

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

1st to 9th March 2025

Sat 1st March Saint David, Patron of Wales

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Clementina Dipre, anniv*

Sun 2nd March 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Latin Mass: *Wendy Kennedy*

10:30am Mass: *Simon Cockshutt (RIP)*

5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 4th March

10:30am Funeral of *Paolo Marrotta (RIP)*

Wed 5th March Ash Wednesday

7pm Mass with the imposition of ashes.

Norah Allen (RIP)

Thu 6th March

6:30pm Mass: *Matilda, birthday*

Fri 7th March Saints Perpetua and Felicity

11am Exposition and Confessions till 11:45am

12 noon Mass: *Fr Brendan Gorman (RIP)*

12:30pm Mother's Prayers

Sat 8th March

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Nick Elia RIP*

Sun 9th March 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am Latin Mass: *TBA*

10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.



CONDOLENCES

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

Josephine Walsh (RIP)

Isabella Gray (RIP)

Steven Sherriff (RIP)

Paolo Marrotta (RIP)

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 2nd March at 11:45am
in the PD Room

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.

Parents who did not enrol their child in November 2024 for First Communion will need to enrol before proceeding.

All parents should now have received:
The 'Jubilee Year' resource.
The 'Praying with children' resource.
An adult examination of conscience.
A children's examination of conscience.
A children's formula for making one's confession.
The 'Ultimate Relationship' resource.
Five parts of the 'Life in Christ' resource.
The Lenten 'Walk with me' resource.
A children's Jubilee Year Lenten calendar.

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

Based on film Casablanca and course book
"A beautiful Friendship".

All welcome.

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

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

**2025 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME FOR
SIXTH FORM STUDENTS**

The Christian Heritage Centre's Christian Leadership Formation programme is a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 12 / Lower VI, and is now open to applications for 2025. Offering media training, tools for personal development, philosophical and theological study, and a chance to meet like-minded peers and Catholic academics and public figures, the programme offers a certificate validated by St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information and to apply: www.christianleadershipformation.com

The family of the late Izabella Gray, would like to express their grateful thanks to Father Richard and the Parish, for all the prayers, Masses and many condolences, offered to the family in their recent bereavement. Particular thanks too, to all who attended the wonderful Requiem Mass offered by Father Richard for Izabella, which contributed to a great celebration of her life and offered great comfort to her family and friends. May she rest in peace, Amen.

LENT AT CHRIST THE KING

The sacrament of penance. We are all required to receive this sacrament and to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. Without doing so we can't continue receiving the Blessed Sacrament. The sacrament of penance is available on Friday and Saturday mornings, and it is hoped that this sacrament will also be available later in Lent on some Thursday evenings from a visiting priest.

Lent Holy Hours will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction. These will be led Holy Hours on the theme of Christian hope, which is the motif of the Jubilee Year.

Stations of the Cross. We are all free to make the Stations at any time, but there will be led Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 6pm. And weather permitting, these will take place outside in the parish precinct.

Days of Fasting and Abstinence. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of penance in the whole Church. We are called to eat less than we normally would and also not to eat meat (or, if we don't eat meat, to abstain from some other type of food) on these two days.

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





Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

ASH WEDNESDAY

“Today, let us not close our hearts, but listen to the voice of the Lord” Psalm 94

On this day of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, let's open up a little more to ecological conversion.

This time is given to us to prepare ourselves to make **“a new heart and a new spirit”** (Ezekiel 18:31) can be a good time to open our hearts to a love for our brothers and sisters, and for other creatures, that leads us to change our habits. This time can also help us to open our minds to a new understanding of the ongoing ecological crisis, and to a willingness to accept what it challenges in our beliefs and ways of doing things.

Forgiveness, fasting and almsgiving

These steps to which Christians are invited during Lent can be taken in the spirit of the conversion to which Pope Francis invites us in his encyclical *Laudato Si*.

- Through the act of forgiveness, we can recognize that we are not always playing the role of guardians of creation to which we are called, while welcoming the love of the God of mercy.
- The tradition of fasting can join the invitation to happy sobriety, enabling us to experience a new freedom in relation to certain goods or lifestyles on which we feel dependent.
- The tradition of almsgiving can help us to listen to the clamour of Earth and the clamour of the poor, and to empathize with the sufferings of people and creatures who are suffering.

Story of the hummingbird



One day, the legend goes, there was a huge forest fire.

All the animals watched helplessly, terrified and dismayed.

Only the little hummingbird was active, fetching a few drops with his beak to throw on the fire. After a while, the armadillo, annoyed by this ridiculous agitation, said to him: “Hummingbird! Are you crazy? You're not going to put out the fire with those drops of water!” And the hummingbird replied: “I know that, but I'm doing my bit.”

Native American legend, told by Pierre Rabhi, environmentalist and great sage of our century.

We are each invited to do our part, like the hummingbird...

Prayer:

Almighty God, heal our lives, so that we may be protectors of the world and not predators,
so that we may sow beauty and not pollution or destruction.

Teach us to discover the value of everything, to contemplate in wonder,
to recognize that we are deeply united with all creatures on our way to infinite light. *Laudato Si* 246



Laudato Si Commission
Sr. Anne-Geneviève Guérin, France