

**Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Christ the King, Bedford**  
Low Week, 2026

Today is Low Sunday and the Octave Day of Easter, a day that honours the transformation of the newly baptised, whose spiritual infancy is over and who have come of age.

So, we welcome Marco, who was baptised one week ago, into our parish, and we rejoice with him, Daniela, and Nadia, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the same time.

Today, even more than last Sunday, the whole Church resonates with the Resurrection. This day, the Eighth Day, as a prolongation of Easter Sunday, prefigures Eternal glory. That life is one which we begin to experience now because we believe.

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Following his Resurrection, the Lord came to many people who had failed him badly, and he was extraordinarily open and kind to them. This is a particularly consoling message for the difficult times in which we live.

It's a wonderful time for us to be preparing for First Communion, which we will celebrate next Sunday, 19th April. It is a great joy for all of us to stand with the children as they advance in the Christian life.

**For those seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation** we invite you to a meeting this Easter time:

For parents of young people between 13 and 17 years, we are hosting a meeting for you on Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm in the portacabin. For those who are 18+, we are hosting a meeting for you on Thursday 23rd April at 7pm in the portacabin.

We are very keen to support adults who are enquiring about the Faith and we invite you to **Catholicism for the Curious**, where we can explore the Faith together. We will host these hour-long sessions on alternate fortnights, starting on Wednesday 29th April at 7pm.

**The Psalm Responsory for this Sunday:**

*Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.*

Hymns for this Sunday:

Ent. 728 Thine be the glory      Com. 228 Godhead here in

Off. 278 Now the green blade      Final. 240 Hail the day

**The schedule for the week beginning Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Saturday 11th April**

6.00pm The Vigil Mass, Peace in the world

**Sunday 12th April**

8.30am Holy Mass (Latin), Jack Kennedy's intentions

10.30am Holy Mass, the faithful of the parish

3pm Holy Mass in Lithuanian

5pm Syro-Malabar Mass

**Monday 13th April**

8.00am Holy Mass,

**Friday 17th April**

6.30pm Holy Mass, Therese Correa RIP

**Saturday 18th April**

10.00am - 10.45am Confessions available

6pm Holy Mass

The Holy Places Collection on Good Friday: £254.95 Thank you.

Vintage Tea at Christ the King. You are invited to our next Tea on Friday 24th April at 2pm in the Hall.

Fr Richard thanks the whole parish for your very generous Easter Offerings and for the many cards and gifts you gave him over the Easter weekend.

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