



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Newsletter

Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph

Sunday 30th
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Feast of the Holy Family



Gearing up for the New Year

New Year's Day

Tuesday 1st January is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. In England and Wales it is not a Holy Day of Obligation (a day on which the Church requires us to attend Mass) but going to Mass that day is a great way to dedicate the New Year to God and ask his blessing.

Here at St Elizabeth's, the Mass that day will be at 12 noon.

ALPHA

Over Christmas you may have had conversations with friends and family about the meaning of feast or Christianity in general. It could be a

great opportunity to invite them to our next season of Alpha which begins on Tuesday 22nd January.

Here's a link to the information page:

<http://bit.ly/2ALnzox>

Or you can ask them to contact the parish office:

office@stelizabethschurch.org

Thursday this Week

On Thursday this week the Mass will be in the morning to give me a chance to go to visit my parents whom I've not seen over Christmas. My father recently had a knee replacement and it would be good to see him.

Recovering the Sacred Heart Chapel

On Thursday I attended a meeting of the Historic Churches Committee seeking permission to move the organ console from its present position in front of the Sacred Heart Chapel to the choir gallery. It had taken almost a year to get that far but I am pleased to report the Committee unanimously accepted the proposal. We now have to wait 21 days in case there is an appeal. The project will include moving cables and speakers as well. The estimated cost is going to be in the region of £10,000. This year we spent just over that from parish funds stabilising the wall paintings. In the new year we will ask for donations to enable us carry out the work.

Help Needed

We would like to ask for help from anyone with 3 spare hours a week.

Our aim is to staff the office through a small commitment of many as opposed to a large commitment from one. The time slots are 9am-12noon & 12noon - 3pm, on weekdays. If you can offer just one of those slots per week it would help us enormously. There is no long term commitment and all tasks are very simple and straightforward. Please contact Nazar if you have any questions:

office@stelizabethschurch.org

Parish Life & News

Parish Surgery

The next parish surgery will be on Tuesday 8th January - from 6.00pm until 8.00pm in the parish office.

School References

A school reference is a statement from the parish where you attend Mass confirming that he knows you and that you attend Mass in that parish either weekly or less frequently. That statement is then used by schools to assess whether or not you meet its applications criteria or where you fall within those criteria. It is important for parents to familiarise themselves with the admissions criteria of the schools

to which they wish to apply. For many Catholic schools weekly attendance at Mass is likely to be a more significant factor than distance from the school or the presence of a sibling at the school. The priest's role is simply to confirm the frequency of Mass attendance. Like many parishes, at St Elizabeth's we do this by asking parents to register whenever they attend Mass here during term time. We use that information to provide an accurate reference.

If you need a school reference please come to the parish surgery on Tuesday 8th January as I will be away later in the month.

Christmas Mass Attendance

Mass attendance at Christmas was significantly up this year. A total of 729 people joined us for our Christmas Masses compared to 688 last year. There was also a better spread at all our Masses with the revised time for the Christmas Night Mass proving particularly popular.

For those of you interested in statistics, here's a comparison of the two years:

	2017	2018
Vigil Mass (5.30pm)	256	162
Christmas Night	138	209
Christmas Morning Mass 9.30am	110	194
Christmas Day Mass (11.00am)	184	164
Totals:	688	729

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£98.00
Not Gift Aid	£724.94
Total	£822.94

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	115
Sun. 11.00am	86
Sun. 5.30pm	70
Total:	355

Social Media



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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday
5.30pm

The Holy Family
Greta Foy RIP

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Dawson Family Intentions

Monday
9:00am

St. Sylvester I
Holy Souls

Tuesday 1st January 2019

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

12 noon

Pauline Marengi

Wednesday
9.00am

Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory
Fr. Michael Clifton RIP

Thursday
9.00am

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Pauline Marengi

Friday
10.00am

Feria

The Holy Father, Pope Francis

Saturday
5.30pm

The Epiphany of The Lord
Bridie Naughton

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Dora Gill RIP

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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