

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

14th to 21st February 2026

Sat 14th Feb Saints Cyril and Methodius

10am to 10:45am Confessions available
6pm Mass: *Margaret Brannan (RIP),
recently deceased*

Sun 15th Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*
10:30am Mass: *Francis Tateh (RIP)*
5pm Kerala Mass:

Tue 17th Feb

6.30pm Mass: *Liam Mooney (RIP)*
7pm to 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 18th Feb Ash Wednesday

10am Mass: *Peter Bauce (RIP)*
10:30am Rosary
6-7pm Parish Office

Thu 19th Feb

10am Mass: *Michael Manley (RIP)*

Fri 20th Feb

No Mass

Sat 21st Feb

No Confessions
6pm Mass:

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to all those involved with the recent Quiz Night it made £893.40

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are those who walk
in the law of the Lord!

**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**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections
Offertory - £545.56
Standing Orders - £81.75
Total £627.31

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 15th February at 3.30pm. If you would like to take part in this, you will be most welcome. Please arrive by 3.25pm.

Thanks to those who came to the parish catechesis workshop. It was very important that we had this workshop together.

Thanks for the expression of interest that many of you have made to the proposal that we get a larger and more fitting monstrance for the parish. We are now researching the possibilities.

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.

LENT STUDY COURSE

Based on the film "Wicked" (PG)
And using the Course book entitled "Gravity Defied" By Rev. Rachel Mann
At London Road Methodist Church
On Tuesdays 24th February and 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March at 7.30 pm
And at Priory Methodist Church
On Thursdays 26th February and 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March at 2.30 pm.
All welcome!

SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting means eating much less than we normally would, and Abstinence means that we don't eat meat. (If you are already vegetarian, then abstinence will mean that you don't eat another main food source.) The Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

During this Season we are invited to take a Paschal Road toward life, a path that will include the cross and some renouncement, but it will not be fruitless. We are invited to admit that something inside us is not going well, to change, to turn around, to be converted.

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

VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA

Our next parish Vintage Afternoon Tea is Friday 27th 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 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!



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