



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Newsletter

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th
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Grant Applications

I think most of our parishioners are aware that our parish church is a very special building. The original part is very nearly two hundred years old and the extension is already over a hundred years. It is the oldest church in the Archdiocese of Southwark and is a Grade II listed building. It also has a remarkable history. I heard recently that at the time Eel Pie Island was famous as a music venue, St Elizabeth's hosted in its crypt an important folk club called "the Hanging Lamp" where the likes of Elvis Costello and Ralph McTell (of "streets of London" fame) are reputed to have played publicly for the first time. In an interview in 1989 Costello was asked where he he first played publicly and replied, "That was the Crypt at St. Elizabeth's in

Richmond, which was a well-established folk club. I used to go every week whether or not I played". The singer John Martyn was recorded live here in 1972. Called "Live at the Hanging Lamp" the release notes reveal, "This solo concert was recorded on 8th May 1972 at The Hanging Lamp Folk Club in the crypt of St. Elizabeth's Church just off Richmond Hill. It was a small intimate venue seating around 150 people on wooden benches in the vaulted crypt. The atmosphere was tremendous and after playing his acoustic guitar John then 'plugs in' and delights the small audience with outstanding electric performances".

After two hundred years contributing to the religious and secular life

of Richmond, our church is in need of some serious repairs which we hope to carry out as the first phase of a restoration project. The second phase would look at questions of disabled access, health and safety compliance, a more economic heating system, and a better sound system as well as interior redecoration.

It may be possible to apply for grants to help with some of the work we have planned but I have no experience of grant applications. I was wondering whether there were some parishioners with experience who could offer some help and advice. Please let us know.

This weekend Damian Catherall is running a half marathon for our building fund. Don't forget to sponsor him!

Church Restoration

Essential Repairs and Future Development

For some time now we have had a team of architects working on a planned restoration of St Elizabeth's. There are a lot of external repairs that need to be carried out. These include repairing the stonework, wood and copper of the two turrets; replacing the rainwater goods; roof and leadwork repairs; and substantial work on each of the windows. The hope is for this to be carried out as Phase One of the project and for it to take place this year.

A second phase will look at questions of access, compliance with fire regulations and disability legislation, as well as a more effective use of our space. I hope that work will be carried out as part of a more general refurbishment of the interior of the Church including more efficient heating and sound systems as well as internal restoration and redecoration.

Currently we are working on the tendering documents for the first phase and I have no concrete sums to go on, only a few rather scary 'ball-park figures' for the overall project. Our Church was first built two hundred years ago and substantially expanded one hundred years ago. Our task is to get it ready for the next one hundred years.

Lourdes Trip appeal for Help

Carole Cregeen has been organising Lourdes trips for many years. She recently sent this appeal for help:

Dear Fr Stephen

I hope, as usual, to take a group of disabled people and helpers to Lourdes in the south of France this summer (9th-16th August.)

However, at the moment, I can't find a nurse to travel with us and, without a nurse, we can't go.

I would so hate to let down the disabled in the group. They look forward to their next visit to Lourdes as soon as they get back from the last one.

Do you know of anyone who could help?

The fare would be subsidised.

Please invite them to contact me for more information:

Carole Cregeen: 020 8408 0800/07957 229 266 or carolecregeen@aol.com

Children's Liturgy & School Reference Forms

As most schools in the area are on a break, there will be no Children's Liturgy, or School Reference Forms this week.

Waitrose

During March Waitrose will be supporting our night shelter through its green token scheme. Each month Waitrose makes a total of £1,000 available to three local good causes and distributes the money according to the proportion of tokens each cause gets. Please support our night shelter in March by saving up your green tokens now and putting them in our box in March.

Women's World Day of Prayer

There is a meeting on Friday 1/3/19 at 2.30pm at St. Winefride's Church, Kew Gardens.

Parish Lunch Club

The next parish lunch club will be at 12.30pm on Tuesday 5th March. Please come along and invite your friends. It would be great to see you there.

Making An Appointment

We are currently experimenting with a new online system of making appointments to see Fr Stephen. The process is simple: just visit the website: <https://calendly.com/frstephenlangridge> There you will be able to see his availability up to twenty one days in advance and book either a fifteen or thirty minute appointment. There is also the option of booking an appointment to discuss a wedding. There may be

some initial teething problems but the hope is that this will be an easier and more flexible way of booking an appointment with the parish priest. It does mean that it is important to be punctual as there may be other appointments after yours.

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Weddings at St Elizabeth's

Just a gentle reminder that the diocese requires **six months** notice of a wedding. I'm aware that a local photographer recommends St Elizabeth's as a pretty church for a wedding and we get lots of requests from people who have no connection with our parish. I'm also aware that one of my predecessors encouraged such 'tourist weddings' as a source of income for the parish. My policy, however, is not to accept tourist weddings and to rely on the generosity of parishioners to sustain the parish.

Please be aware that we hope to start a major repair project in the church at some stage later this year.

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.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£200.00
Not Gift Aid	£725.22
Total	£925.22

Second Collection:

This week: Poor Parishes - to enable the Archbishop to make donations to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	85
Sun. 9.30am	127
Sun. 11.00am	158
Sun. 5.30pm	130
Total:	500

Social Media



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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday
5.30pm

Seventh Sunday of the Year
Fr. Martin Joseph O'Brien RIP

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Mary Comerford RIP
Dora Gill RIP
Pro Populo

Monday
9.00am

St. Ethelbert, King
Stephen Ratchford RIP

Tuesday
9.00am

Feria
Holy Souls

Wednesday
9.00am

Feria
Louise Buchner RIP

Thursday
7.00pm

Feria
Fr. David Goddard

Friday
Wales

St. David, Bishop, Patron of
Elsie Clayton

Saturday
5.30pm

Eighth Sunday of the Year
Patricia Urch

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
The Fytton Family
Elizabeth Doughty 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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