



CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
**ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL**  
*Newsletter*

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 9th June 2019

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## We have a Bishop!

It was announced on Tuesday this week that the Holy Father has appointed a successor to Archbishop Peter Smith who reached the canonical age of retirement in October last year. Archbishop Smith has made no secret of his desire to retire and is said even to have submitted his resignation a year early so he must be particularly relieved at the news.

Our new Archbishop will be Bishop John Wilson who is currently one of the auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Westminster. Their loss is very much our gain.

Born in Sheffield on 4th July 1968, Archbishop Elect John Wilson is a convert having embraced Catholicism in his teens. He was ordained for the diocese of Leeds in 1995 and held several appointments including seminary professor, parish priest, episcopal vicar for evangelisation, and diocesan administrator.

Our new Archbishop had the following to say when the appointment was announced:

*“Someone once said if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. In whatever way I might have imagined God’s plan for my life to unfold, the news of my appointment by Pope Francis as the new Archbishop of*



*Southwark came as a complete surprise... It is the joy of the Gospel, the Good News of God’s love for the world in His Son Jesus Christ, that sustains and animates the Church’s mission in which I am to share in a new way... I rely totally on the Holy Spirit to guide my new ministry of witnessing to the love of God for each person so that we might be evermore a Church of joyful missionary disciples, alive in Christ, our risen Saviour.”*

Let’s keep Bishop John in our prayers.

## Parish Open House

Next Saturday we will be welcoming priests and people from local parishes, as well as from Ireland and other places, to help them understand something of the journey of renewal that we have embarked on here at St Elizabeth's. In three years our Mass attendance has increased by 50% and, according to the assessments carried out for us in 2016 and the start of 2018 by Gallup, the proportion of those who felt they get nothing from the parish has fallen from 48% to 23%.

St Elizabeth's is part of the Divine Renovation Network which encourages parishes to have clarity about their purpose and what they are trying to achieve. Our parish purpose is to *form intentional disciples who joyfully live our the mission of Jesus Christ*. Our parish vision is *"to become a joyful, invitational community where people of all ages can encounter and entrust themselves to Jesus Christ; grow through formation and the Holy Spirit; and be encouraged to find practical ways of witnessing to God's love in the world"*.

We would love it if many of our parishioners joined us next Saturday to have a better understanding of how we are trying to achieve our aims. The timetable is as follows:

### Timetable

<b>9.45am</b>	Arrive
<b>10.30am</b>	First Keynote: <b>Why Divine Renovation?</b> Fr Stephen Langridge
<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioner Presentations: <b>The Benefits of Alpha Family of Faith The Sunday Experience</b>

### *Lunch will be provided*

1.45pm	Parishioner Presentation: <b>Building on Solid Foundations</b>
2.15pm	Second Keynote: <b>Leadership</b> Fr Stephen Langridge & Lissette Quezada
2.45pm	Group Discussions
3.25pm	Questions
4.00pm	Closing Prayer

Please let us know if you would like to attend because we are providing lunch for our delegates. We invite parishioners to make a voluntary contribution of £10.00 towards the cost of the day.

### 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](mailto:jamesaholland@outlook.com)

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## *Parish Life & News*

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### **Parish Feast Day**

Thursday 4th July is the Feast of St Elizabeth of Portugal and once again, to mark our parish feast day, we invite you to join us for a special Mass here in the church at 7.00pm followed by a party in the parish garden. It has always been a great occasion and we look forward to seeing you there.

### **First Holy Communion**

If you have a child going in to year TWO or above and would like that child to be prepared for First Holy Communion please let us know as soon as possible. You can email us at: [richmond@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:richmond@rcaos.org.uk). We are introducing Family Based Catechesis to the parish and are moving away from the idea that a child must make his or her first Communion in year 3. Instead the focus going forward will be on when the child is ready. The deadline is 15th July.

### **Pre-Confirmation Course**

To ensure our young people are better prepared for confirmation we require them to take part in a pre-confirmation course after which they will be invited to renew their baptismal commitment and enrol if they wish for confirmation preparation. We will take applications for the pre-confirmation course from anyone going in to years 8, 9, or 10.

Please email us to enrol: [richmond@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:richmond@rcaos.org.uk). The deadline is 15th July.

### **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](http://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. For further information please contact the school office on 0208 940 3015 or email:

[admin@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk](mailto: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	£292.50
Non-Gift Aid	£79879
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,091.29</b>

## Second Collection

There is a national Second Collection today for the **Day for Life**.

Last week's second collection for CaTEW came to £234.54

## Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	137
Sun. 9.30am	152
Sun. 11.00am	97
Sun. 5.30pm	126
<b>Total:</b>	<b>512</b>

## Social Media



[stelizabethschurch.org.uk](http://stelizabethschurch.org.uk)

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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

### Trinity Sunday

Holy Souls

Pro Populo

Daniel Oosthuizen

Philomena Dunne

### Feria

Fr Martin Joseph O'Brien RIP

### Feria

Ivan Veljtini RIP

### Feria

Alberta O'Brien RIP

### St Alban

Kathleen Woplin RIP

### St Aloysius Gonzaga

Tony Daniel Spooner

### Corpus Christi

Int. Rita Naughton

Pro Populo

Herbert Fuchs RIP

Michael O'Brien 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.