

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

1st to 9th February 2025

Sat 1st Feb

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *For peace in the world*

Sun 2nd Feb The Presentation of the Lord

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

10:30am Mass: *Valentin Simonak, anniv*

5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 4th Feb

6:30pm Mass: *The Lord's intentions
for this Holy Year*

Wed 5th Feb Saint Agatha

10am Mass: *YB*

Thu 6th Feb St Paul Miki and Companions

6:30pm Mass:

Fri 7th Feb

10:30am *Requiem Mass - Sean Kerrigan (RIP)*

Sat 8th Feb

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Bartolomeo Ziccardi, anniv.*

Sun 9th Feb 5th 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 - £584.50

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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



CONDOLENCES

Please remember the repose
of these souls and the
comforting of their families:

Richard Kwabena Gyan (RIP)

Sean Kerrigan (RIP)

Funeral - 10:30am on 7th February

Colleen Canfield (RIP)

Funeral - 10:45am on 12th February

Josephine Walsh (RIP)

Funeral - 10:45am on 24th February

Isabella Gray (RIP)

Funeral - 11am on 25th February

Steven Sherriff (RIP)

Funeral - 28th February

A NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES FOR THE PARISH

Fr Richard plans to inaugurate this over
the next few weeks so that, hopefully, we
can hold the first meeting in March.

The Council of Ministries will be made up
of representatives from the various groups
who are already actively involved in the
parish.

Each group will be invited to send one
representative to the meeting, and each
group will choose its own representative.

The purpose of the COM will be strategic-
to action and develop the parish's goals, to
develop communication in the parish, and
so better coordinate the life and mission
of the parish. The COM will meet three
times a year.

Alongside this we will have an annual
Parish Forum meeting for all the parish.

FIRST COMMUNION GROUP

A reminder to parents that the essential
requirement for First Sacraments is to
bring your child to take part in Mass on
Sundays.

Developing your relationship with the
parish is essential as sacraments are not
things that exist in isolation from life.

Anything else we do to help prepare the
children is 'icing on the cake'.

The next activity for children is on 15th
March at 3pm.

We will also have a Children's Stations of
the Cross on Good Friday at 10am.

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.

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'

LENTEN 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>

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**



29th January 2025

To The Congregation of Christ the King,

Many thanks for your continued support of Bedford Foodbank throughout 2024. The total of your donations was 224.24kg which has helped provide 534 meals to local people.

Any donations we receive, we are always very grateful for and never more so than in these current challenging times. Regular donations, such as yours, are vital to the ongoing provision of food for those in our community who are in such great need. The need for help from Bedford Foodbank continues to increase year upon year and we now regularly feed over 2000 people a month, giving them enough food for 3-4 days, or around 10 meals. The monthly food leaving our warehouse is generally in the region of 20-22 tonnes, so your donation is much appreciated.

In 2024, 200 tonnes of food was given out, 11526 vouchers were redeemed, 24258 people have been fed, of which 8091 are children.

Without the support of individuals, organisations, and community groups, Bedford Foodbank could not meet the increasing need in Bedford Borough.

Thank you all once again, for your support on behalf of everyone who uses, works, or volunteers at the foodbank.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Broughton

Operations Director