

Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Christ the King, Bedford Fifth Week of Easter, 2026

We congratulate all our First Communicants, Eric, Neidas, Walter, Sheldon, Nathan, Noel, Dymphna, Emmanuella, Jonathan, Conner, Ava, and Leah. There are more children still preparing, and we hope to hold a celebration for them soon in the parish.

I invite all the families of the First Communion group to the 10.30am Mass next Sunday, 10th May. On that occasion we can present the children and young people to the parish, and also give them a document recording their First Communion.

People sometimes enquire about their First Holy Communion which took place here in the past. Unfortunately, we don't hold First Communion records from past years, but only Baptism and Confirmation Registers. In my last parish, I inaugurated a First Communion Register, recording the main details. This parish also now has such a Register - but it goes back only three years and records the First Communions of 2024, 2025, and 2026. And so in the future, people will be able to acquire a full record of their Christian Initiation from this parish, even if he or she was not baptised here.

Monday is the Feast of the English Martyrs, whose witness and example gives great light to the Church in this country. In so many ways, these our countrymen and women continue to inspire and strengthen us.

Catholicism for the Curious. We begin these informal evenings for adults to explore the Faith together. We continue this Wednesday at 7pm. The following session will be on Wednesday 27th May.

We are grateful to the Vintage Tea team who last week raised £260.

The Chosen Foundation would like to thank all who supported its recent raffle which raised £250.

Next Sunday there is a retiring collection for the 'Bishop's Fund'.

The Psalm Responsory for this Sunday:

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Schedule for the week beginning Sunday, 3rd May 2026

Saturday 2nd May

6.00pm The Vigil Mass,

Sunday 3rd May

8.30am Holy Mass (Latin), the faithful of the parish

10.30am Holy Mass, Giovanni & Angelina Svizda, anniv.

5pm Syro-Malabar Mass

Tuesday 5th May

12 noon Holy Mass, Carmela Pezzuto, RIP

Wednesday 6th May

10am Holy Mass, YB

5pm Parish Office hour

7pm Catholicism for the curious, portacabin.

Thursday 7th May

12 noon Holy Mass, Peace in the world

Friday 8th May

11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

12 noon Holy Mass,

Saturday, 9th May

10am - 10.45am Confession available

6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's retiring collection for the **Priests' Training Fund**: £147.41

Last Sunday's Offertory: Collection: £546.58 Standing Orders: £142.80
Total: £689.38 Thank you.

Thanks to all who donate to the parish by Standing Order. If you would like to donate in this way, please use these details:

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