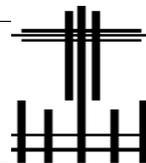


# St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes



December 31, 2017: Holy Family

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## Feast of the Holy Family

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## Thank you

For your Christmas offering, cards, gifts and good wishes. Thank you even more for all your support in 2017.



## Happy New Year

2018 starts tomorrow. The usual new year poster to stick above your front door (inside) is on the foyer table, along with a prayer card to accompany its installation.

## Events meeting

January 17 to look at events for 2018, at 7.30pm. Anyone else want to join the group?

## Rome Reunion

We are hoping to see everyone who was in the group. Bring your family for a cost-free pizza evening. And if you have lots of interesting photos bring them along too. **Saturday, January 13.7.15pm**



## 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.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Sunday evening, January 7. 5.00-6.00pm

## Christmas tree

My thanks to Natalie, Andrew, Oliver and Luke Settle for the magnificent Christmas tree. My thanks also to those who decorated it so nicely. And as ever my thanks to Des Conway for the herculean task of setting up the crib.

## Celebration '18

The dates for Celebration this year are August 24-27. So don't be booking your fortnight in Skegness during those dates.

## Is it you?

Are you the phantom bidding prayer nicker? The copy of the Advent bidding prayers has disappeared twice from the lectern.

## Soggy car park

Four corner drains in the car park are blocked. Anyone fancy having a go at them?

## More thanks

This time to Martin for clearing the leaves in the car park.

## Your offering: December 24

1st: £278. 50

2nd: £68.60

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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### God bless Spanish banks

Santander told me just before Christmas that they are about to pay £1,500 into our bank account. That's our generous reward for having three employees running the Christmas Fayre.

### Christmas raffle prizes

A number of prizes haven't been collected. If they are not claimed within the next two weeks we shall re-cycle them.

### This week's freebies

The new year 'banner'. The Bavarians say that CMB indicates the three wise men. In fact it stands for 'Christus mansionem benedicat' - may Christ bless this home. There is with it a leaflet of new year prayers.

Also available is a very nice icon, produced by the organisers of the papal family 'do' in Dublin next summer.

### Epiphany

Next Sunday is the feast of the epiphany. If the feast falls on a Friday or Monday it is transferred to the Sunday.

### More thanks

... to Valerie Murray for the music stands in memory of Michael; to the music group for their sterling efforts over Christmas; to the flower arrangers and to John and his Christmas Choristers.

## Feast of the Holy Family

### Bidding Prayers

#### Priest

We pray to the Master who lets His servants go in peace.

#### Reader

For those in our community who reflect Mary and Joseph; the parents, step-parents, foster parents and grandparents; for all who have the care of a child..

#### Everyone

May your favour be with them, Lord.

#### Reader

For those among us who reflect the Christ-child; for the newborn and the infant; for children whose background is troubled and whose well-being is at risk; for children whose talents are not recognised and whose depths are never valued.

#### Everyone

May your favour be with them, Lord.

#### Reader

For the Simeons of our community; for the elderly and neglected; for the quiet saints; for those who are holy of heart and content to wait in the shadows; for those with a life-time of

wisdom and experience to offer.

#### Everyone

May your favour be with them, Lord.

#### Reader

For those who reflect Anna in our community; for those who have lost their loved one; for the prophets who show us God's word and way; for those who reverence the hidden good in another; for those whose eyes and whose days are filled with the love of God.

#### Everyone

May your favour be with them, Lord.

#### Priest

Lord, may we do for them all that they deserve and all that you require.

#### Everyone

So that our homes may be filled with the wisdom of your favour and that each of us may grow to maturity with Jesus your son.