

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

8th to 16th March 2025

Sat 8th March

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Nick Elia RIP*

Sun 9th March 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am Latin Mass: *Roger Kennedy*

10:30am Mass: *Mary Penhalagan (RIP)*

5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 11th March

6:30pm Mass: *Pro Populo*

Wed 12th March

10am Mass: *Fr Patrick Hutton*

10:30am Rosary

7pm Lenten Holy Hour

Thu 13th March

6:30pm Mass: *Peace in the world*

Fri 14th March

11am Exposition and Confessions till 11:45am

12 noon Mass: *Josephine Walsh (RIP)*

12:30pm Mother's Prayers

6pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 15th March

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *TBA*

Sun 16th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30am Latin Mass: *TBA*

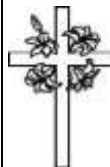
10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass

The Rosary is prayed after the morning Mass on Wednesdays

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.



CONDOLENCES

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

Isabella Gray (RIP)

Steven Sherriff (RIP)

Paolo Marrotta (RIP)

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 16th March at 11:45am in the PD Room

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.

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

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £580.13

Standing Orders - £109

DEFEATING THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

The Assisted Suicide Bill currently before Parliament can still be defeated. We need 28 MPs to switch from supporting to opposing the Bill in order to defeat it when MPs vote again on the Bill at the end of April. How can you help? Please lobby your MP. The most effective form of lobbying is to go and see your MP in person. SPUC have produced a briefing and guide to help you to do this, available at the back of church. If you can't visit your MP, please write to them using the following webtool: www.livesworthliving.org.uk

We only have until the end of April to stop this deadly bill. Please do all you can to oppose it.

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

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

WE DARE TO HOPE

A resource for faith-sharing groups in the parish. These resources have been developed by the Diocese of Northampton and are available now. They present a lovely, five-session resource for the first five weeks of Lent. They are intended for group use, either for hosting in your home or in one of the parish rooms. Would you like to host a group, starting this week?

CALLING A WOUNDED EARTH HOME

The "Becoming a Greener Pastoral Area" working group of the Bedfordshire Pastoral Council are running a Lent Course at St. Peter's, Station Road Biggleswade on Fridays starting on 14th March at 6pm during Lent. A mixture of scripture, reflection, prayer and worship and stations of the cross. There is no need to register your attendance - please just turn up.





Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

Lenten Reflection - Week 1: The Cry of Earth

Listen to The Cry of Earth :

The Jubilee is a sacred moment for all to remember, return, rest, repair and rejoice. It's a time of personal and communal conversion, a time of grace to repair the original harmony of creation and heal damaged human relationships. **As Pope Francis said: "If we take the temperature of the planet, it will tell us that the earth has a fever. And it feels bad, like anyone who is sick".**

- **Earth's pain** is increasingly felt through our irresponsibility, caused by: fires, deforestation, tidal waves, droughts, floods, melting glaciers, extreme heat waves, hurricanes, pollution of various kinds, all of which cause massive destruction to our planet, migration and loss of human life. **Earth is howling, because it's being mistreated.**
- **In this Lenten season, can we hear and see the pain we are causing: to our planet, to millions of people and to the victims of environmental disasters?**
- **Take a moment of silence to contemplate the beauty of nature:** the earth, plants, the air we breathe, the benefits of fire, water, the sun, the moon, the stars, clouds, animals, human beings created in God's image, the notion of time...and so on.

Prayer to thank God for his many gifts and to praise and praise his work in creation

- **Benevolent God**, the cry of the earth and ours rise up to you like incense,
- **God of Love**, with Earth, we ask you to free us from greed, selfishness and indifference.
- **Merciful God**, with air, water and wind, we ask you to help us rid ourselves of pollution.
- **Wonderful God**, with the forest, fire, birds and animals, give us the strength not to destroy them ourselves and the delicate webs that bind our ecosystems and all life together.
- **God of Hope**, with all creation and all peoples, we give you thanks for the efforts to restore our sister Earth.



We pray Amen!

Laudato Si Commission
Sr. Pascaline Yameogo, Peru

