

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

15th Sunday of the Year 2026

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Seafarers play a vital role in our lives, but they often work in difficult and dangerous conditions. An example is the current situation in the Strait of Hormuz. Many are abandoned by employers, endure long separations from family, and poor mental health. Stella Maris is the Catholic Charity that provides practical help and pastoral care to seafarers, of whom around 80% are Catholics. Our Second Collection today is in support of our UK port Catholic chaplains in their apostolate.

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. In order to accommodate the various parishes of our Pastoral Area, St Francis of Assisi parish in Shefford has invited the parishioners of Christ the King to visit their parish towards the end of the summer. A date has been suggested: Saturday 26th September, morning/lunchtime.

Readers, please observe the pauses between the parts of the Liturgy of the Word. So, after the 1st Reading pause for 8 seconds.

After the Psalm, pause for 8 seconds.

After the second reading and before the Alleluia, pause for 8 seconds.

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."

Holy Mass in Spanish, Wednesday 22nd July at 10am. We extend a warm invitation to Spanish speaking Catholics. We will hold a brief planning meeting after Masses on Sunday 9th July

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 12th July 2026

Saturday 11th July

6pm Vigil Mass, Private Intention

Sunday 12th July

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

10.30am Holy Mass, William Coker, anniv. Martin Gallagher, anniv,

Tuesday 14th July

6.30pm Holy Mass

7pm - 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 15th July (Diocesan Safeguarding Training Day)

8.30am Holy Mass, YB

6pm Parish office hour

Thursday 16th July

8.30am Holy Mass, Thanksgiving, Marco and Lena Wedding anniv.

Saturday 18th July

6pm Vigil Mass, John Nolan RIP

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £504.31 Standing Orders: £108.40
Total: £612.71

Recent Second Collections: Communications Sunday £88.57

Day for Life £79.30

Peter's Pence £80.49

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 Bedford River Festival takes place next weekend, 18th/19th July. We ask God's blessing on this very happy and family-friendly event in our town and right on our parish boundary. Let us cover it in prayer!

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.

We are very grateful to the **Community Voluntary Services Agency** of Bedfordshire for their recent donation to the parish of a Portable Defibrillator. This device can be used when there is a need for it in either the hall or the church. Training in its use is helpful, but the instructions for use, on the device, must be followed. It is presently located on the wall just inside the main area of the parish hall.

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

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 webelievefestival.com