

Parish of Christ the King



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

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

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

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Izabella Gray (RIP)*

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Latin Mass: *The Kennedy family*

10:30am Mass: *Pro Populo*

5pm Kerala Mass

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

6:30pm Mass:

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10am Mass:

10:30am Rosary

7pm Lenten Holy Hour

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

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

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

11am Exposition and Confessions till 11:45am

12 noon Mass:

12:30pm Mother's Prayers

6pm Stations of the Cross

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *TBA*

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Latin Mass: *TBA*

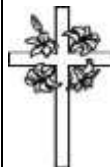
10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass

The Rosary is prayed after the morning Mass on Wednesdays

**SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is my light and my help.



**CONDOLENCES**

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

*Izabella Gray (RIP)*

*Steven Sherriff (RIP)*

*Paolo Marrotta (RIP)*

**PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> - 7.30 pm Session 2

Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> - 7.30 pm Session 3

Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7.30 pm Session 4

Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Session 5

**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](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Last Week's Collections - £593.56

Standing Orders - £109

January Quiz Night £811.80

**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](http://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.

**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**

**WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL**

We are invited to participate in this festival of faith, 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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.webeliefefestival.com](http://www.webeliefefestival.com)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, led by Bishop David. The organiser is Deacon Michael Fleming, who can be contacted on [deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org)

**READERS**

We are intending to hold a practice session in early April for our readers. New readers and those who are interested in becoming a reader will be most welcome. We will let you know the time and day for this practice soon.

**St. Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup> March,**

We pray for good health and blessings for our Irish friends and families.





# Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

## Lenten Reflection - Week 2: The Cry of the Poor

**I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. Jn 10:10**

Today, personally and together, we must hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor, make them our own, find in our society what breeds injustice and poverty, to confront our discoveries with the demands of the Gospel and the social teaching of the Church. RL18

At the call of Pope Francis and according to his vision, expressed in the encyclical “Laudato Si” on the care of our “Common Home” we recognise the urgency of hearing and responding to this cry, to embrace and implement the goals proposed in ‘Laudato Si’ for an integral ecological conversion. (Gen Chap '21)

Jubilee Year of Hope declared by Pope Francis, emphasized the significance of hope in our lives and mission. Hope is one of the three theological virtues, that is intimately linked to faith and charity. Hope gives the feeling that some desire will be fulfilled. It is about focusing one’s expectation on someone or on something. Hope allows people to approach problems with a mindset and a strategy suitable to achieve success.

### Reflections

Global Inequality/Transformation: The human environment and natural environment deteriorate together. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet: “Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest”. For example, the depletion of fishing reserves especially hurts small fishing communities without the means to replace those resources; water pollution particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water.... (LS 48) Hope impels us to transform the world and make it a better place, and St. Paul always reminds us of the “hope of our calling” (Eph. 1: 18). Ephesians 5: 16- the days are evil, but your lives must transform these evil days...

Human liberation and salvation: Christian hope is the impulse to change the world in the perspective of God’s creative plans and salvific goals. The invitation to transform the world is in a special way a challenge to reform the society and to create better conditions of life for human beings mostly the poor, the underprivileged, and the dejected. Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always become a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debate on environment, so as to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (LS 49) The rich and the poor should have equal dignity, for “the Lord is the maker of them all”(Prov. 22:2)

“Inclusive attention should be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole” (Pope Francis, message on the Jubilee year of Hope, no. 11).

### Action: pay attention to the following areas in our missionary outreach.

- Pastoral care
- Sensitisation Campaigns
- Pray for those most affected by climate change - those living in poverty, children of future generations who will pay the price of our selfishness today, farmers whose livelihood is destroyed by irregular season changes.
- Pay a visit to the aged, hospital or the abandoned

### Concluding remarks

We are called not only to brim with hope, but to be beacons of light and hope. We are to be the bridge builder by being the voice of the voiceless and through us may hope be restored to the hopeless.

**Prayer:** As I come to the end of this sacred space, I would like to conclude with Pope Francis’ words of prayer.

“... through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord” (Ps 27:14) May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever” (Pope Francis, message on the Jubilee year of Hope, no. 25).