



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Laetare Sunday

Sunday 24th March 2019

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Parish Financial Report

This week we invite you to take home a copy of our Financial Report for the year ending 31st December 2018. We try to design the report so that it gives an insight into the life of the parish as well as as an account of our income and expenditure for the year.

This year we received a substantial legacy from Mikey O'Brien who died on 21st January. He asked for Masses to be said for himself and some family members and you may notice his name from time to time. Let us remember to pray for him with gratitude for his kindness to our parish.

The Financial Report is effectively a summary of income and expenses throughout the year. The complete statement of accounts that we submit to the diocese is eleven pages long and would be fairly opaque for

many people. However, if anyone would like to see it please feel free to contact me.

I would like to thank the members of our Finance Committee for the help they give me throughout the year and also Oliver Reutter and Christopher Goodhart for managing our Gift Aid scheme.

Some of our parishioners contribute to the parish by way of a standing order that goes into a dedicated Barclays account. Barclays are moving business customers away from Richmond and the account details are changing. At the same time, the diocese requests all parish accounts to be with NatWest where they are part of an overall diocesan account which meets the requirements of the Charities Commission. This week, therefore, we have

written to everyone affected asking them to transfer their standing order to our NatWest account. We have included a form and a stamped addressed envelope to make this as easy as possible. I would like to thank you for your help with this and apologise for the inconvenience which is beyond our control.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid are two remarkably effective ways of helping the parish. Sometimes called 'Pre-Authorised Giving', standing orders have the added advantage that we don't have to count, store and deposit cash each week. Standing Orders also help ensure that there are no dips in our income during holiday periods and enable the Finance Committee to monitor our budget more effectively.

Lenten Almsgiving

Parishioner Nick Deeming writes...

During the course of the last five years my two brothers, some friends and I have worked together to raise money to help educate girls who live in a Catholic parish in Eastern Uganda, near Mbale (Our Lady of the Assumption, Buchunya). The parish has already built a nursery school which can accommodate 100 young children up to



the age of 7 - we have provided uniforms for all of them. It is a large parish covering many square miles with one main church and various outpost chapels. It lies about 6 hour's drive north east of the capital, Kampala and is led by Father Timothy Mayamba Masaaba who makes visits throughout his parish as often as possible, although the terrain is not the easiest for comfortable travel!



In Uganda education is focused on the boys of a family who are traditionally seen as the bread winners and who merit this investment in education. Four years ago we funded the building of a piggery consisting of 8 sows and 1 boar. We bred the pigs and from the profits of the sale of the piglets were able to fund the education of up to eight girls in the parish right through senior school. Our aim, using the profits from the pig farm, is to help give

even more girls an education they deserve.

The plan is working well but it is not always reliable or consistent; the profits of the piggery can be a little precarious. Although pork is a staple part of their diet, the retail price can fluctuate widely which in turn has an impact on the level of funding we can provide. As well as helping the girls we would like to help with the nursery school and their specific needs, and also the parish in general.

To this end, over Lent, we are making an appeal to the congregation of St Elizabeth's to support us with this initiative. We are not a charity so all donations will be made directly to a dedicated bank account and from there to Buchunya parish. Please contact St Elizabeth's Parish Office for more details or watch out in future newsletters. So far we have visited the parish three times and any parishioners from St Elizabeth's who would like to visit would be very welcome to do so.

Parish Life & News

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 putting your green tokens in our box throughout March.

Musical Reflection for Lent

On Sunday 7th April we will have a special Lenten concert to enter into Christ's Passion through the heart of his mother Mary. The music will include Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, Purcell's Virgin Mary's Expostulation, and J.S.Bach's Erbahme Dich. There is no charge for the concert but there will be a retiring collection for our building fund and we are suggesting a voluntary £15 donation. The concert will be from

3-4.15pm. Please invite your friends. It is another great way of inviting people to visit our church.

Reserved Parking

Some of our less mobile parishioners much appreciate a lift to church. So to make it easier for those who kindly offer lifts to others, **one space in the car park will regularly be marked with a "No Parking" sign**. A "helper-driver" can ask for it be kept for their car so that they can also go to Mass.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7.00pm.

Parish Lunch Club

The next parish lunch club will be on Tuesday 2nd April at 12.30pm in the crypt. All welcome to come and enjoy a great three-course lunch for only £7.50. All money raised goes to the work of SPEAR.

"Seek His Presence"

ALL are welcome to our Lent Worship Night in the lower crypt on Thursday 28th March at 7:30pm. The evening will be led by our parish music ministry team and will be an informal evening of encounter and joy, where we gather as disciples of Jesus Christ to praise God in song, in prayer and reflection.

In Psalm 105, we are exhorted to "sing praises to God...(and) **seek his presence** always. You are invited to take this opportunity to encounter the presence of God in a new way this Lent. All ages welcome and please feel free to invite friends and family along. Don't miss out on what will truly be a wonderful night.

Making An Appointment with 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.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£224.20
Not Gift Aid	£867.83
Total	£1,092.03

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 the parish office.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5.30pm	91
Sun. 9.30am	215
Sun. 11.00am	147
Sun. 5.30pm	111
Total:	564

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Feria

Dr. Ernest Dureke RIP and Ita Dureke Snr.

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

Third Sunday of Lent

Sophia Brennan RIP

Joe & Nellie O'Sullivan RIP

Pro Populo

Monday

9.00am

The Annunciation of the Lord

Goodhart intentions

Tuesday

9.00am

Feria

Deceased Members of the O'Brien family

Wednesday

9.00am

Feria

Maria Cruz Alvarez RIP

Thursday

7.00pm

Feria

Elizabeth Wynne Thomas RIP

Friday

10.00am

Feria

Gary Bell

Saturday

5.30pm

Feria

Dr. Ernest Dureke RIP and Ita Dureke Snr.

Sunday

9.30am

11.00am

5.30pm

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Pro Populo

Elma & Frank O'Shea RIP

Canon John Bailey 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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Confessions: After each weekday Mass and Saturdays 4.45pm-5.15pm.