

Parish of Christ the King



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

No Confessions today

6pm Mass:

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:30am Latin Mass:

10:30am Mass:

5pm Kerala Mass:

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

6.30pm Mass:

7pm to 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

10am Mass:

10:30am Rosary

6-7pm Parish Office

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

6:30pm Mass:

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

11am – 11:45am Exposition with Confessions

12 noon Mass:

12:30 Mother's Prayers

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass:

**SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we have sinned.

**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 - £446.39

Standing Orders - £81.75

Total £528.14

**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 24<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>,

17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm

And at Priory Methodist Church

On Thursdays 26<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup>,  
12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm.

All welcome!

**LENT RESOURCES**

Bringing together a wide range of Lenten  
resources to support both groups and  
individuals on their journey through this  
sacred season, our Lent resources page on  
the diocesan website is now live.

Whether you are looking for prayer  
materials, reflections, or practical ideas for  
fasting and almsgiving, these resources  
are designed to help deepen faith and  
encourage spiritual renewal throughout  
Lent. All materials are offered to support  
parishes, families and individuals across  
the diocese as we prepare our hearts for  
the celebration of Easter.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/lent-resources/>

**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.

**POPE LEO XIV – MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026**

In his Message for Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV  
presents Lent as a renewed time of  
conversion centred on listening and  
fasting.

He calls the Church to deeper  
attentiveness to the Word of God and to  
the cry of the poor, reminding us that true  
listening forms compassionate and  
discerning hearts.

Fasting, he teaches, orders our desires and  
must be lived with humility and rooted in  
the Word, not as mere external discipline.

Of particular pastoral relevance is his  
invitation to fast from words that wound,  
urging us to "disarm our language" and  
foster speech that builds communion.

Lent, the Holy Father concludes, is a  
shared ecclesial journey in which renewed  
listening and fasting can transform our  
relationships and communities as we  
move towards Easter.

Read the message here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>

**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.