

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

12th Sunday of the Year 2026

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Our excursion last Wednesday was lovely. Broughton Castle is magnificent and well worth a visit. But the really good part was being able to spend time together. On Thursday evening last week, the extended period of Adoration was even better. Surely, the greatest thing about London Road is the Eucharistic presence of the Lord.

The Diocese of Northampton is again hosting its one year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course, starting this September. This offers a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. The course is for anyone who is active in parish life. If you would like to sign up to an introductory webinar this Wednesday, 24th June, 7:30-8:30pm, visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/>

Safeguarding Officer. The parish is still looking for new personnel to take up this essential role, which Dale has very helpfully held for over 10 yrs.

This Thursday, 25th June. A workshop on the Traditional Liturgy, focussing on its context today. 7pm in the portacabin.

Saturday 27th June. A Paella cooking demonstration, eating the final product afterwards, 12.30pm to 3.30pm. It is essential to email Fr Richard indicating your participation in this Spanish food social.

Wednesday 1st July. Dating with Dignity, a workshop for 18+; being single, relationships, and the call to marriage. 7pm in the portacabin.

We are looking for a date (weekday) to host a Mass in Spanish. A suggestion has come from Spanish speakers in Bedford and we want to do this on a day and at a time which is most convenient. Please let Fr Richard know what would work for you?

Schedule for week beginning Sunday 21st June 2026

Saturday 20th June

6pm The Vigil Mass, Martin Wilkinson, birthday

Sunday 21st June

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

10.30am Holy Mass, Ojinika and Nwando, birthdays

Tuesday 23rd June

10.30am Funeral for Nora Cosgrave

Thursday 25th June

7pm Workshop, 'The Traditional Liturgy in today's context', in the portacabin

Friday 26th June

11am Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available

12 noon Holy Mass, Nora Cosgrave, RIP

Saturday 27th June

9am - 9.30am Confession available

12.30pm - 3.30pm Paella in the precinct. Booking is essential.

6pm The Vigil Mass

Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief.

Science is clear that life begins at fertilisation when a new and unique living human being comes into existence. Every technological development in recent decades has given us insight into how life in the womb unfolds for each of us. It is because of what both science and faith reveal to us that the Church and many people of good will have always held that the unborn child merits the full protection of the law, and why we have always rejected elective abortion.

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £553.69 Standing Orders: £108.40

Total: £662.09

The Diocese of Northampton, Registered Charity No 234091

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

National Day of Prayer & Fasting For Life

A great prayer for Life is urgently needed. St John Paul II



**Vigil of the Feast of
St John the Baptist**

Join us each month in Prayer and Fasting:

Fasting

**Fast from all food except bread and water
for the day**

Or

Fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV.

Fast from whatever you can given your state of health etc, but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself.

Prayer

**We are asking people to say a Rosary (or
an extra Rosary if you say it daily already).**

You could also offer an extra effort such as going to Mass (or an extra Mass) on the day, or going to Adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle if Adoration is not available near you.

*And He said to them; This kind (of demon) can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.
(Gospel of Mark 9:29)*

On Tuesday 23rd June, the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it. (Jonah 3:5,10)

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