



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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Bi-Centenary Project

Our beautiful church will celebrate its bi-centenary in 2024. It is particularly significant for us as we are the oldest church in the Archdiocese of Southwark. We have been left a wonderful church by those who went before us. As we look towards the future I think it is right that we should ask ourselves what our legacy will be to future generations.

You will have seen from recent newsletters that the church needs a substantial amount of repair work to be undertaken. Most of this is external and largely unseen, although we can see signs of the damage caused by water ingress inside the main body of the church as well.

Another consideration is that legislation has changed since the church was built. We are now much more aware

of the needs of people with limited mobility or other access issues. We are also very aware of the dangers of things like fire and the importance of safe ways of exiting the church. In fact, officially we are currently not supposed to have more than 60 people in the church at any one time without fire-marshalls present. It is impossible to observe that at present but it is possible to address the reasons why the limit is so low.

Our parish vision statement speaks of finding new ways of taking God's love to the world. Many parishioners have already begun to address this on a personal level. As a parish we have also considered how our facilities might be used to serve the needs of the wider community. Our weekly night shelter is

one example of this, the monthly lunch club is another good example. Soon we will be starting a craft group which we hope will be attractive cross-generationally but especially to the isolated and their carers.

A committed group of parishioners has been preparing for our bi-centenary and we would now like to engage you all in a wider consultation. As a guiding principle for our work we have taken three themes: *Treasuring the Past; Opening Doors; Changing Lives*. We would like to explain to you what we are thinking and to hear your responses so that we can take them into consideration. One of the ways we will do this is through a series of "At Home" events: In late January/early February, a number of our parishioners will be

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hosting small group events in their homes to start a conversation and share ideas about the vision for the future of this beautiful church. Watch for an email via ChurchSuite asking you to choose a date to suit you. If you are not registered on ChurchSuite, email or phone Lizzie Long for all the details: longlizzie@hotmail.com or 07818 401735.

As our project develops we will very much appreciate any help you can give

us, particularly if you have experience of grant applications, community consultations or project management.

We are very grateful to those parishioners who have offered to host an "At Home" evening for us. If you would like to host an "At Home" for fifteen to twenty-five parishioners please contact Lizzie at the address above. She would love to hear from you!

Richmond Irish Network Presents
St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance
Friday 13th March 2020

Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club in Richmond, Surrey

Supporting the local charities - Home Start & The Otakar Kraus Music Trust.

Tickets are £75 per head which includes reception drinks, a three course meal, half a bottle of wine and live entertainment or £750 for a table of 10. To secure your tickets and add any dietary requirements please go to the following link:

<http://buytickets.at/richmondirishnetwork/308321> .

Enquires to seamusjoyce@yahoo.co.uk or 07969 065009.

Help Needed

Once again this year we will have a group of young adults from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students who will help us run a short Lent Mission in the parish. Currently the plan is for there to be sixteen students who will be with us from Sunday 15th until Sunday 21st March. We need help two sorts of help. First of all, accommodation: we would like to accommodate the students in pairs. Could you put up two missionaries for a week? Secondly, we need to feed them. Could you help prepare simple meals that we could serve them? Please contact the parish office if you can help: richmond@rcaos.org.uk

Save the Date: Leadership Day

Do you help look after some area of parish life? We are very keen to improve communication and the support we offer and we would like to invite you to a Leadership Day in the crypt on Saturday 1st February from 10am until 12 noon. Please let us know if you can attend.

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Creative Community Group

Save the Date: Friday January 24th
10:30 - 12:30 (after morning Mass)

Please join us in the crypt for our creative group 'taster'! Feel free to bring along any art or craft project you might currently be working on or drop in for a cup of tea, a chat and maybe be inspired to learn something new. Absolutely everyone is welcome.

Sunday Morning Coffee Bar

The morning coffee bar in the crypt after the 9.30 Sunday Mass raised £1,106.00 for CAFOD in 2019. Many thanks to all our happy customers. We are still looking for a couple more volunteers to serve, once every 5 or 6 weeks on average.

Loretto Praise & Worship Night

This evening after the 5.30pm Mass we have a special Praise & Worship Night here at St Elizabeth's. Starting in the crypt at 6.30pm, there will be a time of praise and worship, a period of Eucharistic Adoration, and a talk on "Does God have a purpose for me?" All welcome.

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 interested in such a course please let us know. You can email us at richmond@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

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 baptism or a wedding.

Thank You

Thank you for your offering last

Gift Aid	£195.50
Not Gift Aid	£777.79
Total:	£973.29

week which came to:

As you leave the church today there will be a second collection to enable us to continue providing a meal for the homeless guests at our parish night shelter.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	100
Sun. 9.30am	120
Sun. 11.00am	97
Sun. 5.30pm	143
Total:	460

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday 5:30pm **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Holy Souls

Sunday 9:30am Pro Populo
11:00am Alberto O'Brien RIP
5:30pm Sylvia Moyles RIP

Monday 9.00am **Feria**
Goodhart Family Intention

Tuesday 9.00am **St Agnes**
Michael O'Brien RIP

Wednesday 9.00am **Feria**
Holy Souls

Thursday 7.00pm **Feria**
Amelia Ryan RIP

Friday 10.00am **St Francis de Sales**
Michael Faherty

Saturday 5:30pm **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Elizabeth Doughty RIP

Sunday 9:30am Fr Martin Joseph O'Brien RIP
11:00am Pro Populo
5:30pm Richard Grady RIP

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.

Also please pray for all those mentioned in the Parish Prayer Book.

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

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