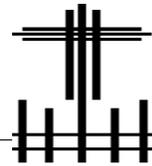


St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes

8th Sunday of Year A. February 26, 2017



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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and the start of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence.

Masses are on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, and on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. (I have two Masses in St. Paul's school during the morning).



Lent Project

Please take a cardboard beaker home with you. Put it on an accessible window-sill and bring it back at Easter—full of cash as your Lenten gift to the food bank.

Next weekend

We have another guest speaker: Deborah Purfield, the CAFOD Manager for the diocese.



Welcome

We welcome Mr John Marshall to both Masses. He is here to talk about the food bank, which will be our Lent project.

Pastoral Letter

It's a complicated weekend! There's a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Peter for Lent—and we also have a guest speaker!

I've photocopied the pastoral. Please take a copy and read it.

Wine tasting evening

... with a little cheese to help bring out the flavour. Its this Saturday night..

February soup

Next Friday is the first of the month and so its lunch-time soup day.

Note: Its also Womens' World Day of Prayer, so the soup kitchen won't open until 12. 30. Go on—add a little soup to your Lent.

Family Prayer

Copies of the Lent Sunday Evening Prayer for families are on the foyer table. The reflections and activities follow the theme of the Sunday gospels. Please take a copy if you are a family.

Your offering: February 1

1st: £ 530. 20

2nd: £62. 68

Thank you.

Weekend Masses: Sat. 6pm: Sun. 9.30am. Weekday Mass (in the chapel): Tuesday, 7.30pm. Wednesday to Friday: 9.30am. Reconciliation: Sat. 5.15-5.45pm and by appointment.

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Celebration 17



During Lent we shall have stations of the cross at 5.15pm on a Saturday evening — to which everyone is welcome.

Sheila will lead, and we shall use, at first, the reflections I wrote for our own way of the cross. You can leave after the stations if you wish to attend Mass on Sunday.

Lent Penitential Service

As usual it will be on the Monday of Holy Week, at 7.30pm. And I must make it last long than the Christmas one!

Dismay

I was deeply dismayed last Sunday morning when I got to the bottom of the aisle during the final hymn and discovered a significant number of people exploring the pile of sad old books in the foyer.

- ◇ Why were you in the foyer when there were plenty of empty seats in the church?
- ◇ Why did you choose to ignore the Mass, which was still going on?

Sacrament of the sick

Bishop Peter and sundry concelebrants will be here on Tuesday, March 28 for our annual Mass of anointing of the sick. (We missed it last year because he did a penitential service instead). Anyone who wishes may be anointed, but I select those the bishop will anoint.

Application forms have gone out for Celebration '17. If you didn't get one just ask me. Anyone in school year 6 is eligible... up to those who have just finished Year 13. This is the fortieth year and I would be over the moon if we had a big crowd.

I'm presuming that Thornton is available this year, so we have access to pool, sports hall and lawns.

Friday, August 25-Monday, August 28. £45.

Emails

Please ignore any pleading emails you receive from parishioners penniless abroad. I had one from a very well known parish couple, asking for cash for serious surgery to a relative. At least I got four emailed kisses from the missus.

The Vine

The March issue is now available. Please take a copy. There are two beauties on the front page!

Have a lovely Lent!