

Parish of Christ the King



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb**

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass:

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10:30am Mass:

5pm Kerala Mass

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

No Mass:

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

6:30pm Mass: *Sylvie and family*

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

6:30pm Mass: *Colleen Canfield (RIP)*

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

11am to 11:45am Adoration and Confessions

12 noon Mass: *Sean Kerrigan (RIP)*

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb The Chair of Saint Peter**

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass:

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 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 - £598.78

**SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.



**CONDOLENCES**

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

**Sean Kerrigan (RIP)**

**Colleen Canfield (RIP)**

**Josephine Walsh (RIP)**

Funeral - 10:45am on 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Isabella Gray (RIP)**

Funeral - 11am on 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Steven Sherriff (RIP)**

Funeral - 28<sup>th</sup> February

**PARISH COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**

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.

**WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL**

We are invited to participate in this festival of faith, 25th to 28th July 2025, during the Jubilee Year at Oscott in Birmingham. Please visit the website, where you will find full details. It would be great if a company of parishioners from Christ the King were to take part.

[www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com)

**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. Any 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.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT COURSE AT LONDON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**

Course book entitled  
" A beautiful friendship"  
By Paul Karenza and Zoe Young.

Based on the film  
**CASABLANCA**

Saturday March 1st 7pm  
Showing of the film "Casablanca"  
Tuesday March 11th 7.30 pm Session 1  
Tuesday March 18th 7.30 pm Session 2  
Tuesday March 25th 7.30 pm Session 3  
Tuesday April 1st 7.30 pm Session 4

**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.

**STANDING ORDER OFFERTORY DONATION**

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**

**THE MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.





## CARE FOR CREATION

The Bible begins with a wonderful picture of abundance as God declares all creation good. Everything that follows is set in the context of the goodness of creation and our divine mandate to care for our common home. As we pay attention to the world around us, we can see the beauty and wonder of the intricate and interconnected web of creation.

Yet, we can also clearly see the environmental crisis that we face: climate change, pollution, deforestation, species extinction and biodiversity loss. People all over the planet are already experiencing the effects of the climate emergency, from more frequent and severe storms and floods to historic droughts and food crises. These changes are hitting hardest the communities that have contributed the least to causing the crisis.

In this Jubilee Year, we are invited to embrace God's vision of a world transformed, healed and restored, where all on the earth live in harmony with God and right relationship with each other. As Pope Francis writes, "A Jubilee is indeed a time of grace to remember creation's original vocation to exist and flourish as a community of love. We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home."

### **WITNESS: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Centuries before environmental concerns became a pressing issue, St. Francis of Assisi championed nature as a path to God. The thirteenth century Italian friar, who founded the Franciscan order, is renowned for his radical love of God, for his commitment to a lifestyle of poverty and simplicity and for his love of the created world. Francis changed the Church and society of his time. He is Pope Francis' namesake and inspired the Holy Father's encyclical on care for the earth, *Laudato Si'*, which takes its name from St Francis' great canticle of praise to God through creation.

We ask St Francis, patron saint of ecology, to pray for us as we seek to care for our common home.

#### **Prayer**

God of blessings,  
the universe sings of your glory.  
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made  
and awaken in us a renewed commitment  
to care for the earth and each other.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

Amen.