



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Newsletter

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20th
January 2019

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Time to Say Thanks!

I have deliberately waited until as many people as possible would be back from their holidays before commenting on the wonderful Christmas celebrations we had here in the parish. In particular I would like to express a huge "Thank You" to everyone who helped out in so many different ways.

First of all, I'd like to thank our Director of Music, Stephen Bick, and Jon Booth our organist. Not only did they put together all the music for the Christmas Masses and Festival of Carols but they also spent many hours preparing. It was especially wonderful to have the Mass setting by Victoria at the night Mass. I'm also grateful to the choir for their hard work not just over Christmas but throughout the year as

well. This year the choir sang at the 11.00am Mass on Christmas Day which made a real difference to that celebration.

A lot of people commented on how beautiful the church looked. That was thanks to various teams of people including those who came to give us a spring clean, put up the decorations, and arrange the flowers. I'd like to mention in particular Jeannie Jones who spent many hours decorating the various Christmas trees. A lot of people commented on how tremendous they looked. Thanks also to Filip Kucera and his family for erecting the crib (which Filip built a couple of years ago). At St Elizabeth's we follow the ancient tradition of leaving the Crib up until Candlemas, the Feast of

the Presentation on 2nd February.

I'd also like to thank our readers and servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who helped with all the Masses. In particular I should mention the volunteers who came forward to help with hospitality at all our Masses. They ensured people were welcomed when they arrived and shown to a seat. Some of our visitors made a point of commenting on the welcome they received here.

I apologise if I've left anyone out. I'd like finally to thank all of you for your kindness and generosity to me over Christmas. I am grateful for the gifts and cards many of which contained messages of appreciation for what's happening here. And, of course, many thanks for the Christmas Offering.

Parish Life & News

2019 St Patrick's Dinner & Dance

Hosted by the Richmond Irish Network
in aid of The Vineyard Community Centre

Following the success of last year's event, the Richmond Irish Network will once again host its annual charity St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance on Friday 15th March at London Welsh Rugby Club.

The night will begin with a drinks reception at 7pm followed by a three course meal and live band. The entertainment on the night will be provided by Sugar T & The Swells. Last year, your generous support helped us raise over £5,000 for SPEAR. This year we are hoping to exceed that number and will donate all money raised on the night to The Vineyard Community Centre. Tickets are now on sale priced at £75 per head which includes a three course meal, half a bottle of wine and live entertainment or £750 for a table of 10.

Sponsorship options available please contact email below.

To reserve your tickets, please email

seamusjoyce@yahoo.co.uk or phone **07969 065009**

All payment must be processed by Friday 15th February to secure your tickets.

New Parishioners' Evening

At St Elizabeth's we try to find ways of breaking down anonymity and getting to know our parishioners. One of these ways is a termly evening welcome party for all our new parishioners.

Our next one is scheduled for Monday 4th February at 8.00pm and if you are new, or relatively new, to the parish we would love to see you there.

You can let us know you are coming by clicking on the event in the parish calendar (on the website or on ChurchSuite) or by emailing us at:

office@stelizabethschurch.org

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forming intentional
disciples
who
joyfully live out
the
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of
Jesus Christ*

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Parish Surgery

The parish surgery this week will take place on Tuesday evening from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Parish surgery is the time to come to see me to book baptisms, weddings, have references signed and that sort of thing.

Night Shelter

Each week we feed over thirty people and give them overnight accommodation at St Elizabeth's. This weekend there will be a second collection at all our Masses for the night shelter.

Coffee Bar

The Coffee Bar after the 9.30 Sunday Mass team raised £976 in 2018, including £16.42 from our second-hand bookstall. All proceeds go to CAFOD. Many thanks to all who supported us during that year. We look forward to your custom in 2019.

Divine Renovation Conference

In early February Fr Stephen and some of our parishioners will be attending the

Divine Renovation Conference taking place at the Bethel Conference Centre near Birmingham. St Elizabeth's is part of the global Divine Renovation Network which is a movement dedicated to the renewal of parish life. Fr Stephen is one of the coaches for that network. You can learn more or sign up for the conference here: divinerenovationuk.org

To understand the principles of parish renewal and the paradigm shift from maintenance to mission we recommend you read the book Divine Renovation, by Fr James Mallon, which is available on Amazon.

Altar Servers' Albs

I am grateful to a benefactor who has bought new albs for our altar servers. Hopefully they will be simpler to maintain. They also have a very special advantage which is that they only require one hanger (rather than two) and so we can fit more of them in the sacristy for our growing number of altar servers.

Alpha

Whom will you invite?

Our next season of Alpha begins on Tuesday 22nd January with a "Come & See" session. This is a no-commitment taster session for anyone who would like to find out more about Alpha and whether or not they would find it helpful. There's no pressure on anyone to come back again.

Alpha begins with a delicious meal at 7.00pm, after which there is a short presentation (about 20 minutes) followed by a chance for discussion.

Simply for the purposes of catering it helps us have some idea of how many people are attending. You can email the office:

office@stelizabethschurch.org

or go to the calendar on the parish website and click on the event.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£240.00
Not Gift Aid	£822.00
Total	£1,062.00

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	115
Sun. 9.30am	173
Sun. 11.00am	131
Sun. 5.30pm	133
Total:	552

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday
5.30pm

The Second Sunday
The Naughton Family

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Pauline Marenghi

Monday
9.00am

St. Agnes
M. Faherty, Ashby and Henry

Tuesday
9.00am

Feria
Fr. Michael Clifton RIP

Wednesday
9.00am

Feria
Amelia Ryan RIP

Thursday
7.00pm

St. Francis de Sales
Fr. Michael Clifton RIP

Friday
10.00am

The Conversion of St. Paul
Holy Souls

Saturday
5.30pm

Third Sunday
Private Intention

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Goodhart Intentions

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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