincepies and mulled wine.

Everyone is welcome to the Festival. The reason we are hosting it is so that you can invite your friends, especially those who do not ordinarily go to Church. We often say that St Elizabeth's strives to be an 'invitational community'. To fulfil that aspiration we have to become a people who invite others to things happening here.

It is amazing how often people are curious about Christianity but don't feel comfortable going to a church. That is often true of people who have grown up without a religious background and so do not know what to expect. But it is also frequently true of those who have been away from the Catholic church for a while and are hesitant about returning. They do not know what sort of welcome they would receive.

Sadly it is also true that there are people who have a legitimate grievance against the church based on past experiences - theirs or that of family members or friends. The burden of pain caused by past injustices can be a real obstacle when it comes to matters of faith. At St Elizabeth's we want to find ways to reach out to everyone and to let

them know that they are welcome and can have a home here. That's why we don't just offer the Mass and Confessions, but try to host other events which people can enjoy and where they can feel comfortable. In that way everything we do takes on an invitational dimension. Inviting our friends to help with the night shelter, for example, offers them a chance to make a real difference but it also lets them see that we are normal people who live our lives joyfully and that we value their help.

So we need you to save the date - but we also need you to invite non-practising and non-Catholic friends. Musically it will be excellent, but the real measure of its success will be the number of people attending who don't go to church.

**Richmond Council's proposal to create a *Public Spaces Protection Order* (“buffer zone”) around the BPAS abortion facility at 15, Rosslyn Road, East Twickenham.**

Richmond Council is proposing to introduce a so-called “buffer zone” around the clinic in Rosslyn Road to prevent people from praying/holding vigils or handing out information leaflets not only on Rosslyn Road but also the three surrounding streets and through to St. Margaret’s station. Aside from the proposed boundaries being entirely beyond reason, none of the behaviours to be prohibited are illegal and some women, for whom a termination was the choice of last resort, have been given practical assistance in their situation. The proposed response also infringes on the right to free speech, a right long upheld by the Party currently running Richmond Council. Please have your say by visiting this site:

<https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/community-safety/rosslyn-road>.

You can also search for the consultation on the Richmond upon Thames Council website under Consultations. It is titled:

Consultation on a Public Spaces Protection Order for the Rosslyn Road area - Have your say - Citizen Space [haveyoursay.citizenspace.com](https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com)

## **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.

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## *Parish Life & News*

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### **Parish Surgery**

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

### **No Mass here on Monday**

On Monday morning I have to attend a training day about a new diocesan financial system.

### **School Reference Forms**

Quite a few parents have not responded to emails regarding ChurchSuite since we changed our system over a month ago. Please, ensure you and your child are registered on ChurchSuite so that your reference form can be logged each week. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office (info on back).

### **Parish Lunch Club**

Tuesday 4th December is the date of our next parish lunch club meeting. As the last lunch club before Christmas it will be a full Christmas lunch to which you are all invited. Proceeds from the lunch go to the work of SPEAR, a local homeless charity.

### **Homeless Lunch - Help Needed!**

Each year St Elizabeth's hosts a number of Sunday lunches for the homeless and marginalised. Our next one will be on Sunday 16th December from 12.00 noon. As always we appreciate help from volunteers, and especially donations of food or towards the cost of food.

For more information, please contact the coordinator, Angela Smith: [angosmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angosmith@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.

### **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 family Christmas Concert is an ideal opportunity for them to get involved. If your child plays a musical instrument or sings, then please contact Filip on [filip.kucera@email.cz](mailto:filip.kucera@email.cz) for more details. 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.

### **Children's 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](mailto:office@stelizabethschurch.org.uk)

### **A Christmas Celebration for Everyone**

In addition to our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, we will once again be hosting a very informal Christmas Celebration on Thursday 20th December. It will be another opportunity to invite non-Catholic or non-practising family and friends as well as a great chance to step back from things a few days before the feast in order to reconnect with its meaning.

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## Thank You

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Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

<b>Gift Aid</b>	£305.79
<b>Not Gift Aid</b>	£789.09
<b>Total</b>	£1,094.88

This week, there is a **second collection** for Catholic Youth Work in the UK.

Last week the Sisters of Mary Morning Star raised £2,100 and thank you for your generosity.

### Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	96
Sun. 9.30am	171
Sun. 11.00am	178
Sun. 5.30pm	148
<b>Total:</b>	<b>593</b>

## Social Media

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## Mass Intentions this Week

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### This Week

#### Saturday

5.30pm

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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Bridie Naughton

#### Sunday

9.30am

*Pro Populo*

11.00am

CWL Rota Mass

5.30pm

Frank Morrell

#### Monday

**Feria**

**\*NO MASS HERE TODAY\***

#### Tuesday

9.00am

**Feria**

Fr. Michael Clifton

#### Wednesday

9.00am

**Feria**

Holy Souls

#### Thursday

7.00pm

**Feria**

Innocent T. Desouza RIP

#### Friday

10.00am

**St. Andrew, Apostle**

Holy Souls

#### Saturday

5.30pm

**First Sunday of Advent**

Welfare of Sr. Mary Vaughan

#### Sunday

9.30am

Nora Walsh RIP

11.00am

*Pro Populo*

5.30pm

## Please Pray For:

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

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