



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday

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Remember 2006?

Back then we used to decide what restaurant to eat at without the help of our phone, Google, or TrustPilot. Like it or not, for most people that world is gone. Everything has changed - including how people access and first encounter our parish. The problem is that most churches have been slow to respond to the digital revolution. Some, it is true, thought the way forward was to produce parish specific Apps. They thought parish apps would completely replace websites but actually the opposite has happened. Nobody visits an app to check out a church. They Google their question and Google leads them to websites not apps. That means that church websites are

not nearly as much for the congregation as for the unchurched people who are searching for answers. Many visitors watch online services for some months before they pluck up courage to attend an actual service.

So it is important to be clear that in today's culture, the main purpose of a parish website is for the unchurched and first time visitor. Sure they may also have information for regular parishioners (although that's actually where a parish app could be useful) but we should never lose sight of the fact that websites are the digital foyer of a church.

When someone lands on our website what do they think? A parish's

digital presence is a message that goes beyond the words used. What does it look and feel like? Often the most important digital message is conveyed not in words but in the actual design of the site itself.

Digital is key for those who would search us out online. Increasingly it is also key for parish outreach. Do you remember the days when the Legion of Mary knocked on doors? These days that approach is usually counter-productive. But through social media you can effectively knock on every mobile phone within an enormous radius of the parish. We can't afford to ignore the digital age.

Fauré's Requiem

Sunday 3rd November

Please Invite Your Friends

*One of our aspirations at St Elizabeth's is to be an **invitational community** where we happily invite others to get to know our arms and its people. We want everyone to feel they are welcome and have a home here. For that to be a reality it's important that we have some events to which we can invite our friends and neighbours. That's why this year we are starting a **concert series** in the parish.*

The first concert is in a few weeks:

Stephen Bick, our Director of Music, will lead a chamber choir of professional singers in a performance of **Fauré's Requiem** and some other choral works, with Jon Booth, our parish organist, at the console.

Fauré's Requiem is a well-loved classic and we hope to see many parishioners present at the concert. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbours: Sunday 3rd November, 3pm until around 4:30pm.

Free admission with a retiring collection in support of our music ministry.

New York Marathon

Many of you will know husband and wife doctors Charlotte Bearcroft and David Peterson from the parish. Next month they are running in the New York Marathon and have offered to seek sponsorship for our parish restoration fund.

We have set up a JustGiving page which you can access here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephen-langridge1>

Please pop over and show them your support.

Supporting Your Parish

Our income always takes a significant dip during holiday periods including half-terms. One way to avoid this is by taking out a monthly direct debit with your bank.

You will need our Sort Code: 60 17 31 and Account Number: 27031527. The account name is: RCAS St Elizabeth, Richmond.

If you pay UK tax please contact us for a Gift Aid declaration which increases the value of your donation by 25% with no extra cost to you.

Parish Life & News

All Saints Day

Friday this week is the feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses here in the church: our usual 10.00am Friday morning Mass, and an evening Mass at 7.30pm.

November Masses

The 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 10th November will be for the repose of the souls of priests who have served in the parishes of this deanery. These include Fr Philip Matthias of this parish and Canon Francis Moran of Mortlake, both of whom died this year. The 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 17th November will be for the repose of the souls of parishioners of St Elizabeth's who have died in the last twelve months. *You might want to mention these Masses to family members. They would be very welcome to join us.*

No Mass?

Sitting in church wondering why there's no Mass this today? Did you remember the clocks went back this weekend?

Parish Lunch Club

Our next Parish Lunch club will be on Tuesday 5th November at 12.30pm in the crypt. All welcome.

November List

A November List is a list of deceased relatives and friends whose names are placed near the altar and whom we remember silently at daily Mass during the month of November. November List envelopes are available at the back of the church. It is traditional (but not obligatory) to leave a donation which in this parish is used to offer Masses throughout the year for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

Prayers Please

In September we submitted an application for a grant to develop our family ministries in the parish. It would be 75% of what we need to raise. Please pray that the application will be successful and that we will be able to raise the other 25%. We expect a response at the end of this week.

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	£310.00
Non-Gift Aid	£657.26
Total:	£967.26

The second collection for Missio raised: £364.94

Did you know that if you pay UK tax and use one of our blue Gift Aid envelopes on Sunday your donation is worth an extra 25%?

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	109
Sun. 9.30am	161
Sun. 11.00am	108
Sun. 5.30pm	144
Total:	522

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

7.30pm

Saturday

5:30pm

Sunday

9:30am

11:00am

5:30pm

Thirtieth Sunday

Int. Francella

Pro Populo

Intentions of Margaret Moore & Pat Jayawardena

Holy Souls

SS Simon & Jude

Eileen Van Driel

Feria

Holy Souls

Feria

Canon John Bagshawe RIP

Feria

Erica Dineen

All Saints Day

Goodhart Family Intentions

Thirtieth Sunday

Holy Souls

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Intentions of CWL

Pro Populo

Please Pray for:

Margaret Moore, 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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