



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Seventh Sunday of Easter **Sunday 2nd June 2019**

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Preparing for Pentecost

The time between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost is a period of prayer for renewal in the church which she traditionally marks with nine days of prayer called a *novena*.

Here at St Elizabeth's we are observing the novena in a special way by inviting you to join us in the church each evening at 7.00pm for a time of prayer the format of which will vary from day to day. For example, we began on Friday with the Rosary and during this week we will have other traditional devotions such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and other forms of prayer.

For those of you who can't come to the church we have prepared some booklets, available from the welcome desk, which you can use at home either alone or

with your families. It would be good if you could do this at 7.00pm as well but that is not necessary. Also, this Saturday and Sunday the novena will be straight after the Mass.

Next Saturday is the Vigil of Pentecost and you will see from the Mass book (p.284) that the Vigil Mass is slightly extended. After the Mass we will have a Holy Hour as a time of special intercession for our parish, for the church, our families and ourselves as individuals. During this Holy Hour Fr Stephen will make a formal consecration of St Elizabeth's to the Holy Spirit.

This week Fr Stephen is away in Gibraltar leading some workshops for the new evangelisation teams of that diocese, followed by some in-service training for the priests. We accompany him with

our prayers. The fact that there won't be a weekday Mass here until Friday next week brings home to us the urgent need for renewal in the church and in particular for an increase in priestly vocations.

During Lent and Easter we reflect on the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and also on the life of the fledgling church. At the Ascension Christ returns to the Father and ten days later he sends the promised Holy Spirit to continue his work of healing, reconciliation, and sanctification here on earth. After the Ascension the apostles cowered in the Upper Room until the Holy Spirit came down upon them and empowered them to go out and proclaim the good news. He does the same for us today.

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**.

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.

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Masses this Week

Mass will be on Tuesday at midday and Friday at 10.00am this week.

Divine Renovation Open House

If you were here last week you will have read about our DR Open House that takes place on Saturday 22nd June. If you are registered as a parishioner on ChurchSuite you will also have received a email inviting you to the day which will be an opportunity for us to share with others the basic principles of parish renewal. It would be great if you could join us but please bear in mind it is important to register beforehand as it includes lunch and other refreshments.

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.

Weddings

As anyone working in the office knows, we get lots of requests for weddings. It is not uncommon for a couple to book a local venue for the reception and then look around for a church where the ceremony can take place. We are not set up for such 'tourist weddings'. To get married at St Elizabeth's a Catholic needs either to be living in the parish or to have been attending Mass here regularly (each week) over a considerable period of time (rarely less than two years). Please also bear in mind that we are planning a major refurbishment of the church in time for our bi-centennial.

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. 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	£309.00
Non-Gift Aid	£612.33
Total:	£921.33

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	71
Sun. 9.30am	145
Sun. 11.00am	84
Sun. 5.30pm	84
Total:	384

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday

5:30pm

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Sunday

9:30am

William O'Hara RIP

11:00am

Mary Morrell RIP

5:30pm

Monday

Ugandan Martyrs

No Mass here today

Tuesday

12.00 noon

Feria

CWL Intentions

Wednesday

St Boniface

No Mass here today

Thursday

St Norbert

No Mass here today

Friday

10:00am

Feria

Sally O'Shaughnessy RIP

Saturday

5:30pm

Pentecost Sunday

Lani Vera Japlit RIP

Sunday

9:30am

Pro Populo

11:00am

Goodhart Family Intentions

5:30pm

Beatrice Beasley 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.