



CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL
Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of the Year

9th February 2020

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The Hanging Lamp



Recently, as we consider applying for grants to restore the church and provide better access to the crypt, we have learned more about the Folk Club that used to meet weekly in the parish. The club was so significant that it was compared to the Cavern in Liverpool. In the late 1960s the BBC 2

programme *One Man's Week* was shot there, and it was also the place where British folk singer John Martyn was discovered. A live recording of John Martyn in the crypt was released in 1972. Elvis Costello (*Oliver's Army*), a regular visitor and performer, recounts how he first played publicly at

the club. Ian Shircore, Clive James, Ralph McTell (*Streets of London*), and Al Stewart (*Year of the Cat*), were among the many (now) famous regulars at the club. The photo above shows a young Al Stewart playing in the crypt and, indeed, the eponymous Hanging Lamp itself.

Parish Life & News

Help Needed with our Lent Mission

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:

	Needed	Offered	Outstanding
Accommodation	16 beds	8	8
Lunches	7 days	0	7
Suppers	6 days	1	5

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? It would be good to have a rota of people each taking one meal.

Please contact the parish office if you can help: richmond@rcaos.org.uk

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals will be at the parish until 11am on Sunday 23rd February. Please put leave donations of clothing in tied black sacks that morning before 11am or the evening before. Please note: the parish **WILL NOT** accept donations at other times as we are unable to store them.

Nursery Places at St Elizabeth's School

St. Elizabeth's Nursery is able to offer a limited number of 30 hours free childcare spaces from September 2020. Eligibility for 30 hours can be found at <http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. Parents need to register with the government to be issued with a code. **Applications to St. Elizabeth's Nursery should be in by 21st February 2020.** There is a link to St. Elizabeth's Nursery on St Elizabeth's Primary School website where an application form can be downloaded.

Introductory Course on the Catholic Faith

On Tuesday at 7.30pm we continue our course on the Catholic Faith - a sort of *Basic Guide to Catholicism*. It is for anyone wanting to learn more about the faith, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, adults wishing to be received into the church, and Catholics who are simply looking for a refresher course. We will run every Tuesday evening until just after Easter. This week's topic:

Tuesday 11th February:

The Fall and Promise of Redemption

NB: This week we will meet in the presbytery. Please come to the parish office.

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New Votive Candle System

Each year our annual Health & Safety inspection raises a concern about the safety of our votive candle stands. Recently a parishioner spotted that the stand had caught fire and we were able to extinguish it before serious damage occurred. Other churches in the diocese have not always been so lucky. Even worse, before Christmas a child carrying a lighted candle in Addiscombe parish set fire to herself and was badly badly burned. With all these warnings, were we to have a fire or injury caused by the votive candles, not only would our insurance be invalidated but I would be held to have been negligent and personally liable.

From next week, therefore, we intend to trial a new votive candle system in the Lady Chapel. This offers the distinct advantage of safely extinguishing candles in water after burning thus

reducing the risk of fire. Unfortunately the unit cost of the candles is much higher and we will need to ask for a minimum donation of 50p per candle. Also, no system is perfect, and so we ask parents not to allow children to light the candles. Please light and place them on the stand for your children.

Loretto Praise & Worship Night

After the 5.30pm Mass we have a weekly Praise & Worship Night in the crypt. From 6.30pm, there will be a time of praise and worship, a period of Eucharistic Adoration, and a short talk on the Adventure of Discipleship.

Bible Study

The Bible Study Group meets in the presbytery at 8.30am on Friday mornings to study St Mark's gospel.

Gallup ME25 Survey

This month Gallup is carrying out a survey of parish engagement. We ask you to complete the survey either online or by completing one of the sheets at Mass. Either way the survey is completely anonymous. The link to the online survey is:

<https://survey.gallup.com/stelizabethportugaluk>

Please note: the demographic question D6 asks about highest level of education. For "High School" please read A levels or equivalent; for "College" please read university.

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	£272.00
Not Gift Aid	£610.65
Total:	£882.65

Racial Justice Second Collection: This week there will be a second collection for Racial Justice. This collection supports the Catholic Church in promoting racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society.

Mass Attendance Last Week:

Sat. 5:30pm	107
Sun. 9.30am	136
Sun. 11.00am	96
Sun. 5.30pm	133
Total:	472

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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lani Vera Japlit RIP

Sonya Birrell RIP

Pro Populo

Christine Barnes RIP

Saint Scholastica

Beatrice Beasley RIP

Feria

Fr Martin Joseph O'Brien RIP

Feria

Audrey Hough RIP

Feria

Holy Souls

Saints Cyril and Methodius

Michael O'Brien

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thanksgiving

Eileen O'Hara RIP

Kathleen Morrison RIP

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.

Also please pray for all those mentioned in the Parish Prayer Book at the back of the Church.

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

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