

Parish of Christ the King



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## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

30<sup>th</sup> November to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Saint Andrew**

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Deceased members of the  
Elia family*

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

10:30am Mass: *Maurice and Maureen  
O'Donnell (RIP)*

5pm Kerala Mass

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec St Francis Xavier**

6:30pm Mass: *Dead List*

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10am Mass: *Dead List*

10:30am Rosary

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10am Mass: *Jennifer, birthday*

7pm the Alpha Course

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

11am – 11:45am Adoration and Confessions

12 noon Mass: *Isabella Gray and family*

7pm – 7:45pm Confessions

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec St Ambrose**

10am to 10:30am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Nat and Marie, Wedding anniv*

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass

### SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

A Big thank you to all those who helped at the parish's Christmas Fair yesterday. The total amount raised will be in next week's newsletter. Check the list at the back of the church to see if you have won a prize on the main raffle.

### FEAST DAY MASS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday 12th December at Holy Child and St Joseph's Church. 7.00 pm Rosary, 7.30 pm Mass. Celebrant Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

### OUTDOORS CAROL SINGING

Monday Dec 9th, meeting at 7pm at St. Michael's Church, Barford Avenue. We are invited to join local friends from St. Michael's and London Road Methodist church. All welcome. "Let us Sing and Make Music to the Lord".

### FIRST COMMUNION GROUP

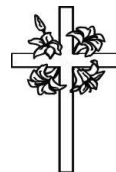
We will hold the second children's activity in the church on Saturday 7th December at 3pm, for one hour only. Parents must accompany your children. A note to parents: as soon as your child is ready for confession, bring him or her to one of the Confession times at the church, or we can make arrangements for another, mutually convenient time.

### 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.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In addition to the other times, Confession will be available on the first two Friday evenings of Advent, 7pm – 7:45pm.



### 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.

### ADVENT ON-LINE RETREAT

Monday 2nd December, 7.30pm

Doorways of Grace, week 2, with Canon John Udris and Avril Baigent. In week 2 of our retreat we turn to the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, exploring the person of Peter, who, despite his moments of failure and betrayal, Jesus loved and made leader of his church.

What might we learn from his life and relationship with the Lord? Find out more and register here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/doorways>

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 from 10:30am to 1pm at 25 Pemberley Avenue, Bedford, MK40 2LE. Free Entry – All welcome.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £457.88  
2<sup>nd</sup> collection Christmas flowers £123.15

### NYMO YOUTH MINISTRY - FLAME 2025

15th March 2025,

OVO Arena, Wembley. Ages 14-25.

The bookings and tickets for Flame 2025 are now live on the NMYO website!

[www.nymo.org/flame-2025](http://www.nymo.org/flame-2025)

Bookings can be purchased by individuals or by a group. There are 2 options for tickets: entrance only tickets (£29) or entrance + transport tickets (£48).

We have a limited number of these early bird tickets available and once they are all sold, prices will increase to £31 for entrance tickets, and £50 for entrance + transport. To secure your places you will need to both submit a booking form, and purchase tickets.

Transport pick up points will be: Northampton, Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Luton, Slough, and High Wycombe.

Contact [NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com) to find out more. Bishop David is looking forward to participating in this event both as our diocesan Bishop and in his national role as chair of the department for evangelisation and discipleship.



### **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.

### **LUX 2025 - LUX. HOPE**

LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11-18 yrs.

5th-7th February, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood.

The theme for LUX this year is Hope in-line with the theme for the Jubilee year. We'll be exploring what Hope means for young people today, using the life and travel of St. Paul to guide us. Bookings are now live on the NYMO website: <https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/>. Included in the cost is accommodation, food, and social activities (e.g. high ropes, inflatable obstacle courses etc). We have a maximum capacity of 60 this year, so make sure you book sooner rather than later to avoid missing out.

Contact [NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com) to find out more.

### **BEDFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

From Wednesday 4 December to Sunday 8 December 2024. Opening times - 10am - 5pm (Sunday 12 noon - 4pm)  
Our parish has a Christmas Tree on display at the festival. This year the money raised will be supporting the Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends children cancer services campaign.



#### **THE JUBILEE PRAYER**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

*Pope Francis*