



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Twenty Third Sunday

8th September 2019

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Love, Pray, and Act

This term's Alpha will begin in the parish on Tuesday evening, 24th September. We already have a number of people signed up but there will be many more if we all make an effort to invite people. For that to happen a number of things are necessary. First of all we have to be convinced that Alpha can help people engage with the Christian faith at a deeper level. I think this has indeed been our experience at St Elizabeth's and it is the reason we sometimes invite people who have done Alpha to talk at the end of Mass about the impact it has had on them.

It is not enough, however, to be convinced that Alpha could be a good thing for people. We need

also to be sufficiently concerned for our family members and friends that we want them to have that great good which is an encounter with Christ. Naturally we can be reticent, a bit shy, about inviting people. On the wall of a parish office we have a plaque with a quotation from Virgil: *Amor vincit omnia*. Love conquers everything even our shyness when it comes to inviting people to Alpha!

The third thing is to pray. So here is a suggestion: write down the name of three people in your phone and set an alarm to pray for them every day. Some people have suggested 11.02 is a good time because in St Luke's Gospel chapter 11, verse 2 we see Our Lord telling

the disciples to pray "thy kingdom come" in the Lord's prayer. But it could be any time that works for you. The important thing is to pray.

Finally, we need to act. That is, we need actually to approach people and invite them. We might arrange a coffee or a drink after work with the people on our list for whom we have been praying (best to do this individually) and then explain what Alpha is and ask if they'd like to come because we think they might find it helpful. We can explain that there's a meal, a chance to meet new people and that the atmosphere is very congenial. We could even offer to do it with them if we haven't done it before!

**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

St Elizabeth's School

At St Elizabeth's we have a Catholic Primary School which welcomes applications from all Catholic families. ***It is not a private school and there are no fees to pay.*** The main requirement for entry is evidence that you attend Mass each week. The school will be holding open mornings for parents of children who will be starting primary school in September 2020 in October and November. The school currently has vacancies for children in Y3 and Y4. If you are interested in visiting the school or applying for a place for your child, please contact the school office on: 0208 940 3015. A copy of the school's Admissions Arrangements is available from the school website or from the school office

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.

Flat to Rent?

We've had an enquiry from a Catholic primary school teacher looking to rent a one-bedroom flat. Please contact her on maria_peters21@hotmail.com if you can help.

Prayers Please

This month 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 75% 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 25%.

Pre-Confirmation Course

Our pre-Confirmation course will start on Thursday 3rd October. Youngsters will have to have completed this course before enrolling for the confirmation course.

Sacramental Preparation

We do things somewhat differently at St Elizabeth's. If you moved to the parish over the summer and have a child in Year 2 or 3 please contact the parish office **this week.**

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	£168.00
Non-Gift Aid	£720.28
Total:	£888.28

Today there is a diocesan second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	74
Sun. 9.30am	134
Sun. 11.00am	102
Sun. 5.30pm	130
Total:	440

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-Third Sunday

Joe Naughton & Family

Pro Populo

Louis Philippe, Comte de Paris

Bridie Norton

St Peter Claver

Holy Souls

Feria

Intentions of Michael O'Brien

Feria

Holy Souls

Most Holy Name of Mary

Alberta O'Brien RIP

St John Chrysostom

Deceased members of O'Brien Family

Twenty-Fourth Sunday

Health of Francella

Pro Populo

Holy Souls

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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