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#### **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

27<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Saint Vincent de Paul 10am to 10:45am: Confessions 6pm Mass: Nick Brady, birthday

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am Latin Mass (1962 Missal):

The faithful of the parish

10:30am Mass: George and Jane Brookes (RIP) 5pm Kerala Mass:

Mon 29th Sept

8.30am Mass: A family special intention

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Sept No Mass

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus No Mass:

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct The Holy Guardian Angels No Mass:

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

7pm Memorial Mass:

Offered by Fr Chris McEnery and Fr Fergal, for Fr Derek Laverty, deceased of Christ the King parish, followed by refreshments.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Oct St Francis of Assisi 6pm Mass: TBA.

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM My soul, give praise to the Lord.

The Latin Mass on Sunday morning is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost You are most welcome to join us for refreshments in the Parish Room after the Mass.

#### STANDING ORDER OFFERTORY DONATION

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

#### RFMINDFR

Please don't leave any monies or envelopes with monies in the sacristy. Please put these through the presbytery letter box.

#### CONDOLENCES

Please remember the repose of the souls of John Goggin and Jenny Walsh who died recently and pray for the comforting of their families at this time.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Father Richard and the parents will meet briefly after the Masses on 27th/28th September.

## PARISH FORUM

The next Parish Forum is on Sunday 19th October at 12 noon. Please let Fr Richard have any items for the agenda by Friday 17th October.

# THE DEANERY YOUTH MASS

The young people of our parish are invited to join with other young Catholics from the area, and with our Bishop, for the celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday 5th October at 3pm, and for refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On the Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September we are hosting a MacMillan coffee morning in the church hall from 9 am to 1 pm.

All welcome and any donation of cakes etc are very welcome, give donations to Marion or Michael please.

#### **DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP COURSE**

The Diocese of Northampton is launching the second year of 'Bethsaida', the Diocesan Leadership Course, in January 2026.

This year-long programme is designed to form leaders for a missionary Church. This course is an opportunity for those who feel called to grow in confidence and to serve their parish or pastoral area more fully, with their eyes fixed on Christ.

For full details and resources, please visit: www.northamptondiocese.org/catholicleadership

#### **ALPHA COURSE**

The Alpha Course, we invite any who are enquiring into the Christian faith to join us in the parish hall on Thursday 9th October at 7pm. This Alpha session will last approximately 90 minutes.

Please tell people you know, who may be glad of such an invitation.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY Last Week's Collections - £306.92 Standing Orders - £148

# THE PARISH ROOM We ask that all users indicate on this

chart their use of the room. Thank you.

## MISSIO RED BOXES

Please give your Red Boxes, which are due for collection, to John Grogan.

### COME & SEE GROUP (RCIA)

A new group will be starting on 20th October for any adult who wishes to be baptised, confirmed or make their first holy communion. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Richard

### THE BEDFORD PASTORAL AREA JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE.

All the parishes of our Deanery are marking the Holy Year with a pilgrimage to St Joseph's church, Bedford, next Saturday, 4th October. You are warmly invited to take

Making this pilgrimage involves passing through the church entrance at St Joseph's, and in doing so you gain the Plenary Indulgence. This portal in one of three Holy Doors in this Diocese.

You should arrive at St Joseph's no later than 10.15am.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 10.20am. The celebration of Holy Mass follows at 10.45am.

Following the Mass there is a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. during which time priests are available to hear confessions.

Lunch follows in the parish room at St Joseph's at 12.30am. Please bring a packed

For those who are walking from Christ the King: please assemble in the car park at l

We will leave shortly afterwards, walking through Jubilee Park, past the Oasis Swimming Pool, and onto Embankment, and so on to St Joseph's.

Full details of the Pilgrimage are posted at the back of our church. These indicate the other routes that pilgrims are taking to St Joseph's, and also the conditions for obtaining the Holy Year Indulgence.

Please invite others to take part.



#### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL

A new Catholic school for Bedford has opened on the St Gregory's Biddenham Site called St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School. Many of you will know that this building has been refurbished completely and is ready to serve the needs of the Catholic Community in Bedford. The decision to name the school St Francis of Assisi rests on the legacy of service from staff over the years at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and St Gregory's Catholic Middle School as was. We are truly grateful for their contribution.

This legacy has paved the way for this move forward for Catholic families in our town. Our thanks go to all the staff who have served these communities over the years and to you for your prayer, commitment, and dedication to our schools. Our new school stands as a beacon of faith for our community.

It is offering a faith education and high standards to serve the needs of our Catholic Community. An opening Mass will be celebrated on Friday the 3rd of October just before the Feast of St Francis on the Saturday. The Mass will be at 9.30am at our school on Biddenham Turn, Biddenham, Bedford, MK40 4AT. You are most welcome to join us.

SOCIAL EVENT IN AID OF
ST JOHN'S HOSPICE, MOGGERHANGER
St Joseph's International Meal
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 7.30pm
In St Frances Cabrini church hall
Tickets - £5 pp
Bring along a dish (or dishes)
From YOUR Country to share
Can you bring some national songs???
Tickets £5, bring your own drinks Raffle
For more information and to book
Call 01234 352569

MEMORIAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF FATHER DEREK LAVERTY SSCC (RIP) Father Derek who grew up in the parish, and was an altar server at Christ the King as a boy, the son of the late Kate and Frank Laverty and lived in Barton Road. His parish Memorial Mass is at Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road, Bedford on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CAR PARK BY THE CHURCH ENTRANCE

Please remember that there is space for only four cars here, and that this area gives priority to disabled drivers.



# Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honour, and all blessing, To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,

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Who is the day and through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,

in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,

and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather,

through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night,

and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us,

and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,

and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.