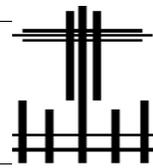


St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes



January 21, 2018, Epiphany



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Welcome

...to Fr Donie O'Connor, who is here to talk about the APF (little red) boxes, and the vital job they do. (Two boxes haven't been picked up since the last collection)..

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.

Rome Reunion

A very pleasant evening last Saturday. My thanks to the team leaders for getting it all together and, of course, to Andrew, for his guided tour of the pictures.



Weekday Mass

As usual this week.

CAFOD

There is a CAFOD supporters day coming up: Woburn Sands February 3:10am -2.30pm. Bring a shared lunch. Let Debbie Purfield know if you are going. (01844-274723: Northampton@cafod.org.uk)

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.

Co-ordinators

Our next meeting is on Monday, January 29, 7.30pm. I will email you an agenda.

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. So far I've had no offers. That seriously troubles me.



Hospital

For regular visits to a patient, or in an emergency, you need to contact the hospital chaplain. He is Fr Lijo Payikkattu (ask Vijay to polish your pronunciation) on 01908-221228

Spirituality

I understand that some of you, (but not me) have had an email from a lady who withdrew from St. Edward's with her family some time ago. She is promoting a Marian event in London. I don't think this is how we should communicate in a parish community. Her initiative does not have my approval

Your offering: December January 14

1st: £477.27

2nd: £92.58

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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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.

I can't dump this box without losing the top one too!



Dancing girls

Lent starts in four weeks time. Do we have any younger girls willing to do the weekly procession with the gospel book?

Rotas

We sometimes aren't very good at turning up when we are on the rota for reading or ministering. If you can't be here, please try to arrange a substitute.

I remind everyone to check the names on the board by the swing doors. If your name is there, take it down, and then we know that you are here.

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.

Friday Lunch

There is no lunch on the first Friday of February because Sheila is away. However, there will be a lunch on each day of Lent. At Sheila's request the proceeds will be split between the parish Lent project and CAFOD.