



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26th May 2019

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Save the Date: 22nd June

Thank you for your prayers last week for my trip to Belfast where I spoke on parish renewal to the priests of the diocese of Down & Connor. The course went extremely well and I am very grateful for the spiritual support I received from the parish.

This week I am asking your prayers again as I travel to Gibraltar for a similar event, this time helping form a new evangelisation team for the diocese and then giving a short retreat to the priests.

As individual parishes and dioceses wake up to the need for renewal, I get more and more requests to address and help groups in different places. I recently turned down an invitation to give a paper at a conference in Belgium and to speak at an event in Birmingham. In July I've been asked to

help with a diocesan event in Kent which I feel obliged to accept.

The truth is that I don't have anything particular to share except the principles of Divine Renovation as we have been applying them here. But the thing about those principles is that they work, and other people are beginning to notice their fruit in our parish.

After discussion with our parish leadership team and following an invitation from Fr James Mallon in Canada, we have decided to take part in an event called "**DR Open House**" which involves parishes in the Divine Renovation Network sharing their experiences with any one who may wish to learn from them. In other words, instead of me going out to talk about what we are doing here, we will open our doors for others to come

and see for themselves. It is going to be a big undertaking and we are very keen for everyone in our parish to help us make it a success.

I'm also aware that there may be our own parishioners who are intrigued by what is happening here and would themselves benefit from attending the day. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome but we need you to sign up as we need to manage numbers and the day includes lunch. The day costs £20 but we are offering parishioners a reduced rate of £10. To sign up please either email the parish for a link or - go to the calendar on the parish website and click on the event on 22nd June. You can also access the link through your My ChurchSuite account. It would be great to have you there.

First Holy Communion

We are changing the way we prepare families for First Holy Communion in the parish. If you missed the explanation in the newsletter last Sunday please look it up on our website.

If you have a child going in to **Year 2** or **Year 3** please email us so that we can make sure you understand the new procedures. The deadline for emailing us is **15th July**. We will not be able to accept enrolments after that date.

If you have a child going in to **Year 4** or **Year 5**, we invite you to continue with

our Family of Faith programme even though your child may already have made his or her First Communion. To do so please also send us an email by **15th July**.

The email address to use is:

richmond@rcaos.org.uk

In your email please let us have: the names of the children, their dates of birth and the school they attend as well as the names and contact details of the parents or guardians.

Confirmations

We are also introducing a two-stage process for confirmation. Again you can read more details in the articles published in our newsletter over the last two weeks. They are available on our parish website.

The first stage will be a stand-alone course towards the end of which young people will be invited, if they wish, to renew their baptismal commitment to Christ. ***This stand-alone course is open to all young people in years 8, 9 or 10 even if they have already been confirmed.***

Those who decide they want to follow the path of discipleship will be invited to enrol to be prepared for a short confirmation preparation. Regardless of that decision, everyone will also been invited to continue some form of fellowship and formation.

We invite parents with children going into Years 8, 9 or 10 to contact us if they would like more details: **richmond@rcaos.org.uk**. Please let us have their names, dates of birth, and the school they attend.

The deadline to let us have that information is **15th July**.

Feast of the Ascension

Thursday this week is the Feast of the Ascension. It is a Holy Day of Obligation (a day in addition to Sundays on which we are obliged to attend Mass). Masses here in the church will be at 8.00am and 7.00pm.

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Masses this Week

We don't usually have a morning Mass on Thursdays but this week is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation, and so there will be an additional Mass 8.00am. A second Mass will be in the evening at 7.00pm.

Pentecost Novena

The days between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost are traditionally a *novena* of prayer for the renewal of the church. This year we invite you to join us for a short service of prayer which will take different forms each evening (for example, Adoration, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet). This will culminate in the Pentecost Vigil Mass (our 5.30pm Mass on Saturday evening) the texts of which can be found on page 285 of the Mass book. For those who can stay, the Mass will be followed by an extended time of prayer concluding in a consecration of our parish, our families and all our parishioners to the Holy Spirit. Please join us and invite your friends if you can.

Parish Lunch Club

Our next parish lunch will take place in the crypt on Tuesday 4th June at 12.30pm. Feel free to invite your friends to join you for a fantastic three course lunch for only £7.50.

Gardening Days

In preparation for DR Open House we invite you to join us on Saturday 8th June and Saturday 15th June for two gardening days. The idea would be to gather from 9 until 12 to tidy up the front and back gardens, power wash the drive, and do some deeper cleaning in the church. We will provide plenty of coffee and refreshments. Even if you can't join us on 22nd June, it would be a great way of helping make the day a success.

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.

Natural Fertility Matters

For more information about natural ways to achieve or space out pregnancy please visit: www.naturalfertilitymatters.com or call Freda McMahan on 07887 676 923 for a free and confidential consultation. Natural Family Planning can also help women prone to miscarriages.

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	£316.00
Non-Gift Aid	£711.34
Total:	£1,027.34

Bank Transfers

To make a direct transfer to St Elizabeth's you will need the following details:

Account No. 27031527
Sort Code: 601731

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	82
Sun. 9.30am	149
Sun. 11.00am	297
Sun. 5.30pm	105
Total:	633

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday

5:30pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Fr Charles Jeffries RIP

Sunday

9:30am

Georgina Mantelos RIP

11:00am

Gabriel Abdulahad RIP

5:30pm

Pro Populo

Monday

St Augustine of Canterbury

O'Brien Family Deceased

Tuesday

Feria

Robert Blackburn RIP

Wednesday

Feria

9:00am

Fr Martin O'Brien RIP

Thursday

The Ascension of the Lord

Holyday of Obligation

8.00am

Pro Populo

7:00pm

Alberta O'Brien RIP

Friday

The Visitation

10:00am

Int. Goodhart Family

Saturday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:30pm

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Sunday

9:30am

William O'Hara RIP

11:00am

Mary Morrell RIP

5:30pm

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.