

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

21st to 29th September 2024

Sat 21st Sept Saint Matthew

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Nicholas Brady, birthday*

Sun 22nd Sept 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*

10:30am Mass: *George and Jane Brookes (RIP)*

5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 24th Sept Our Lady of Walsingham

6:30pm Mass:

7:15pm Unlocking the Bible, 1.

Wed 25th Sept

10:30am Requiem Mass

Giuseppe Montanino (RIP)

Thu 26th Sept

10am Mass: *For peace in the Ukraine and the Holy Land*

7pm Alpha Course, Introductory evening.

Friday 27th Sept St Vincent de Paul

11am to 11:45am Adoration and Confessions

12 noon Mass:

7pm Liturgy Group follow-up meeting

Sat 28th Sept

9am to 9:30am Confessions

6pm Mass:

Sun 29th Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*

10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend there is a retiring collection for our parish Grounds Maintenance

The next weekend, 28th /29th September there is a retiring collection to support the work of our parish St Vincent DePaul Conference.

The weekend after, 5th /6th October, there is a retiring collection for CAFOD.

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.

ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

This Thursday at 7pm we begin Alpha in the parish hall. Please invite people to come to the introductory session. We do need to know how many to cater for and any dietary requirements.

You can register to Participate on a poster at the back of the church, or scan this QR Code:



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We plan to host a Children's Liturgy soon at the 10:30am Mass for children in Years 2, 3, and 4. We are going to use the on-line resource 'Mark10Mission', which produces a Gospel presentation for that age group for every Sunday of the year, and which you can check out yourselves. This initiative will be held in the Parish Room next to the sacristy and the adult leaders will take the children through at the start of the Mass, and the group will return into the church before the Offertory. We are keen to know how many children may participate and we invite parents to register your interest with the Liturgy leaders, who will be at the back of the church at the end of the 10:30am Mass.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £659.58
2nd collection Home Missions – £87.09

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. Phone Rosemarie 07914 062616.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 3rd October from 10am & 12 noon London Road Surgery & Cauldwell Medical Centre, with East Bedford Primary Care Network are hosting a drop-in session at Christ the King Church Hall. You will be able to access free support and information (non-medical), or you can just pop in for a chat with one of our attending organisations, or just for a free cup of tea.

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

An engaging journey through the Bible with Jeff Cavins, who sets in relief the big narrative in the Scriptures, which we call the History of Salvation, and round which we see the place of all the various books in the Bible. Each part has a 27-minute video. The introductory session is on Tuesday, 24th September, at 7:15pm in the PD Room. (Finishes at 8pm)

DAY ONE

The Prayer Workshops for beginners have now ended but Fr R is happy to repeat and/or develop these in another series.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10:30AM

You are invited to take these outside the main entrance to the church after the Mass. We are piloting this while we still have good weather so that we can be more ambitious next summer. To better enable this, we ask that only disabled drivers park in the area outside the church doors.

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

We are delighted to announce the date of our open evening, which will take place on Thursday 3rd October 6-8pm. The evening offers families the opportunity to hear from Headteacher Martin Bonner and meet with teaching staff and some of our current students. You will also enjoy a tour of the school. Headteachers talk at 6pm and 7pm.

VIGIL OF THE FEAST OF ST MICHAEL

On Saturday 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Please Invite others to join the day on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1584168772229831/>

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.



PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

A big thank you to all those who helped and attended last Saturday's parish quiz night which raised £237

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Parish Social Committee at 11:45 after Mass on Sunday 6th October in the PD Room. Bring your own refreshments.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2024

Stalls and stall holders needed to enable the parish Christmas Fayre to take place. If you can commit to running a stall on Saturday 30th November contact Rachel Kirkham on 01234 314093 or come to the parish social meeting mentioned in item above.

CHISEN QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th October at 7.30 pm
Christ the King Hall, Harrowden Rd,
Bedford, MK42 0SP
£5--(PLEASE BRING AND SHARE) RAFFLE!
Supporting children with
Special needs in Ghana

FINANCES

Thanks to those who are looking at on-line giving and Standing Orders. The details for this are 'Christ the King Parish'. It will ask you to verify this, so click OK. This is because the name on the account is much longer, but there isn't enough room to fill in the full name. And then the Sort Code 600611, Acct No. 46714332.



SEASON OF CREATION

**Prayer: Take heart, find hope
Creator God,**

**the earth and the poor cry out together,
united in an urgent refrain of damage done.**

**Moved by this call, we implore you, Lord,
take pity and hear our prayer.**

**Embolden world leaders to take action,
to protect your people and restore your earth,
to reimagine the future**

so that all generations may flourish.

**Encourage them to walk in your truth,
guide them in the path we must take.**

**Lead us all to be brave,
take heart, find hope in you,
so that together we may
renew the face of the earth.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer: Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

Christ the King Improvements for the next 3 years

Groups discussed matters which pertain to members of the congregation and those which reflect our living the gospel so that we are an example to our local community of what Christianity means in all our lives.

1. Supporting parents with babies and young children

- Play groups- parent and toddler group
- Improving the children space at the back of the church.
- Install a glass door to reduce noise.
- Potential to stream the mass.
- Sunday school/children's liturgy.

2. First Holy Communion Mass

- Bringing it back to Sundays so that the Children can be supported and welcomed by the whole parish.
- Choir supporting the mass.
- Children empowered to have ownership of the whole liturgy for their mass including readings, singing and offertory.
- Prayer partners

3. A Welcoming Parish

- Welcome new people to the parish and collect their details.
- Plan visitations to new members of the parish by Parish Priest and some Church welcomers.
- Bring Back Birthday celebrations and announcements at the end of mass.
- Working on bringing back Parishioners that have left our parish.
- Continue to engage with the local public through our outreach work.

We should recognise other local faith communities and explore ways in which we communicate and where it is possible to share our faith and the practice of our faith.

4. Supporting our young people

- Teaching and training e.g. how to read/sing
- Youth Group
- Youth Volunteering

5. An engagement Parish

- Have an organised and volunteering culture. We need to be aware that currently the majority of volunteers are over seventy and that it is important to invite more younger people to join parish teams
- Inviting and encouraging more people to support in the parish bringing in their skills, talents and passions in all of our parish life.

6. Fundraising is part of our ministry

If we wish to undertake work within the parish both with the congregation and with the wider community we must recognise that we need to raise the funds to enable it.

There are funds to which we can apply for support but most funders look to community groups to see what fundraising they have undertaken themselves to set them on the path.

7. Improvements to the fabric of the parish facilities

It is clear that there is scope for significant improvements which would be costly and would require significant fundraising but such changes could materially affect what we are able to do going forward.