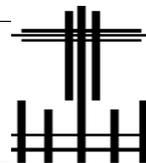


# St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes



January 14, 2018, Epiphany



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## Peace Sunday

Today is the annual Peace Sunday. We have no organisation in St. Edward's which helps us to reflect on world and national justice. (A subject at the top of Pope Francis' agenda).

Does anyone fancy starting a Pax Christi Group or a Justice & Peace Group?

## CAFOD

And talking of Justice & Peace there is a CAFOD supporters day coming up: Woburn Sands February 3:10am -2.30pm. Bring a shared lunch. Let Debbie know if you are going.

## Soggy car park

My thanks to the two intrepid drain cleaners, Anne & Kevin Cody. It was inevitable, I suppose, that they should discover a tree growing inside one of the drainage pipes. That could involve digging a large hole in the tarmac!

## First Communion programme

There's a meeting for parents who have children in the current programme: Tuesday, January 23, 6.15pm.

We expect at least one parent from each family to attend the meeting.

## 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.

## Weekday Mass

There is none here on Friday.

## Visiting Priest

A missionary priest, Fr Donie O'Connor, will be here next weekend. Its not an appeal. He just wants to talk about the red APF (mission) boxes. My thanks to Mary & Vijay Fernando for hosting him. Mary is the Parish APF Co-ordinator.

## Events meeting

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

## Altar Servers

We are running short of altar servers. I need females and males in school year 4 or older at both Masses, but especially on Saturday night.

Sign up on the notice-board.



## Your offering: December January 7

1st: £389.46

2nd: £64. 31

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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### Christmas raffle prizes

A number of prizes haven't been collected. If they are not claimed today we shall recycle them (especially the bottled ones).

### Celebration '18

Invitations have now gone out to all who are eligible from last year's Celebration. I want the completed forms back by the start of half term



All Mass-attenders from school year 6 to the end of 6th form are invited to our unique Bank Holiday weekend of religious discussion and games, now in its 41st year. If you don't receive an invitation in the post stop me and ask for one.

And for those who haven't yet realised: Ash Wednesday is on February 14, which is more usually known as St. Valentine's day!

It gets even worse. Easter Sunday falls on All Fools Day.

### ~~Nedz~~ Nedz and Neddies

If you like NEDZ join EDZ (Year 6 +) on third Fridays. We meet on Friday January 19, 7.30pm and every third Friday of the month after that. Free entry, and snacks/nibbles available for purchase. Hope to see you there.

### Sunday refreshments

May I appeal again for parishioners to volunteer to provide tea & coffee after Sunday Mass. It is a terrible comment on our parish when visitors see that there aren't any refreshments.

### Eucharistic Ministers

I have appointed four new Eucharistic Ministers for the 6pm Mass. (See if you can guess who they are). I think we need a few extra for the 9.30 Mass as well.

There will be a training session for new ministers on **January 28, from 3-4pm** (although we probably won't need that long).

### Diocesan Directory

The 2018 Diocesan Directory is now available. It gives you all the diocesan information you might need like 'Who is the new parish priest of Daventry'? Its on sale on the newspaper shelf at cost price; £3.50p.