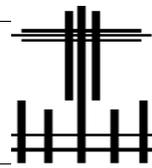


St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes



Advent 3: Year B: December 17, 2017

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Liturgy

The liturgy, including the opening items, is overleaf.

9. 30 Mass: December 17

We have the Christmas raffle after Mass. And there are posh refreshments.

Thank you

My thanks for a gift of £500 to St. Edward's.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This Sunday evening, December 17. 5.00-6.00pm

Volunteers for the nick

HMP Woodhill needs volunteers. Duties may include welcoming families into the Visitors' Centre, supporting the children in the play area, and working in the tea bar. Interviews will be held in the new year. Email emma.oconnor@prisonadvice.org.uk

Events meeting

January 10, to look at events for 2018. Anyone else want to join the group?

Christmas flowers

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

Cards with the Christmas service times are on the foyer table. Christmas Eve 8pm (Carols from 7.30). Christmas Day 9.30am

And take an invitation card for non-Catholic members of the family.

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.

Christmas help needed

The weekend rota don't operate for the Christmas Masses. So I need volunteer readers, Ministers and altar servers. Please leave a thumbprint or a signature on the sheets on the noticeboard. I always say 'Please don't leave it until the last minute'. Is everyone listening?

My thanks to Albert Tanti, who miraculously repaired my chair castor.

The usual gentle reminder

By revered tradition in the diocese of Northampton the Christmas collection is your gift to your priest (and his bank manager).

Christmas Penitential Service

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

Advent Project

This year we continue our usual Advent project, inviting you to bring in items of long-life food, which we shall then take to the Food Bank. I've already had a letter of thanks from the Boss-Lady.

Your offering: December 10

1st: £227. 83

2nd: £62. 25

Snow stopped play!

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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Newcomers

Beware of predictions about Christmas Masses! However, the usual pattern in the past is that there isn't room to breathe at 8pm Christmas eve, (and you may not get a seat) but there isn't a crush on Christmas day.

Remember, remember

On Christmas Eve John Lane and his choristers lead carol singing and do their party pieces from 7.30pm. I hope they will finish at 7.55 prompt so that the Eucharist of the Lord's Nativity is seen to be a separate event.

Liturgy: Sundays 3 & 4 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: verses 9-12: Sunday 4: 13-16

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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Response:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,

And give us your saving grace.

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 hymn book 88

Preparation of gifts

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices

My God for ever he will be. Bless his holy name.

He looks upon me his servant,

Looks on me in my lowliness.

He works marvels for me.

Henceforth all ages call me blessed.

He scatters the proud-hearted,

Casts the mighty from their thrones.

His mighty arm before me

In strength he raises the lowly, raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with plenty

But empty sends the rich away

From age to age his mercy

The mercy promised us for ever, promised for ever.

Offertory: December 24

Hymn 113

Holy, holy.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini,

hosanna in excelsis.

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.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis (2)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Communion chant

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

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

December 24

This is the Body of Christ, broken that we may be whole.

This cup as promised by God, true to his word cradles

our Lord, food for the good of the soul.

Communion procession

Hymn book 883

December 24: 649

Final hymn

N 112: verses 2,3,4.

December 24: N. 112 verses 1,5,6,7