



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 9th June 2019

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Pentecost Sunday

Since the Feast of the Ascension we, along with the universal Church, have been praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit which we commemorate today on the feast of Pentecost. On Saturday evening at the Vigil Mass we used the extended liturgy of the Word prescribed for that Mass followed by a consecration of our parish to the Holy Spirit and a time of prayer and intercession for us all.

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season and the beginning of the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit is the one promised by Jesus before his Ascension to ensure that the Lord's mission continues in the Church. It is the Holy Spirit, coming down on the apostles at the first Pentecost who sends them out with power to convert the world. It is

the same Spirit who continues to send the Church out to proclaim God's love today.

The Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, keeps the Church alive in different ways. He is the Spirit of Truth, the source of the Church's authoritative teaching, the one who leads us into "the fulness of truth". He is the one called "to convince the world of sin" because our awareness of our failings and our need for Redemption should be born out of an awareness of God's goodness towards us rather than any human or psychological consideration.

The Holy Spirit is also the Paraclete, or Advocate, the one who stands at our side and pleads our cause. In other words, it is the Holy Spirit who enables us to reach up to God in

prayer and praise, to grow in holiness and to sanctify our work and our relationships. Even more, it is the Holy Spirit who dwells within us and makes us holy so that our Christian life is not so much 'doing things for God' but rather entering into a relationship with God and participating in the life of the Holy Trinity. St Paul expresses this when he says, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me".

Last week I was away in Gibraltar giving some talks and formation classes to various groups in that diocese. Thank you for your prayers. A special word of thanks also to those who, in my absence, were able to ensure that we marked the Pentecost Novena with a short prayer service in our church each evening. May it bring us all many blessings.

First Holy Communion

We are changing the way we prepare families for First Holy Communion in the parish by introducing Family Based Catechesis which enables parents to fulfil their role as 'the primary educators of their children in the ways of faith'.

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 be 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**.

Important Talk

On Monday 17th June Sherry Weddell will be giving a talk on parish renewal entitled "From Christendom to Missiondom". It will be from 8-9.15pm at the Exchange in Twickenham. Tickets cost £10 and can be booked by email:

jamesaholland@outlook.com

Parish Life & News

Divine Renovation Open House

On Saturday 22nd June we will be joined by guests from a number of different parishes who want to learn from what has been happening here at St Elizabeth's in recent years. It is not just an opportunity to showcase the parish, but also a chance for all of us to step back and get a wider picture of renewal and the principles that undergird it. We hope many of you will join us but we do need to know how many people are coming as we will be providing lunch (for parishioners we are asking a voluntary £10 contribution to the day). Please sign up via the link on MyChurchSuite, or click on the event on the parish calendar (on the website), or just send us an email.

Gardening Days

In preparation for DR Open House we invite you to join us on Saturday 15th June for a gardening day. The idea would be to gather from 10 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 McMahon on 07887 676 923 for a free and confidential consultation. Natural Family Planning can also help women prone to miscarriages.

School Librarian

St Elizabeth's School is seeking to appoint a part-time librarian to work throughout KS1 and KS2. The role includes leading group work with children, and maintaining and developing the school library. For further information please contact the school office on 0208 940 3015 or email:

admin@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 8th July.

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	£80.00
Non-Gift Aid	£48947
Total:	£569.47

Second Collection

There is a national Second Collection today for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	79
Sun. 9.30am	134
Sun. 11.00am	77
Sun. 5.30pm	105
Total:	395

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday

5:30pm

Sunday

9:30am

11:00am

5:30pm

Monday

9.00am

Tuesday

9.00am

Wednesday

9.00am

Thursday

7.00pm

Friday

10:00am

Saturday

5:30pm

Sunday

9:30am

11:00am

5:30pm

Pentecost Sunday

Lani Vera Japlit RIP

Pro Populo

Goodhart Family Intentions

Beatrice Beasley RIP

Mary Mother of the Church

Fr Huebert Miranda RIP

St Barnabas

Intentions of CWL

Feria

Betty Glancy RIP

Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Holy Souls

Feria

Dec'd members of O'Brien Family

The Most Holy Trinity

Holy Souls

Pro Populo

Daniel Oosthuizen

Philomena Dunne

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.