



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Twenty First Week

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Gearing Up for the New Term

I always loved the week before term began. It usually involved a trip to WH Smiths to replenish pencil cases and to the uniform suppliers for shirts and shoes. I generally left summer assignments to the last week of the holidays and so it was also an excuse to slow down under the pretext of study. The first day of school involved catching up with friends, some of whom I hadn't seen for weeks, and making fresh ones as we welcomed new boys to the class.

In some ways it has been a very quiet summer here in the parish. Mass attendance dropped dramatically once the holidays started and people began going away. The drop in

numbers would have been even more noticeable but for the fact we were boosted by summer visitors.

It may not have been necessary to stock up on protractors and set squares but all the same these last few weeks have given us a chance to reflect on different aspects of parish life: our priorities, our finances, the formation we offer, as well as our impact on the local community. It has also given us time to think and plan for the coming year and to work on a calendar of events.

In September we will begin the second year of our family based catechesis programme. It is really encouraging to see how many families from last year have

opted to continue the programme. We no longer run "traditional" First Communion classes in the parishes because they are ineffective when it comes to a long-term commitment to Christian discipleship. We will also soon be starting our pre-confirmation evangelisation course for potential confirmation candidates. This course is also open to those who've been confirmed but who want a chance to look again at what the Christian faith is all about in an open and non-pressurised environment.

Finally this term we are offering a variety of things to which you can invite friends including our Boat Trip and some musical celebrations as well.

**St Elizabeth's
Farewell to Summer Boat Trip
Saturday 28th September
from 7.00pm
Welcome Aboard!**

TICKETS

This year our annual **Farewell to Summer Party** will take place on the river in the form of a romantic boat trip down the Thames onboard the Queen Elizabeth.

The evening includes a complimentary welcome drink and a succulent onboard BBQ. The Queen Elizabeth also runs its own cash bar.

Tickets cost £35 per person. They are on sale after Masses from this weekend. You can pay by credit or debit card as well as cash or cheque (given that this is also a fundraising event for the parish, we would be very grateful to those people who 'add a little extra' to the price of their tickets!).

RAFFLE

During the evening we will have a fundraising raffle and are inviting donations to be given as prizes. This is a really practical way of helping us. We have had some fantastic prizes donated already - from alcohol to toiletry gift boxes - but we need more! Donations can be left in the sacristy before or after Mass or left at the parish office during the week (please check beforehand to make sure someone will be there to welcome you).

ADVERTISING / SPONSORSHIP

Would you, your company, or a friend like to advertise in the event programme? It could be anything from a one-line goodwill message, to a small box advert. Some businesses don't want to donate to religious organisations but are happy to place a small advert as part of their publicity budget. We have a bottle of champagne for the person who raises most by way of sponsorship!

NOT AROUND THAT WEEKEND?

You're going to miss a great party and we are going to miss you! But you can still help us with our fundraising by making a donation to the evening! You can even do it today after Mass using your credit or debit card to make a donation rather than buy a ticket. Simple!

Parish Life & News

New to the Parish?

Welcome! Are you new to St Elizabeth's and planning to make this your home? We would love to get to meet you and have a chance to welcome you more formally. We invite all our new parishioners to complete one of the Welcome cards available from the back of the church and to give it to one of the hospitality team, Fr Stephen, or leave it at the parish office.

Alpha

Our new season of Alpha will start on Tuesday 24th September. Please remember to pray for the hosts and guest who will be involved. We also ask you to help us invite people. At the back of the church there are small credit card sized Alpha invites that you can take to give out to family and friends. This term I will be praying especially for those Catholics who no longer see the point of coming to Church: many of them may be friends or members of your family. It would be great if you could help us reach them by encouraging them to come to Alpha. Nothing is ever lost by an invitation. People can sign up by visiting the calendar on our parish webpage and clicking the Alpha entry on 24th September.

School References

It will soon be that time of year again! Please do NOT use Calendly (see below) for school references. Fr Stephen will set aside a number of evenings and a morning to sign references. Please remember that to give a reference we need to have a record of your Mass attendance. During term there are sign on slips available at all the Masses each weekend. The record of Mass attendance is kept for three years.

Prayers Please

In September we will be submitting an application for a grant for £25,000 to enable us develop our family ministries here in the parish which would be 70% of what we need to raise. Please pray that the application will be successful and that as a parish we will be able to raise the remaining 30%.

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

Calendly - the online Diary

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	£327.63
Non-Gift Aid	£529.35
Total:	£856.98

Thank you for your support which is very much appreciated.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	105
Sun. 9.30am	101
Sun. 11.00am	73
Sun. 5.30pm	90
Total:	369

Social Media



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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

Twenty-First Sunday

Holy Souls

Fr. George Barrett

Patricia and David Urch

Pro Populo

Bl. Dominic Barberi

Holy Souls

St Monica

Sha Smith

St Augustine of Hippo

Fr Jonathan Flood

Beheading of St John Baptist

Catholics Persecuted for Faith

Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne

Line, & Margaret Ward

Holy Souls

Twenty-Second Sunday

Holy Souls

Sheila Molong RIP

Eddie Wallace RIP

Pro Populo

Please Pray for:

Judiel Valdez, Juliana Ditsche, Ava Borsley, Christopher Browne, Gaye Delanghe, Ben Horgan, Ella Dale, Stella Richards, Sha Smith, Anne Wilkinson, Peter Connor.

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