

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

7th to 15th September 2024

Sat 7th Sept

10am to 10:45am Confessions
6pm Mass: *Pasquale Facchiano, anniv.*

Sun 8th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *Donato Aceto (RIP)*
5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 10th Sept

6:30pm Mass: *Vince, Joanna and deceased members of the Grassi family*

Wed 11th Sept

10am Mass: *Thanksgiving for the birth of a baby boy*
10:30am Rosary - *For Peace in the World*
7pm Liturgy Group Meeting

Thu 12th Sept

10am Mass: *For peace in the Ukraine and the Holy Land*
7pm Day One. Prayer workshop.

Friday 13th Sept Saint John Chrysostom

11am to 11:45am Adoration and Confessions
12 noon Mass:

Sat 14th Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10am to 10:45am Confessions
6pm Mass:

Sun 15th Sept 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *Papa Benedict and Afanwi Pacelis, anniv*
5pm Kerala Mass

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

We are having another one of our parish's quiz nights with Fish & Chips supper in the Church Hall on Saturday 14th September starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10, bring your own drink. Teams of up to eight people. For tickets see Rachel Kirkham or contact her on 314093 after 6pm.

THE PARISH FORUM

Takes place this Sunday 8th September at about 12 noon.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On the Sunday 29th September we are hosting a MacMillan coffee morning in the church hall from 9 am to 1 pm. All welcome and any donation of cakes etc are very welcome, give donations to Marion or Michael please.

DAY ONE. WORKSHOPS IN PRAYER.

Fr Richard is leading prayer workshops for beginners on Thursday evenings in the PD Room, 7-8pm. The third workshop is this week, 12th September. No prior experience is needed; come as you are.

MAKING OUR CHURCH MORE AVAILABLE AND OPEN DURING THE WEEK

This will be important for the Holy Year that begins in Advent this year. But we should consider how we can develop the reputation of our parish and the accessibility of our beautiful church.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Could you bring your Red Box for John Grogan to empty. Or, if you would like John to come and collect your box, please phone him on 07773712688.

COME & SEE GROUP

This group will restart on Monday 23rd September at 8pm and is for adults seeking to join the Catholic church or make their First Holy Communion or be confirmed. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Richard.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £446.87

LITTLE WAY HEALING OUTREACH DAY

Please join us for part or all of the day at Holy Child & St Joseph's, Bedford, Saturday 14th September. Rosary 10.15 am, Mass starts 10.45 am, individual prayer, praise and teaching led by Fr Laurence Brassill and Mrs Pauline Edwards, concluding at 4 pm. Refreshments provided, please bring packed lunch (lunch around 12.30pm).

DAY IN NORWICH

9am on 8th October leave Elstow Abbey, home about 6pm, cost about £20. We'll visit the Church of St. Julian, and hear about Dame Julian of Norwich. In 14th Century she received messages from God and wrote her book Revelations of Divine Love - the first book written by a woman in English. Then we drive to Norwich Anglican Cathedral and city centre. "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well". Phone Rosemarie 07914 062616.

BEDFORD FOODBANK

Thank you for your continued support. We have already fed 1700 people this month and handed out over 14 tonnes of stock. This our list for September:
Long Life Fruit Juice, Jars of Curry Sauce, Tinned Tuna, Long Life Milk, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Tinned Meat, Jars of Coffee, 100g Bars of Chocolate, Deodorant Shampoo and Tin Openers.

SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust is holding the annual bike ride on Saturday 14th September. Our church is one of many recognised locations on the bike route and we will be enabling cyclists to register their visit on the day. If you would like to participate as a cyclist, more information is available in the parish office.

ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

Alpha is a series of sessions which offer the opportunity to explore faith and life in an informal setting. We begin with food. This is followed by a short video presentation, and then discussion in small groups. One of the things people say most about their experience of Alpha is that they value the new friends they have made there. There is no cost involved. You are invited to take part in the introductory session on Thursday 26th September at 7pm in the parish hall. You can register your interest on a poster at the back of the church, or you can scan this QR Code



SUNDAY MISSALS WITH THE NEW LECTIONARY

Hodder and Stoughton are publishing an edition of this missal for individual use in November. Visit <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sunday-Missal-Sundays-Lectionary-binding/dp/1399822837> for more details and pre-order your copy.

SECOND COLLECTION

14th/15th September
Bishops' Conference - *Evangelii Gaudium*





A prayer for our earth

This prayer by Pope Francis appeared at the end of his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*.
It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.

All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace. Amen