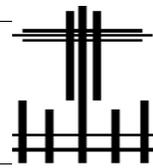


St. Edward The Confessor, Milton Keynes



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Eucharistic Ministers

Congratulations to Margaret Foston, Elizabeth and David O'Brien and Michael Yeates whom I have appointed as Ministers for the 6pm Mass.

I remind you that all ministers are specifically for this time and this place. If they live away they shouldn't minister here when they come back. Nor may they minister anywhere else without the specific permission of the parish priest.

Anything spare?

The co-ordinators suggest that if you have edible stuff to spare, such as biscuits or cakes, you might drop them in for use on a Sunday morning.

Sunday refreshments

Thanks to a donation we now have two machines which make posh coffee, rather than the instant stuff. Next Sunday, after Mass, Des Conway will demonstrate their use to everyone who is on the refreshments rota.

Gluten free

If you have to watch your diet with great care be aware that you can have Holy Communion with a gluten free host. If you don't fancy that, use the chalice as an alternative.

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.

Co-ordinators

Thank you for a challenging meeting last Monday. Our next meeting is on April 16, 7.30pm

Altar servers' training

We begin next Monday evening, February 12, 6-7pm. Serena will again do the honours. Normally it takes three sessions, but if you are bright it could take less.



Lent Project

This year we will support the Milton Keynes YMCA (Young men's Christian Association). The city centre building is to be demolished, and a new centre built in 2019. They have the cash to build, but they need money to furnish the building. It will cost £2,500 to furnish each room and maintain it for 5 years. We shall use our Lenten project to attempt to fund one room. The charity helps to develop young homeless people until they have a healthy sense of well-being and are in suitable accommodation and employment. One of their team will talk at the Masses in a couple of week's time.

There is **no** Exposition this Sunday evening and there is no Mass here on Wednesday morning.

Your offering: January 21

1st: £333.98

2nd: £89.91

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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What about all those youngsters who wouldn't dream of a bank holiday weekend of religious education? I dare you—break the mould.



Dancing girls

Lent starts in two weeks time. Do we have any younger girls willing to do the weekly procession with the gospel book? Have a word with Bernadette Lane, or with me.

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.

Youth Ministry

All our initiatives with young parishioners are getting a negative response. So I'm inviting all parishioners working with our young people, and anyone who has an interest, to a review meeting: Monday February 19, 7.30 I hope we can review the situation and find some solutions.

Coming up

...A quiz and fish and chip night & raffle night, February 24, 7.15pm. Sign up for quiz and food. Bring your own drinks.

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

The Vine

The February issue of The Vine is available . Go on, break the habit ,and take one.

Craft group

Meet here at 10.30 on Monday morning.

Margaret Daines RIP

The Requiem Mass for Margaret will be here on Tuesday February 20 at 10.30am.

Spirituality in Lent

The co-ordinators agreed to accept an invitation to us to pioneer a new diocesan spirituality course for Lent entitled 'Progress in Prayer'. Its online, with a parish discussion or an online discussion, or no discussion if you don't fancy it. You can dip in and out at your convenience. I will give you more information next weekend.