

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

25th January to 2nd February 2025

Sat 25th Jan The Conversion of St Paul
10am to 10:45am Confessions
6pm Mass: *Colleen Canfield, recently deceased*

Sun 26th Jan 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *George and Jane Brookes (RIP)*
12 noon Parish Forum
5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 28th Jan
6:30pm Mass: *Isabella Gray, recently deceased*

Wed 29th Jan
10am Mass:

Thu 30th Jan
10am Mass: *Joseph Mannummal, anniv, and
Antony CD & Alice Antony, Wedding anniv*

Fri 31st Jan
9am *Funeral for Richard Kwabena Gyan (RIP)*

Sat 1st Feb
10am to 10:45am Confessions
6pm Mass: *TBA*

Sun 2nd Feb 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *TBA*
5pm Kerala Mass

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £418.60
2nd collection SPUC £91.47

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.

PARISH FORUM

The date is this Sunday 26th January following the 10:30am Mass at about 12 noon. Christmas and New Year have been quite full and so we have delayed the Forum to a quieter part of the month.

CONDOLENCES

We remember the souls of

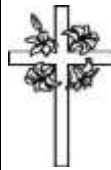
Isabella Gray (RIP)

Richard Kwabena Gyan (RIP)

Collen Canfield (RIP)
Funeral 12th February

Sean Kerrigan (RIP)
Funeral 7th February

All who died recently



TINY CHURCH

Tiny church is a children's liturgy aimed at children who are four to six years old, and it is designed to enable the children to engage with the Sunday's Gospel reading. No photography can take place during Tiny church and the children should not have mobile phones with them. We are grateful to Tanya, Edwin and Cijo for leading this initiative which complies fully with our Safeguarding protocols. Tiny church will take place at the 10:30am on all Sundays excepting holidays, including mid-term.

OFFERTORY BY STANDING ORDER

If you would like to make your Offertory donation to the parish by Standing Order these are the details:
Parish Account name:
Christ the King Parish
Sort Code: **60 06 11**
Account Number: **46714332**

RETROUVAILLE

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse?

Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ...

27 February to 2 March 2025
Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk
Call or text 0788 7296983
www.retrouvaille.org.uk

HOW TO GAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to Holy Year Churches, by devoutly participating in Holy Mass, or by participating in any of the following:

- A celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Lauds, Vespers);
- The Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross);
- The Holy Rosary;
- A Penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents.

Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit and Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to Our Lady, the Mother of God.

CONFIRMATION

If anyone in the parish, who is 18 years or older, wishes to be confirmed during 2025 – would you please contact Fr Richard.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

This year the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 14 June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

'A JOURNEY OF HOPE'

LENTE ACCOMPANIMENT PRAYER

For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is an opportunity of a retreat in daily life, on Mondays from 3rd March. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. You will receive weekly one-to-one support from an experienced prayer guide on zoom. To find out more, sign up to our introductory webinar on Monday 3rd February, 7.30-8.30pm: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>

ST THOMAS MORE RC SCHOOL

St Thomas More Catholic Secondary school has become the first Catholic Secondary school in the Diocese to be awarded the CAFOD Live Simply Award, promoting Catholic Social Teaching through acts of Love and humble Service within school and in our local community.





THE JUBILEE IN SCRIPTURE

The Hebrew word for jubilee derives from a ram's horn trumpet, the Shofar used to announce the beginning of the 'jubilee year' in Joshua 6:1-14. This announcement on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) became connected with the end times, as developed in Isaiah 27:13, Daniel 9 and Zechariah 9:9-17, and with the idea of the Sabbath and the Sabbatical year.

The jubilee is first described in Leviticus 25: 8-17. Every 7th year was a sabbath for the land, when it was to lie fallow and rest from agriculture. The 7th in a cycle of 7 sabbatical years was 49 years, and the year following was the 50th year. Land and property which had been sold was returned to its original owner or their descendants, debts were cancelled, and slaves and prisoners were freed. As a year of restoration, freedom and celebration it represents the most radical system of continuing social reform in the Old Testament.

The jubilee focuses on justice, trust and memory. God, the creator of the universe, freed the Hebrew tribes from slavery in Egypt and gave them the land (Genesis to Exodus). The Israelites actively remember this by liberating their own enslaved communities. As God is the owner of the land rather than the people, they were to trust God to provide for their immediate and future needs. The rich were to treat creditors fairly and still yield an adequate return.

**ISAIAH 61:1-2 IS A JUBILEE RALLYING CRY TO
LIBERATE THE PEOPLE:**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn...

One of the jubilee laws highlighted in the Book of Ruth is restitution and care for the vulnerable. Ruth and Naomi have fled their homeland through widowhood and poverty and become migrant workers gleaning at the edges of the field owned by Boaz. Gleaning supported the marginalised out of the surplus of the wealthy, unlike today's support of the poor which is mainly through voluntary charity. The Day of Atonement is the most solemn day of the year, in which the whole nation sought and received collective forgiveness for all its sins. When left unchecked this process led to social division between landowners exploiting and abusing large numbers of homeless day workers mentioned in Ruth, Amos, Micah and Isaiah. This concerned Jesus throughout the Gospels as in the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16).

The jubilee principles influenced many Jewish reform movements, the Essenes, the Zealots, and the early followers of Jesus. Jesus' parables apply both the Spirit and the Law of the Jubilee code to the abusive treatment of slave farm labourers by their masters (Matthew 21:33-44; 25:14-30, Mark 12:1-11 and Luke 19:12-27; 20:9-18). Jesus also describes how moneylending and debt have to be fairly negotiated in Matthew 18:23-31, Luke 7:41-43 and 16:1-9. God desires just and fair distribution of the earth's resources, but the focus of jubilee was on restoration and redemption rather than redistribution.

Early on in Jesus' ministry he identified himself with the prophecy of Isaiah 61, when he reads the same text in the synagogue of Nazareth in Luke 4:16-30. He is the one through whom God fulfils the jubilee in his life, death and resurrection. Jesus modelled the jubilee through servant leadership, notably when he washed his disciples' feet before he died. Paul develops this further with the Spirit fulfilling the Law through Christ in Romans 8:1-4. And James 1-5 summarises this in the vision of a community that lives out its faith by works.

Let us make this Jubilee Year a time to see and act with new eyes.