

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

14th Sunday of the Year 2026

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2026 is the Franciscan Jubilee Year, marking 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi. The parish in Shefford is the only parish in our Pastoral Area dedicated to this saint, and parishes across the Diocese are making a pilgrimage to visit the church in Shefford. St Francis of Assisi parish in Shefford invites the parishioners of Christ the King to visit their parish on a Saturday in September or October this year. Could we all look at our diaries and consider which Saturday would be good for us.

Last Tuesday the Holy Father appointed the Archbishop of Westminster as the **Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton** for the time being. This means that Archbishop Moth will take responsibility for any episcopal actions in the Diocese at this time.

Many thanks to the **Vintage Tea team** whose recent event raised £145 for the parish.

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.

Readers, please observe the pauses between the parts of the Liturgy of the Word. The Church asks for these pauses, which we practiced some months ago, and which give us all "an opportunity to take the Word of God to heart and to prepare a response to it in prayer."

We are hosting a Mass in Spanish on Wednesday 22nd July at 10am. We extend a warm invitation to Spanish speaking Catholics and to refreshments afterwards.

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 5th July 2026

Saturday 4th July

6pm Vigil Mass, the Holy Souls

Sunday 5th July

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

10.30am Holy Mass, Private Intention

Tuesday 7th July

6.30pm Holy Mass

7pm - 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8th July

10am Holy Mass, Fr Tom O'Connor, RIP

5pm Parish office hour

Thursday 9th July

8.30am Holy Mass, Fr Paul Reid, RIP

Friday 10th July

11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions available

12 noon Holy Mass

Saturday 11th July

10am - 10.45am Confessions available

6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £450.25 Standing Orders: £108.40
Total: £558.65

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

The front of church Car Park, outside the main entrance of the church has spaces for four cars only, and disabled drivers have priority. We ask everyone to observe this protocol.

The Diocese of Northampton, Registered Charity No 234091

Parish Hall Bookings & Calendar Accuracy.

A friendly reminder to all parishioners and groups who utilise our wonderful parish hall: Please ensure that your bookings on the church website calendar reflect the exact times you will be occupying the building, including any early setup time.

While we are delighted to offer the hall for parish events, having precise times on the calendar is crucial for building maintenance and safety.

If your event starts at 12:00 PM, but you need access at 9:00 AM to set up tables, decorate, or drop off supplies, your booking must start at 9:00 AM.

By keeping the online calendar 100% accurate, you help us ensure the facilities are fully operational and ready for you the moment you step through the door.

March for Life

This year it takes place on Saturday 5th September. Fourteen Catholic bishops will be taking part and there will be age-appropriate sessions for children, teens, and youth throughout the morning.

We are planning to travel from our parish via train to London. For more information about the day visit marchforlife.co.uk

Sea Sunday

Next Sunday there is a retiring collection for Stella Maris, the Church's apostolate to mariners who come to the many ports of the UK.

We Believe Festival

For a second year this Festival is being held to bring together the Church in England and Wales at Oscott seminary and grounds in Birmingham. This year the dates are 24th to 27th July 2026. Book your tickets at the webeliefefestival.com