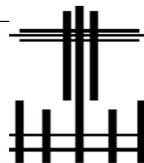


# St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes



Advent 1: Year B: December 3, 2017



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## Liturgy

Today we begin the season of Advent. The liturgy, including the opening items, is overleaf.

## Catholic schools

Bishop Peter has written to all parishes saying there is a problem with schools. The law requires that only 50% of over-subscribed places in a Catholic school may be allocated to Catholics. So no new Catholic schools are being built. The government acknowledges that the law discriminates against Catholics. The Prime Minister wants the 'cap' removed, and the Conservative party manifesto promised to do it.

But the Secretary of State for Education may be about to reverse this policy. If she does it will rob Catholic parents of the right to give their children a Catholic education, and of the children to receive one. 'We need you to make your voice heard', says Bishop Peter. 'We need you to tell the government not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics'. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

## Guess the weight of the cake

Bob Farrell made the best guess at the weight of Sheila's Christmas cake.



## Latecomers

Please be here for the start of Mass. If you are late wait in the foyer until a break in the proceedings, come into the church and **sit only on the back row on the right**. Don't walk round the church looking for a seat. It disrupts the sacred liturgy.

## Confirmation

I was misreading the notice! We don't have sufficient youngsters for Confirmation, so I'm deferring it for at least one year.

## St. Paul's theology lecture

St. Paul's Thinking theology lecture: How my faith took me to prison: Chris Cole, Monday December 4 7pm school-chapel

## Christmas Penitential Service

Monday, December 18, 7.30pm. The easy way to come clean.

## Christmas Church Clean

Send those cobwebs flying. Saturday, December 16, 10.00am

## Christmas flowers

Would anyone like to donate a poinsettia for our Christmas decorations—or indeed make a financial donation. Have a word with Pat Partridge or Tina Hand.

And would anyone like to donate a Christmas tree?

## Your offering: November 19

1st: £ 401. 02

2nd: £80. 45:

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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### Advent Family Prayer Books

Advent begins next Sunday. The usual booklets of family evening prayer for the Sundays of Advent are available on the foyer table. Please take one.



### The Vine

The December issue is now available in the foyer. There a large feature on our Rome trip and another large feature on the parish trip to Westminster abbey. Plus a parish priest who is very close to a police woman!

### Advent Project

This year we shall continue our usual Advent project, inviting you to bring in items of long-life food, which we shall then take to the Food Bank.

### Rome Reunion

Early in the New Year we shall organise a Re-union for the Rome group. It will give you a chance to show off your photos and elaborate your stories.

## Liturgy: Sunday 1 of Advent

### Opening dialogue

**Priest:** He is a light shining in the dark

**Everyone:** A light the darkness cannot overcome.

**Priest:** He is hope for a world in despair

**Everyone:** The Lord who comes to save us.

**Priest:** Let all God's people cry out

**Everyone:** Come, Lord Jesus; come again.

### Processional song

N.64

### Penitential rite

**Choir:** kyrie eleison

**Everyone:** kyrie eleison

**Choir:** Christe eleison

**Everyone:** Christe eleison

**Choir:** kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison

**Everyone:** kyrie eleison (3)

### Psalm

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### Gospel greeting

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

### Prayer of the Faithful

Hymn book N88

### Preparation of gifts

Hymn book N. 609

### Holy, holy.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

They are full, heaven and earth, of your glory

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

### Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world

For by your cross and resurrection

You have set us free.

### Doxology

Priest: Through him, with him and in him....

.....for ever and ever.

Everyone: Amen. Alleluia. For ever and ever. For ever, alleluia. For ever and ever, amen.

### Communion chant

Jesus Christ, bread of life, fill us with your love.

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, fill us with your peace.

### Communion procession

Hymn book 792

### Final hymn

N 116