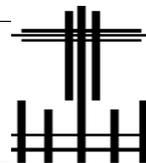


St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes



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Offertory boxes 2017-2018

The new offertory boxes begin next weekend and they are now available for collection. (That's almost a pun). Please wait to be served. Don't help yourself. Ask for the numbered box you had this year. Don't take a box and run. We must have a record of who has what. And may I encourage those who don't use an offertory box to ask for one, or to arrange a Standing Order.

Marriage Care

A speaker will be at both Masses outlining the help they are able to give couples whose relationship is in trouble.

Minamoto

I have a prayer book in Shona which was left in the church. If its yours, please reclaim it, but beware of the contents. There is a very small section in English entitled 'Holly Mass prayers'. (This is not a typing error)!



Macmillan

The annual coffee morning for the Macmillan cancer nurses is on Friday, 10.15- noon



Confirmation

Do we need Confirmation in 2018? Sign up on the notice board if you are interested. All candidates must be in school year 8, or older. They must also be weekly Mass attenders.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Sunday, 5-6pm

Harvest Festival

Its next Sunday. We invite you to bring some fresh produce (not in tins) for sale. All income will be passed to a charity.

Funeral Fiends

I'm being bombarded by calls from TV and newspapers all wanting information about the lady from St. Ethelbert's, Slough, who attends every funeral. Curious story. Curious sense of what is important news!

Your offering: September 17

1st: £ 453. 31

2nd: £57. 44

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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First Communion enrolment

9. 30 am Mass, next Sunday, October 1. We expect all candidates and parents to attend.

On your own

Today is the deadline for all documents relating to the Rome trip. My thanks to the parents who have supplied them. A few parents haven't. You're on your own now. Its up to you to sort out the mess.

Fatima

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima, crowned in Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal Nichols to mark the centenary year will be in Northampton cathedral on Saturday and Sunday, along with relics of the recently canonised youngsters.

At noon on Sunday there will be veneration of the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco followed by Fatima devotions, the rosary and reflection on the glorious mysteries. Enrolment and investiture in the Brown Scapular will follow.

It then says at 12. 15 (Whiz-kids)) there will be a farewell prayer and the Salve Regina. The statue will then be processed out of the cathedral by the Knights of St. Columba for local parish visits.



NEDZ

We are losing some of our teenage leaders to university and kangaroo tracking. Can anyone help, on a rota basis?

Streaming

Big events in the cathedral will now be streamed on the internet. The first Mass to be streamed will be the Memorial Mass for Mgr Peter Hocken at noon on Monday. Listings of future streamings will appear on the diocesan website.

<http://www.churchservices.tv/northamptoncathedral>

Why can't they have sensible addresses?

Craft Group: Monday morning. I'm out from 10.30

A reminder

Please remember to remain silent in the chapel before Mass. After Mass remember that some parishioners may want a time of quiet prayer, so move out before you start a conversation.

Clear-out

I'm looking for some kindly person to move stuff out of my reception room, and bring in a book case from the sacristy. (And I no longer have to rush off).

Thornton

Congratulations to the community at Thornton. On Wednesday they filled the cathedral to mark the centenary of the foundation of the school by Mother St. Clare in 1917.

Youthy stuff

The 'Group that has no name yet' will meet for the first time on October 20. The group is for youngsters in school years 6-8. It will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30 -9.00pm, follow Nymo's TREK programme of discussion on what it means to be a Catholic and how we differ from other Christian Traditions. Food and drink provided. Cost: £2 per session. Leaders will be Yvonne Lewis, Elisa McCarthy, Gill Rigby. One of the first challenges is to agree on a name. EDZ?

More youthy stuff

The diocesan youth team wants to run a training programme here for anyone working with young people. The first two will be on October 4 and 18, presumably at 7.30pm. Come along if you are interested. You won't be conned into running any of our groups.