



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

Christ the King

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## The God who Speaks

### **A message from Cardinal Nichols:**

*"It gives me great pleasure to launch our initiative - The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word.*

*In partnership with the Bible Society, this initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's Word throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales from 30th September\* until the end of December 2020.*

*The year 2020 sees the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on the Word of the Lord. The year 2020 is also the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's*

*death. These are strong reasons for us to embark at this time on a creative and deeper engagement with the Holy Scriptures across the life of each diocese.*

*The 30th Sept-ember is the Feast of St Jerome and it was he who said to us: 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'.*

*Please go to [godwhospeaks.uk](http://godwhospeaks.uk). There you will see how you can get involved in your local area.*

*Please pray that, during this special year, we may all be enriched and renewed by the living Word of God. Then we shall be moved afresh to share the*

*love of Christ to the ends of the earth.*

*May God bless us all during this time of "The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word"!*

*+ Vincent Nichols  
Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster.*

*\*Editor's note: we have only just received this message!*

*"We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life"*

*1 John 1:1*

# Nine Lessons & Carols

*Friday 13th December*

*7.30pm*

**Please Invite Your Friends**

*From time to time in the parish we try to offer a musical celebration to reflect the liturgical season or time of the year. Our next event will be a celebration of Nine Lessons and Carols on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm.*

*Afterwards we invite you and your guests to join us in the crypt for some festive mulled wine and mince pies.*

## Children's Christmas Concert

Many children in our parish play a musical instrument or sing and would be delighted to perform in front of their families and friends. A Christmas Concert is an ideal opportunity for them to get involved. If your child plays a recorder, piano, violin, any other musical instrument, or sings, then please contact Filip on [filip.kucera@email.cz](mailto:filip.kucera@email.cz) for more details (ideally ASAP to make the Concert program). Each child will have the opportunity to perform a piece of music of choice. There is no age limit.

*The concert will take place on Saturday 14th December at 3 pm in our church.*

*Please, put this date in your diary and join us to support our children.*

## 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.

## Bible Study: St Mark

Every Friday morning between now and 13th December there will be a small group meeting to look at the Gospel of St Mark.

We start at 8.30am and end by 9.30am in good time for the morning Mass (for those who can stay).

Please come along to the parish office. All you need to bring is your bible.

**All welcome.**

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## *Parish Life & News*

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### **Parish Lunch Club**

In December the Parish Lunch Club hosts a special Christmas lunch with turkey and all the trimmings. It will take place on Tuesday 3rd December at 12.30pm in the crypt. The lunch costs £10.00 and all proceeds go to support the work of SPEAR, a local homeless charity. Do join us and please invite your friends.

### **Bibles for Prisoners**

Fr Valentine has written to say that his prisoners have asked him to get them Bibles rather than chocolates for Christmas this year. There is a very nice edition published by the Catholic Truth Society which costs £17.95. Fr Valentine has 120 Catholic prisoners. To buy each one a bible would cost £2,154.00. Would your family be willing to donate £20 to help us provide prisoners with Catholic Bibles? If so, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Bible Project" and let us have it by 8th December (which is Bible Sunday). If you would like to gift aid your donation please use one of the blue Gift Aid envelopes but place it in another envelope marked "Bible Project". **Please Note:** *only collections advertised in the newsletter are authorised by the parish and have the*

*consent of Fr Valentine. Please be aware that individuals are not permitted to make personal appeals.*

### **Interested in Becoming a Catholic or Learning More about the Faith?**

In the New Year we could offer an introductory course for those wishing to know more about the Catholic faith. It would also suit anyone who may be thinking about becoming a Catholic. These courses take a while to organise and it would be good to ascertain how much appetite there might be in the parish. If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or would be interested in such a course please let us know. You can email us at [richmond@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:richmond@rcaos.org.uk).

### **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.

### **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 baptism or a wedding.

## Thank You

Thank you for your offering last week which came to:

Gift Aid	£261.50
Non-Gift Aid	£746.63
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,008.13</b>

This week there is a second collection for diocesan youth services.

## Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	95
Sun. 9.30am	124
Sun. 11.00am	156
Sun. 5.30pm	115
<b>Total:</b>	<b>490</b>

## Social Media



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

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@StLizRichmond

## Mass Intentions this Week

### Saturday

5:30pm

### Christ the King

In Honour of Holy Trinity

### Sunday

9:30am

Sylvia Ruggier RIP

11:00am

Mgr Bryan Chestle RIP

5:30pm

Pro Populo

### Monday

9.00am

### Feria

60th Wedding Anniversary

### Tuesday

9.00am

### Feria

Alberta O'Brien RIP

### Wednesday

9.00am

### Feria

Dec'd Members of O'Brien Family

### Thursday

7.00pm

### Feria

Fr Martin O'Brien RIP

### Friday

10.00am

### Feria

Sabina Naughton RIP

### Saturday

5:30pm

### First Sunday of Advent

Yousif & Evelyn Farage RIP

### Sunday

9:30am

Elizabeth Doughty RIP

11:00am

Fr Colin Ward RIP

5:30pm

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.

**Confessions:** After each weekday Mass and Saturdays 4.45pm-5.15pm.

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