

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

9th to 17th November 2024

Sat 9th Nov Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10am to 10:45am Confessions
12 noon *Wedding of Mathew and Antonia*
6pm Mass: *Robert and Benoite Houeto, Mesmin and Nestor Houeto, anniv.*

Sun 10th Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *I C Joseph (RIP)*
5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 12th Nov
6:30pm Mass: *Francis Johnson, Anniv.*
7:15pm Unlocking the Bible - 6

Wed 13th Nov Saint Josaphat
10am Mass: *Dead List*
10:30am Rosary
12 noon Funeral *Ann Hudson (RIP)*

Thu 14th Nov
10am Mass: *Dead List*
7pm the Alpha Course

Fri 15th Nov
11am - 11:45am Exposition and Confessions
12 noon Mass: *Dead List*

Sat 16th Nov
10am to 10:45am Confessions
6pm Mass: *Dead List*

Sun 17th Nov 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *Mary Neves (RIP)*
5pm Kerala Mass

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY this weekend

Eternal Rest give unto them O Lord.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

On Sunday 24th November at 11:45am in the PD Room. It is requested that all Christmas Fair stall holders attend this meeting.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

Could you donate bottles for the Bottle Stall? Also, the Christmas Raffle tickets are available; please help to sell these.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MAIN RAFFLE TICKETS

£200 - 1st Prize, £100 - 2nd Prize and £50 - 3rd prize plus many other prizes.

We ask you to sell as many books of tickets amongst your friends and family and return the stubs and monies ASAP. Books are at the back of the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £567.84

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

An engaging journey through the Bible, which sets in relief the big narrative in the Scriptures. Each part has a 27-minute video.

NEW MICROPHONE

We should have this installed soon; it is a replacement to the lectern microphone that became faulty. Could we ask the readers not to adjust the microphone. It is very powerful and will pick you up with ease.

Fr Richard is in possession of an extensive collection of postage stamps and wondered if anyone in the parish could advise him about any outlets in the area where such a collection could be sold.

2024 SHOWBOX APPEAL

Please donate a shoebox filled with gifts to give to a child who may not otherwise have a gift this Christmas. A £5 donation with each box helps to process and ship showboxes right across the world. Boxes will be collected from the 11-18 November 2024. Please bring them to mass and leave them at the back of the church or give them to Lena Johnson or Teresa Williams. Thank you so much for your generosity. Additional information including gift ideas can be found here:



www.SamaritansPaurse.org.uk

NOTE ABOUT THE LATIN MASS

Recently, several people have approached me with questions about the Latin Mass, and I'd like to clarify some points. About nine years ago, the Fraternity of Saint Peter was invited to Christ the King Parish to supply a regular Sunday Latin Mass. (The parish paid the FSSP a supply stipend and the priest's Saturday night accommodation fees during all these years.) Over the years, a dedicated congregation gathered around this tradition within our parish community. However, in late 2023, the relationship with the Fraternity of Saint Peter shifted, leading the Bishop of Northampton to issue a pastoral letter requesting the Fraternity's departure from Christ the King. On July 21, 2024, the Fraternity supplied the Latin Mass here for the last time. It's important to note that the bishop did not ask anyone else to leave the parish, nor did he suggest that the Latin Mass no longer had a place here. Quite the opposite: he asked me to ensure that the Latin Mass continue here and that it be open to all who wish to take part in it. The Sunday Latin Mass at 8:30 am therefore continues without interruption, and we wholeheartedly welcome all who wish to take part. Any other account of this situation is inaccurate. We are here to nurture a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone. Fr Richard.

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT

We will enrol the children whose parents wish to prepare for the First Sacraments at Sunday Masses on 16th/17th November. These families will then become part of our preparation process. Fr R will give the Enrolment Rite to families before the Masses start. Also, we are holding an activity for the group in the church on Saturday 9th November at 3pm (one hour). Parents need to accompany your children for this activity.

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.





HOLY YEAR 2025

In looking to see how we can better celebrate the Holy Year, let us remember these words from Pope Francis' first Encyclical Letter:

“The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door. There are other doors that should not be closed either.

Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself “the door”: baptism. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems.” (Evangelii Gaudium, paragraph 47.)

Ideas, that have been mentioned by parishioners, about how we might celebrate the Holy Year are:

To hold outdoor Carols near Christmas, to hold an outdoor Mass in the good weather, to enable the blessing of individual homes in the parish, to encourage an event for all the Bedford parishes to engage with.

What ideas do you have?