

Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Christ the King, Bedford

Pentecost, 2026

A card payment device for the parish.

We are going to buy a Dona device for the parish which anyone will be able to use to donate to the Offertory Collection and to pay for items from the shop. You may have seen such devices in other churches that you have visited; they are very common now.

The **Bedford Catenians' Circle** have offered to match-fund the cost of this device (which is £500, plus the cost of a stand.) Already some parishioners have given money towards this purchase. If you would like to contribute via bank transaction, please insert 'Dona' as the reference for your transaction.

Dating workshop.

An opportunity for young people to reflect and discuss the nature of being single, of relationships, and of the call to marriage. This workshop is for any young people who are 18 years and over. Wednesday 1st July at 7pm in the portacabin.

A parish trip to Broughton Castle.

The good weather offers us a great opportunity to have a trip out and spend some time together. The date of this trip is Wednesday 17th June, leaving the parish at 11am and returning by 6pm. Broughton Castle is near Banbury and the entrance cost is £13. Please email Fr Richard indicating your interest, so that travel arrangements can be planned.

Private Parties in the Hall.

In recent years we have experienced significant issues from private parties being held in the hall. As a consequence, Praetorium, together with the parish, have changed the hours of hire. From now, any bookings for private parties, on any day of the week, will be required to end the event by 8pm, with the hall locked by 8.30pm. This does not affect any bookings for private parties that have already been made. Nor does this affect the booking of the hall for meetings and conferences by groups and agencies, who can continue to book the hall until 10.30pm, with the building locked by 11pm.

Schedule beginning Sunday 24th May 2026

Saturday 23rd May

6.00pm The Vigil Mass, Celestine Ford RIP

Sunday 24th May

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

10.30am Holy Mass, Samuel Johnson, birthday

Tuesday 26th May

6.30pm Holy Mass, Graeme Gardner RIP

7pm to 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 27th May

10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

5pm Parish Office hour

7pm Catholicism for the curious

Thursday 28th May

12 noon Holy Mass,

7pm - 9pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 29th May Day of prayer for

11am Exposition and Confession till 11.45am

12 noon Holy mass

Saturday 30th May

10am to 10.45am Confession

6pm Holy Mass,

Sunday 10th May Offertory: Collection: £499.55 Standing Orders: £142.80

Total: £642.35 Thank you.

Sunday 17th May Offertory: Collection £505.99 Standing Orders: £142.80

Total: £648.79. 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:

Name: Christ the King Parish. Sort: 600611 Account: 46714332

Forming Catholic student leaders

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst in Lancashire is again hosting two shorts courses this summer; one for lower sixth and one for upper sixth students. These courses have been run for about five years now and the Christian Heritage Centre has gained much experience in developing these courses for sixth formers.

Full details and booking are available on the website:

christianleadershipformation.com

There are also leaflets from the Christian Heritage Centre at the back of the church - please take one.

Fertility Care with Naprotechnology

When it comes to infertility issues, many find that the mainstream medical options do not address key areas and also find them invasive and expensive.

Fertility Care with Naprotechnology focusses on root causes and aims to fix underlying problems, transforming health and optimising fertility potential.

There are a number of helpful websites that also indicate where to find a practitioner:

fccgb.org

fiatfertilitycare.co.uk

naprotechnology.com

neofertility.ie

These approaches are consistent with the Teaching of the Church, and they respect the integrity of marriage and human life from conception.

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Vintage Tea afternoon last week.

We congratulate the Vintage Tea on their recent event, which raised £205 for the parish.