

Welcome to Christ the King parish,
the Catholic Church in south Bedford.

The Most Holy Trinity 2026

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Our Lady's month

Earlier in May our parish hosted the Deanery Conference with a lovely meal; almost all the clergy of the Deanery took part. These occasions of fellowship are very important for the Church, and it was great that our parish was able to offer hospitality.

While Fr Richard was on a break, we were grateful to Fr Chris, Fr Robert, and Fr Seamus, for supplying Masses, and also to Deacon Tony for ministering here during the week. It is always good for a parish to welcome visiting priests.

Last week Brett and Gemma married in the parish. We are so pleased for them and glad that their wedding was beautiful in every way.

The Solemnity of Pentecost was the culmination of our celebration of the Paschal Mystery and also ushered in the warm weather. Today's Procession in honour of the Mother of God enables us to acclaim her for her central role in the life of the Church.

Dating workshop

An opportunity for young people to reflect on and discuss the nature of being single, of relationships, and of the call to marriage. This worship is for young people over 18 years, Wed 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: 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 and so we can plan travel arrangements.

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Schedule for the week beginning Sunday 31st May 2026

Saturday 30th May

6pm The Vigil Mass, Bernard Brady and Helena Bakinowska, anniv.

Sunday 31st May

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

10.30am Holy Mass, Neil McGovern, anniv.

Tuesday 2nd June

6.30pm Holy Mass, Pascal Goswell, birthday

7 - 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 3rd June

10am Holy Mass, Bernadine Doran anniv.

7pm Catholicism for the curious, in the portacabin

Thursday 4th June

8.30am Holy Mass, YB

Friday 5th June

11 - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

12 noon Holy Mass

Saturday 6th June, First Saturday

9.30 - 9.55am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

10am Holy Mass

6pm The Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory: Collection: £483.56 Standing Orders: £136.25 Total: £619.81 Thank you.

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Liturgy Workshop. Building on last year's workshop on the Traditional Liturgy, we will host a second workshop focussed on the context of the Traditional Mass today: Thursday 25th June at 7pm in the portacabin.

The Chisen Foundation thanks all who supported their Easter Raffle. Your generosity raised £250. This money will be used for the building and furnishing of the House of Hope in Ghana. This house is for the support of children with special needs and their families.

How to cook the Valencian paella. We are going to demonstrate the cooking of the paella, and eat the final result. We need a Saturday lunchtime when there is no rain or wind forecast. This Spanish cooking event will be open to all, admission free, but we'll have a donation box (for parish funds.) Once we have a date you will be invited to register your participation so that we can plan enough food for all participants.

Catholic Christians in UK health care.

During the course of the year I have had several conversations with parishioners that have flagged up the importance of Catholics in health care today. It is worth remembering that Catholic health care associations do exist in this country.

For the support of Catholic health care professionals, there is the Catholic Medical Association. Its website is very helpful:

catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

This Association still publishes the Catholic Medical Quarterly, which helpfully discusses key issues in medicine today:

cmq.org.uk

There is also the association of Catholic nurses, which seeks to support and give solidarity to Catholic nurses:

catholicnurses.org.uk

It is important to recognise the Scottish Catholic Medical Association, which did tremendous work in the background to recent Scottish legislation. Whereas the English parliament voted in favour of Assisted Suicide, the Scottish parliament did not.