

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

28th September to 6th October 2024

Sat 28th Sept

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Holy Souls*

Sun 29th Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30am Mass: *Neil McGovern (RIP)*

5pm Kerala Mass

Mon 30th Sept

10:30am Funeral of Immacolata Stamaglia

Tue 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus

6:30pm Mass: *Danny Walsh (RIP)*

7:15pm Unlocking the Bible, 2.

Wed 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels

9 am Mass:

Thu 3rd October

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

7pm Alpha Course

Friday 4th October St Francis of Assisi

No Eucharistic Adoration and Confession today

12 noon Mass: *Annie Sebastian, anniv.*

Sat 5th October St Faustina Kowalska

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *TBA*

Sun 6th October 27th 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 precepts of the Lord
gladden the heart.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend there is a retiring collection
to support the work of our parish's
St Vincent DePaul Conference.

Weekend 5th /6th October, there is a
retiring collection for
CAFOD Family Fast Day.

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.

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.

A black and gold mantilla we left in the
church a couple of weeks ago. The owner
has been looking for it. Have you seen a
mantilla in the church or do you know
where it was then placed?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £568.61

2nd collection Parish Gardening – £150.04

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.

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.

FINANCES

Thanks to those who are looking at on-line
giving and Standing Orders.

The details for this are 'Christ the King
Parish', Sort Code 600611, Acct No.
46714332.

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. Each part has a
27-minute video. The second session is on
Tuesday, 1st October, at 7:15pm in the PD
Room. (Finishes at 8pm.)

CHISEN QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th October at 7.30 pm
Christ the King Hall, Harrowden Rd,
Bedford, MK42 OSP

£5--(PLEASE BRING AND SHARE) RAFFLE!

Supporting children with
Special needs in Ghana

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.

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 you can scan this QR Code



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is the month which has been dedicated by the church, to encourage us all to renew our devotion to Our Mother Mary. The Feast of The Holy Rosary, falls this year on October the seventh and in the words of Pope John Paul II "to recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary, the Face of Christ".

In our very needy world of today there is much to pray for and Prayer with and through Mary, should be a focus for all our Parish family this October.

Our devotions begin this weekend by asking every family in our Parish, to take a prayer card home and to write a simple prayer, placing their thoughts and needs at the feet of Jesus through Mary. You may wish to pray for peace in the world, or for a family member who is ill, ask for help with any problems or just to say Thank you God for the blessings you and your family, may have received. The prayers are personal to you and can be anonymous.

The prayer cards should be returned to the church when you attend Mass and placed in the basket on the Offertory table at the back of the church. All prayers will be taken up at the Offertory, placed before God and then hung on Our Prayer tree, before Mary, for the whole month of October. Mary always listens to the prayers of her children and will place our petitions before, Jesus Christ her son.

Ave Maria Gracia Plena Dominus Tecum Benedicta Tu



SEASON OF CREATION

Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honour, and all blessing,
To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

A Liturgical calendar for October and November 2024

October is month dedicated to the Rosary.

There will be a parish rosary group every Tuesday at 6pm before Mass at 6:30pm
We invite as many people to join as possible.

On Tuesdays 8th and 15th October Father Richard is not available but we hope that Bishop David will permit a service of Communion and the Word.

We recognise that with work and family commitments it isn't always easy to come to such an event so we encourage all our parishioners to make the effort to say the Rosary at home. There are several websites with guidance, most are based in the US but our neighbouring diocese of East Anglia has one – Google “ How to,,, pray the Rosary... Catholic Diocese of East Anglia” and follow the link.

We encourage people to take time before or after Mass to say a prayer to Our Blessed Lady before her statue.

There will be a twig tree (like the one we use at Christmas for the Giving Tree) so that people may attach their prayers – there will be paper and pens for people to write their prayers.

5th & 6th October, the first weekend of the month is also the time of the CAFOD Collection for Family Fast Day and to remember the importance of the Earth as the provider of our food.

This year for the first time we will be able to take card payments as well as cash contributions.

November is the month of remembrance of the dead and there will be envelopes for people to include the names of people they would like remembered so that they can be included in the basket which will be placed in the sanctuary.

Sunday, 24th November is the last Sunday of the year and the Feast of Christ the King.

This is the parish feast day and we hope to mark it with a special Mass at 10.30am on Sunday morning and with a bring and share lunch afterwards.

This year the first Sunday of Advent marks several important events.

It is the first day on which the new lectionary is to be used.

It is also the beginning of the Holy Year to which Pope Francis has given the theme of Pilgrims of Hope and he has singled out both the way in which the world was striven by the pandemic and by the way in which we continue to be embroiled in war in so many countries.

Father Richard has asked that we should bless the parish territory by walking the boundaries section by section.