

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

30th March to 6th April 2025

Sat 29th March

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Frankie Brady, birthday*

Sun 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30am Latin Mass: *Pro Populo*

10:30am Mass: *Kevin Quigg, birthday*

5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 1st April

6:30pm Mass:

Wed 2nd April

10am Mass:

10:30am Rosary

7pm Lenten Holy Hour

Thu 3rd April

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

Fri 4th April

11am Exposition and Confessions till 11:45am

12 noon Mass: *Bridie Lavelle, special intention*

12:30pm Mother's Prayers

6pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 5th April

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Stephen Sherriff (RIP)*

Sun 6th April 5th 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

GIFT AID & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

At the start of the new tax year, we would like all parishioners who are U.K. taxpayers to consider signing up for the Government's Gift Aid Scheme.

Gift Aid allows us to increase the value of your Offertory donations by 25% without any additional cost to you.

By simply filling out a Gift Aid declaration form, requesting a box of Offertory envelopes or setting up a Standing order you can help us make the most of your generous contributions.

We are most grateful for your continued support and generosity to our beautiful church.

We invite you to consider this appeal and to give as you are able, knowing that every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant difference to our parish.

A member of the Finance team will be available to speak to you or help at the back of church after weekend Masses.

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year are available for existing users at the end of Masses this weekend.

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 3rd April and Thursday 10th April with a visiting priest, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

PARISH PICNIC – HELP WANTED

A parish picnic is proposed to be held on Saturday 12th July.



WE NEED YOUR HELP.

If you can help us in setting up. Running a BBQ, a bouncy castle or generally being part of the team.

Then please contact Rachel Kirkham on 01234 314093 ASAP. Thank you.

LAETARE SUNDAY

4th Sunday in Lent : blessings on Mothering Sunday, for all mothers, mothers-in-law, spiritual mothers, and mothers-to-be, grandmothers.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us all, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 30th at Elstow Abbey at 6:30pm - All welcome.

WALSINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 12th June 2025, led by Bishop David. The organiser is Deacon Michael Fleming, who can be contacted on deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org

REIMAGINING BAPTISM

An important seminar for parish catechists about how baptism is understood in the life of the Church today. It takes place on 9th & 10th May at the cathedral hall in Southwark.

Booking details etc are available on a poster in the porch. It would be great if some of our parish catechists could take part in this event.

ALTAR SERVERS

A note to parents: we will hold a practice in the church for the Easter Triduum on Tuesday 15th April. This can take place in the afternoon or at 7:10pm in the evening. Would parents let Fr Richard know your preference, so that we can book the best time for this practice.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £552.19
Standing Orders - £132.50
Walsingham shrine - £148.64

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday we will hold the feet washing ceremony during the Mass, the Mandatum. There is a sheet at the back of the church where you can volunteer to take part in this. It is proper to have twelve people for this ceremony.

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**

READERS

We are holding a practice session on Tuesday 8th April at 7:10 pm for our parish readers. New readers and those who are interested in becoming a reader will be most welcome.



As we approach Holy Week, it is a tremendous work for the whole parish to be able to support in prayer all those who are either entering into the Christian life or are entering further into the Paschal Mystery at the Easter Vigil. So, let us continue to stand with our three catechumens, Rachael, Kelly, and Brett, who will be baptised, confirmed and receive the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Also, those already baptised, who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil, Riccardo, Aston, Stefania, Antonio, Favour, Domenico, Giovanni, and Jaxon. And let us keep in prayer the children who have been enrolled by their parents for First Sacraments, and who will join us at the altar soon after Easter, Olivia, Sarah, John, Victor, Victoria, Francesco, Riccardo, Alessandro, Jaxon, Ariana, Mason, Mia, and Aaren. Everything that we have done in the parish to support parents in preparing children for the sacraments, has been done to enable the families, parents and children, to become more integrated in the life of the parish. The parish encourages these parents to offer your children as new altar servers in the parish. We will hold a training session later in the Spring.



Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

Lenten Reflection - Week 4 : ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Ecology is a collective asset, a heritage of humanity for which we are all responsible. Earth, which is not only our home but also God's, must be defended as holy ground. That's why we need to build a common project against the threats to our environment.

As a Daughter of the Holy Spirit family, our Rule of Life tells us that:

"Daily life is our first place of formation. The Spirit educates us and leads us through the realities of life. The Spirit forms us through the life of the human and Christian communities to which we belong, particularly through our commitments to others" (RL art 39). Each and every one of us must commit to loving, appreciating and caring for this magnificent gift that is Earth. In the document (dilexi-n 34) we are told that: "Christ didn't want to explain much about his love for us, but he manifested it through his actions. He is always searching, always close, open to encounter."

REFLECTION

- How can I be attentive to life around me?
- How can I develop an attitude of freedom, filial trust, simplicity and humility in my relationship with GOD, with others and with Creation?
- How can I educate those around me to be ecologically aware and respectful of life?
- How do I take responsibility for my own human and spiritual formation, and what means do I give myself to continue growing in my love for God and for others?

CONCRETE ACTIVITIES

Protecting the environment means acting to limit the impact of human activities on the planet, the environment and the climate. In this Lenten season:

- take the time to keep the room clean, the places around me clean,
- turn off lights,
- unplug appliances after use,
- plant a tree and take care of it,
- sort and recycle,
- close the door gently,
- fight against food waste,
- limit water consumption and recover water from dishes,
- opt for an eco-responsible bank,
- fight against digital pollution.....etc.



"Taking care of nature means taking care of ourselves".

Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for the wonders you never cease to accomplish in our lives. We pray to you, Lord Jesus Christ, that from your holy Heart, these rivers of living water will gush forth for the world, strengthening our capacity to love and serve, urging us to learn to walk together towards a just, united and fraternal world. Holy Spirit, give us all growth and spiritual fruitfulness. Renew our hearts and the face of the earth, so that all may have life and life in abundance. Amen.

Laudato si Commission
Sr. Clémentine Tapsoba, Burkina Faso