

Parish of Christ the King



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Colleen Canfield (RIP)*

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

8:30am Latin Mass: *Pro Populo*

10:30am Mass: *Richard Kwabena (RIP)*

5pm Kerala Mass

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> March The Annunciation of the Lord**

6:30pm Mass: *Michael Lavelle (RIP)*

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Mass:

10:30am Rosary

7pm Lenten Holy Hour

**Thu 27<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March**

11am Exposition and Confessions till 11:45am

12 noon Mass:

12:30pm Mother's Prayers

6pm Stations of the Cross

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Frankie Brady, birthday*

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</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 compassion and love.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year will be available for existing users at the end of Mass on the weekends of 23rd/24th March and 30th/31st March.

If you are new to our parish family or would like to make your Offertory Gift by weekly envelopes or by Standing Order, we invite you to visit the collection table located at the back of the church.

If you are a U.K. taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid form. For every £1 you contribute, the parish can claim 25p. Gift Aid forms will be available at the collection table.

Your contributions make a big difference to our parish community. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**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 will also be available on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April with a visiting priest, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

**READERS**

We are holding a practice session on 8th April at 7:10pm for our parish readers.

New readers and those who are interested in becoming a reader will be most welcome.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Last Week's Collections - £  
Standing Orders - £109

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

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

All welcome.

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

Tuesday April 1st - 7.30 pm Session 4

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

**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)

**OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM**

During this Jubilee Year this Shrine has an important place in the life of the Church in our country. This bishop's have asked that a one-off retiring collection be taken in the parishes this weekend in support of the Shrine.

**LENTEN FAITH-SHARING GROUPS**

One group only has been inaugurated, this meets on Fridays. It is a shame that other parishioners did not respond to this opportunity, and it is too late now to begin another group.

Last weekend Bishop David welcomed all the catechumens together with those who will be received into the Church at Easter, at the Rite of Election in the cathedral.

These candidates and their sponsors and supporters from all over the Diocese filled the cathedral.

It was a special joy for us to present Rachael, Kelly and Brett from our parish to the bishop. Please pray for them and their sponsors as they approach the Bath of Enlightenment.

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

**MISSIO RED BOXES**

Would box holders please return your boxes for collection over the next few weeks. John is also happy to pick up your box from home, should you wish. Please call him on 07773712688.

**BEDFORD FOODBANK**

**Urgently needed items that they are short of at the moment:**

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Tuna
- Jars of Jam
- Tinned Fruit
- Cup A Soup
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Long Life Sponge Puddings
- Coffee
- Long Life Milk
- Tin Openers

**VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA**

Our parish Vintage afternoon tea restarts this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm to 4pm. Cost is just on £6 pp. All Welcome.





# Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

## Lenten Reflection - Week 3 : Ecological Economics

It's a Jubilee Year of Hope! In his "Spes non confundit", Pope Francis recognizes "a true 'ecological debt' exists especially between the global North and South, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment...."

"We are all too slow in developing economic institutions and social initiatives that can give the poor regular access to basic resources."(LS 109).

"Today, personally and together, we will reflect on what breeds injustice and abject poverty....." We are invited to read the signs of the times if we are to make a positive impact. (General Chapter 2021)

### Reflections:

What choices do I need to make to tackle the injustice in our society?

How do I/we protect the dignity of workers who are our collaborators in the field of mission?

In what way is the Spirit inviting us to safeguard our common home in the face of today's consumerism and throwaway culture?

### Conversation with the Lord of the Universe:

God of life, in your mercy, draw us into your all-embracing love, where everyone finds a place in our common home. Heal our wounded Earth.

### Activity for contemplation:

- Contemplate the beauty of creation. Plant a seed/Create a garden.
- Pray for those most affected by economic inequalities.
- Pray for those affected by adverse climate change.

### Possible Individual / Community Activities:

- Create time to give an ecological message to others around a cup of coffee/tea.
- Be intentional about saving water and electricity.
- Make a conscious effort not to be wasteful and live by needs and not by wants.
- Commit to reading the expiration dates of items before purchasing them.
- Reuse things and curb the desire to buy.
- Support recycling of the Earth's goods.
- Take care of personal and shared items.
- Purchase locally produced goods and strive to grow local seeds.
- Consider just wages for the workers.
- Join movements and collaborate with other networks to address the roots of structural poverty.

### Concluding Prayer:

Eternal Spirit and Lord, you move each of us to participate in your work of renewal of God's creation. Grant us your Spirit's Wisdom to embrace a sustainable way of life. Awaken in us our desire for love of God in all things. Draw our hearts to just action or love of the Earth and care of the most vulnerable. AMEN.



Laudato si Commission

Sr. Abiola Adigboluja, General Council