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## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

10am to 10:45am Confessions available  
6pm Mass: *Evelyn Murphy, RIP*

### Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*  
10:30am Mass: *Sean Kerrigan, Anniv*  
5pm Kerala Mass:

### Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Saint Scholastica

6.30pm Mass: *Maureen Reading, sick*  
7pm to 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

### Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

10am Mass: *Peter Coulborn, RIP*  
10:30am Rosary  
6-7pm Parish Office

### Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

6:30pm Mass:

### Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

11am – 11:45am Exposition with Confessions  
12 noon Mass:  
12:30 Mother's Prayers

### Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Saints Cyril and Methodius

10am to 10:45am Confessions  
6pm Mass:

## SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A light rises in the darkness  
for the upright.

## 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**

## BEDFORD FOODBANK

Items needed by the Bedford Foodbank:  
Tinned Custard, Coffee, Tinned Spaghetti  
Hoops, Tinned Fruit, Cup A Soup, Long life  
Fruit Juice, Sponge Puddings, Shampoo  
Cooking Sauces, Bars of Chocolate

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections

Offertory - £487.51

Standing Orders - £81.75

Total £569.26

## PARISH OFFICE HOUR

Every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.

This provides an appropriate time and  
place to discuss infant baptism, First  
Communion, Confirmation, Marriage,  
financial matters, booking Mass  
Intentions, or any administrative matters

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

**A** Margaret Denton, of our parish, died  
recently. There will be a short Memorial  
Service for her at Wixams Retirement  
Village on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February at  
3.30pm.

If you would like to take part in this, you  
will be most welcome. Please arrive by  
3.25pm.

## RETRouvaille HELPS MARRIAGES

LAST CALL for online marriage  
programme.

Does your marriage need some TLC?

Need help with communication and trust?

Retrouvaille helps marriages.

It can bring hope and healing to  
relationships.

Next date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

Tel: 07887 296983

## JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT

During Lent, the Pastoral Development  
Vicariate is offering you the opportunity  
for weekly online small-group sessions  
(various days & times are available) to help  
individuals deepen their relationship with  
Jesus through Scripture.

Using St Beuno's Outreach Prego  
resources, each 45-minute session invites  
you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the  
coming Sunday. The programme runs once  
a week for six weeks, starting the week of  
16 February.

Sign up at

<https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reminder to Readers to observe the  
various pauses which are asked for in the  
proclamation of the Scriptures, and  
which we have spoken together about:

- At the end of the Reading before  
announcing, 'The Word of the Lord'.
- Before the Psalm.
- Between the Psalm and the Gospel  
Acclamation

The Liturgy of the Word is not a race, still  
less a box-ticking exercise. The pauses  
allow for God to act within us.

## THE SICK IN THE PARISH

Please contact Fr Richard if you know of  
anyone who is sick in the parish.

## DIOCESE RECRUITMENT

The Diocese is currently recruiting three  
Property Area Coordinators, each  
responsible for the maintenance,  
compliance, and performance of a defined  
portfolio of properties within an allocated  
geographic area of the Diocese. The role  
ensures that buildings are safe, legally  
compliant, well maintained, and fit for  
mission and ministry, while providing  
support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan  
stakeholders.

This is a full time, 12-month fixed term  
contract, with the possibility of extension  
or becoming permanent.

As each role covers a different part of the  
Diocese, three area specific Job  
Descriptions are available, and candidates  
should review the one relevant to their  
preferred location.

The closing date for applications is Friday 7  
March 2026. Interview dates will be  
confirmed in due course; however, we  
reserve the right to close the advert early  
should we receive a sufficient number of  
applications.

Full information for the position and an  
application form can be found by visiting  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan  
application form and email it to:  
[hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

## VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA

Our next parish Vintage Afternoon Tea is  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm to 4pm.

Cost is just £6 pp. All Welcome.

## LENT 2026

### CAFOD LENT APPEAL – FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



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# 40 pence for 40 days



Will you take part in our 40 for 40 challenge this Lent?

By giving up 40 pence a day for the 40 days of Lent you can support local individuals and families facing hardship this Easter.

All you have to do is find an old jam jar or similar container and start collecting!



**Ending hunger  
together**

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