

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

23rd November to 1st December 2024

Sat 23rd Nov

10am to 10:30am Confessions
6pm Mass: *Ashley James O'Regan, anniv.*

**Sun 24th Nov Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *Vince Grassi, Bartolomeo
Ziccardi & Joanna Riveglia*
5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 26th Nov

6:30pm Mass: *For deceased parishioners*
7:15pm Unlocking the Bible 8-

Wed 27th Nov

10am Mass: *Dead List*
10:30am Rosary

Thu 28th Nov

10:30am Requiem Mass: *Jane Attard (RIP)*
7pm the Alpha Course

Fri 29th Nov

11am – 11:45am Adoration and Confessions
12 noon Mass: *Elizabeth Nicholson*

Sat 30th Nov Saint Andrew

10am to 10:30am Confessions
6pm Mass: *Deceased members of the
Elia family*

Sun 1st Dec

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *TBA*
5pm Kerala Mass

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
for Christmas flowers**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

Next Saturday 30th November at 1pm is our annual parish Christmas Fair. Please do come along and support the parish and have a nice afternoon with us. There are lots of stalls and tombolas, also our Main Raffle draw with £200 - 1st Prize, £100 - 2nd Prize and £50 - 3rd prize plus many other lovely prizes. Could you donate bottles for the Bottle Stall? Also, the Christmas Raffle tickets are available; please help to sell these.

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

This Tuesday's session is the last one. This series, by Jeff Cavins, is one of the best introductions to the Scriptures that we have today. He helps us to see the Father's plan of love – which is the whole meaning of the Bible, and then to see the central narrative – and so be in a good position to navigate the Scriptures ourselves. It has been especially rewarding to present this series as we begin to use the New Lectionary.

THE NEW LECTIONARY

Is already in use in the parish; we must use it from the beginning of Advent. The Church asks that the main lectern in the Church be reserved for the Word of God, the preaching and the prayers (Introduction to the Lectionary, para 33.) So, from the First Sunday of Advent we will observe this, and all other addresses, notices, and general announcements will be given from the small lectern.



CONDOLENCES

To the recently bereaved family and friends of

Jane Attard (RIP)

Mary Neves (RIP)

Ann Hudson (RIP)

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP is concerned that some parishioners may not be aware of the help and support it can provide to those struggling to provide food for their families, the elderly who may be lonely, and those with other issues.

If you are aware of anyone you know who might benefit from our help, please contact us via Fr Richard or the contact form on the parish website <https://christthekingbedford.com/svp/> Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION GROUP

We will hold the second children's activity in the church on Saturday 7th December at 3pm, for one hour only. Parents must accompany your children.

It was really lovely, last week, to enrol the children for First Sacraments and to honour them and their families in this way. It was also really good that we were able to establish so many prayer partners with the group. And so, Olivia, Sarah, John, Victor, Victoria, Francesco, Riccardo, Alessandro, Jaxon, Ariana, Mason and Mia; the parish will continue to support you and pray for you as you approach the Sacraments of Forgiveness and the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

A note to parents: as soon as your child is ready for confession, bring him or her to one of the Confession times at the church, or we can make arrangements for another, mutually convenient time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £639.63

JESUS YOUTH

Invites you to join in a special 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph and Holy Child Church, beginning at 3:00 PM on Thursday, 28th November, and concluding at 7:30 AM on Saturday, 31st November. This time of devotion is an opportunity to spend quiet, prayerful moments with the Lord, offering our hearts in adoration and receiving His abundant blessings.

ADVENT ON-LINE RETREAT

On 4 Monday nights at 7:30 – 8:30pm, starting on 25 November, Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent will be leading an on-line retreat called 'Doorways to Grace'. We explore the 4 Holy Doors of Rome and the saints behind them. How we, like them, are being called into a grace filled encounter with Jesus in the coming Jubilee Year. To watch the trailer and to register for the retreat go to <https://northamptondiocese.org/doorway/s/>

LECTERN MICROPHONE

It is recommended that the microphone is not moved, so we ask that readers don't adjust the position of the microphone. The mic is very powerful and will pick up your voice, once you stand at the lectern.



GIVING TREE 2024

As Christmas is fast approaching, our St Vincent DePaul Society (SVP) at Christ The King, will once again be appealing for gifts for the children of needy families, attending our Catholic schools, via our Giving Tree. The tree will be placed in the church from the first week in Advent.

To support this initiative:

1. Please take a LABEL from the GIVING TREE. The label will tell you the age and gender of the child.
2. Wrap your gift and then attach the TREE LABEL securely to your parcel. It is very important that, you only use the label provided on your parcel, as it is coded to ensure that each present goes to the correct child and family.
3. The schools break up for Christmas on Friday the 20th of December this year. However, to ensure that schools have time to deliver the gifts to families before Christmas, please return your donated present placing it in the box near the Giving Tree, by SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2024.

THANK YOU in advance for your wonderful support, on behalf of the children and their families, whose lives will be truly blest by your generosity. Christ the King SVP.

CHISEN FOUNDATION – TEA & COFFEE MORNING

Chisen is holding a tea and coffee morning, with cake, biscuits and a raffle. All proceeds to support children with special needs in Ghana. On Wednesday 4th December 2024 from 10:30am to 1pm at 25 Pemberley Avenue, Bedford, MK40 2LE. Free Entry – All welcome.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Christ’s kingship is rooted in the Church’s teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. “From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures” (Quas primas, 13).

Prayer to Christ the King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.

Amen.

