



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 7th April 2019

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Passion Sunday

Today the images in Church are veiled as a sign of the increasing desolation of Lent. We are moving towards the commemoration of Christ's death. To prepare us the Church removes images bringing us consolation by the focusing our minds and hearts on the Resurrection and the life of the saints with God in heaven. Before we can enjoy the resurrection we have to embrace the reality of the Cross. Passiontide is a very good time to rediscover the ancient devotion of the Way of the Cross.

Next Sunday the church's liturgy takes a dramatic twist as we pick up palms to join the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem. It is an enthusiasm that doesn't last long. A few days later, on Good Friday we will join them again as they call for

him to be crucified. Minutes later at the same ceremony with intense sorrow in our hearts we will 'creep to the Cross' and plant a loving kiss on the feet of the crucified Saviour.

The services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are called the Easter Triduum. They began as one long ceremony on Holy Saturday night but as the number of adult converts increased it began to take too long and so it was enacted in distinct moments over three days. In that sense they are really only one liturgical action and it is good for us to try to be present at each of them.

The Triduum begins with the commemoration of the Last Supper which takes place in the evening. In Jewish tradition sunset marks the beginning of a new

day and so Thursday evening can be considered as Friday - the day the paschal lamb was sacrificed. Just as at the Last Supper, our Mass ends with us leaving the church for the Garden of Gethsemane where we are encouraged to watch and to pray with the Lord. On Good Friday the second act of the Triduum takes place at 3.00pm, the hour Christ died on the Cross. It is a hauntingly beautiful ceremony.

After the Good Friday Liturgy we go about our business remembering that Christ is in the tomb. There is no Mass on Holy Saturday because we are waiting for the Resurrection which we will begin to celebrate when we light a new fire on Holy Saturday night and then we gather in the Church for the Great Vigil.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm; Sunday 9.30am and 5.30pm Masses:

The Palms are blessed and distributed from the back of the Church at the start of Mass. Please ensure you arrive EARLY for Mass because otherwise you will disturb the Blessing ceremony.

Sunday 11.00am Mass:

Palm Sunday Procession

The Mass begins in the parking area outside the Church. The area will be closed cars.

Holy Week

Wednesday

There is no Mass in the Church as priests will join the Archbishop for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

Maundy Thursday

The only Mass on Maundy Thursday is the Mass of the Lord's Supper which will be at 7.30pm. After the Mass there will be watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

Good Friday

There is no Mass on Good Friday. The afternoon Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday

There is no evening Mass. The Solemn Paschal Vigil begins at 8.00pm with the lighting of the new fire in the parking area next to the Church.

There will be an Altar Servers' Practice for that day's ceremonies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 9.00am.

Please do not leave it until the last minute to go to confession or you will be disappointed. Check the newsletter: we have confessions every day except Sunday in the parish.

Parish Life & News

Mother Mary's Lament

We look forward to seeing you and your guests in the Church this afternoon for our musical reflection on Christ's Passion. Music by Pergolesi, Purcell & JS Bach.

Catholic History Walks

Our next Catholic History walk will be this Monday 8th April to Bl. John Henry Newman's childhood home at Ham.

We meet outside the church at 7.00pm.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7.00pm. The Stations last about half an hour.

Tony (Daniel) Spooner RIP

The Requiem Mass for Tony Spooner who died recently will take place in our Church this Friday at 10.00am.

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. Please let us know by each Friday morning.

Easter Offering Envelopes

The collection on Easter Sunday (like that on Christmas Day) is your personal

gift to the priests of the parish. As many parishioners in this parish are away at easter we make the envelopes available early. The Easter Offering envelopes also give tax payers the opportunity to Gift Aid their donation. The priest receives the donation and the parish benefits from the Gift Aid. Envelopes are available this weekend.

Lenten Almsgiving

In the newsletter recently we've been advertising the Education Project in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Buchanya, Eastern Uganda. The project, which is an initiative of Nick Deeming, one of our parishioners, and his brothers, enables local girls to get an education by providing them with what they need to sustain an income. There is now a JustGiving page for donations: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nick-deeming-1.

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.

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	£186.40
Not Gift Aid	£666.93
Total	£853.33

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	110
Sun. 9.30am	129
Sun. 11.00am	105
Sun. 5.30pm	146
Total:	490

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday

5.30pm

Feria

Julie Lambert RIP

Sunday

9.30am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

11.00am

Pro Populo

5.30pm

Philomena Hammond

Monday

9.00am

Feria

Lani Vera Japlit RIP

Tuesday

9.00am

Feria

Dinnorah Rodriguez and Gerald Howard

Wednesday

9.00am

Feria

Donor's intentions

Thursday

7.00pm

St. Stanislaus Bp. Martyr

Goodhart family intentions

Friday

10.00am

Feria

REQUIEM MASS: Tony Spooner RIP

Saturday

5.30pm

Feria

Pro Populo

Sunday

9.30am

Palm Sunday

Mary Ault RIP

11.00am

James Burrell RIP

5.30pm

Peter Buccari 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.