



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd
February 2019

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In Case You Missed It...

Many of you will have heard the sad news that the recently appointed parish priest of St Mary Magdalene's in Mortlake was found dead on Monday. An immensely popular priest, Canon Francis Moran was fifty seven years old. He seems to have had a complication associated with a previous medical condition. Please remember him in your prayers.

At St Elizabeth's we often say that we want to find new ways of witnessing to God's love in the world. That witness is primarily a personal one as we bear joyful testimony to our friends, colleagues and family members. We are conscious that our witness can be more effective when we work together with our fellow Christians in Richmond. Working together on projects can also give

us opportunities to invite others, who may not share our faith, to help out as well. Who knows how God will move their hearts as they begin to make a difference in the lives of others?

As you know, one of our joint projects is the Night Shelter for the homeless. We feed and give accommodation to about thirty homeless people every week. By linking in with GlassDoor, a Christian charity, we can ensure that many of our guests can meet with a case-worker who can help determine and address their specific needs.

We are about to start another project in partnership with the Vineyard Community Centre next door. This project, called Roots, will try to address the question of stability once an individual finds accommodation. As

Desiree Shepherd, the project manager, says: "There needs to be a phase of transitional support before placing/signposting someone into a more structured programme and reintegrating them back into the workplace".

Roots will offer an initial mentoring programme leading to introductions to basic life-skills such as cookery, gardening, sewing and simple trades. Eventually we hope to introduce a third phase opening up the possibility of apprenticeship programmes. Roots will take place twice a week in our crypt.

Finally, don't forget we have our monthly parish lunch club this week. It's another opportunity to invite people to St Elizabeth's confident they will receive wonderful three-course, home-cooked meal.

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
mission
of
Jesus Christ*

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No Parish Surgery

Please note: There is no parish surgery this week.

Lunch Club

The parish Lunch Club resumes on Tuesday 5th February. The lunch club usually meets in the crypt on the first Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm. All proceeds go to supporting the charity SPEAR which works with the homeless in Richmond. The Mass on Tuesday will be at midday.

Thursday & Friday

There will be no Mass here on Thursday or Friday this week as Fr Stephen will be at the DR conference.

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.

The Hanging Lamp

Does anyone have information about a folk club called The Hanging Lamp? It's where a fifteen year old Elvis Costello played in public for the first time. When asked where he 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".

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.

Safeguarding

At St Elizabeth's we are determined to create a culture in which we all recognise and take seriously the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Many of our activities require references and a DBS check. The procedure for managing this is very straightforward and is managed by our excellent Safeguarding Team who are always ready to help and give advice.

If you are helping out in a role that requires a DBS check please ensure you complete the forms and return them to the Safeguarding Team as quickly as possible.

There is a leaflet at the back of the church with more details of safeguarding at St Elizabeth's.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£180.00
Not Gift Aid	£920.95
Total	£1,100.95

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	98
Sun. 9.30am	183
Sun. 11.00am	118
Sun. 5.30pm	164
Total:	563

Social Media



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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday
5.30pm

Fourth Sunday of the Year
Holy Souls

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Pro Populo
Elizabeth Doughty RIP
Stephen Ratchford RIP

Monday
9.00am

Feria
Holy Souls

Tuesday
12noon

St. Agatha
Holy Souls

Wednesday
9.00am

St. Paul Miki & Companions
Alberta O'Brien RIP

Thursday

Feria

NO MASS HERE TODAY

Friday

Feria

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Saturday
5.30pm

Fifth Sunday of the Year
Alberta O'Brien RIP

Sunday
9.30am
11.00am
5.30pm

Beatia Beasley RIP
Fr. Thomas Foley
Pro Populo

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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