

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

18th Sunday of the Year 2026

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In this time of warm weather we wish all the families of the parish a good and restful summer and, if you are taking a holiday, that your time away is truly recreational.

We are shocked by the terrible wildfires on the European mainland and hope that these will indeed be fully extinguished so that communities can recover.

It behooves us to be extra careful with our own environment, and that of our neighbours. We will offer Masses, praying for rain and that all our lands will yield a fruitful harvest.

We are now in our twelfth year of hosting the Traditional Rite of Mass at Christ the King. Let it not be said that the Tradition has been jettisoned by the Church - that narrative is obviously questionable. Revelation is found in both Scripture and Tradition. The Tradition is itself a 'gold mine' of the Church and, in 2026, we continue to find it a treasure trove for the living of Christ's life today.

A message to parents of under 18s who are seeking the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for them. Please contact Fr Richard as we will be starting the preparation soon.

Having recently welcomed some newly baptised babies into the parish, we rejoice that there have been more births during early summer, and so this season of infant baptisms continues.

During the month of August, while some of our parishioners are away, we will not deploy a minister of Holy communion at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 2nd August 2026

Saturday 1st August

6pm Vigil Mass, Reparation and Prayer for sanctity of human life

Sunday 2nd August

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

10.30am Holy Mass, Patrick O'Rourke

Tuesday 4th August

6.30pm Holy Mass, Francis Gomez RIP

Wednesday 5th August

10am Holy Mass, Fr John Bielawski, RIP

No Parish office hour in the month of August

Thursday 6th August

6.30pm Holy Mass, Deceased members of the O'Rourke family

Friday 7th August

11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

12 noon Holy Mass, for rain

Saturday 8th August

10am - 10.45am Confession available

6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £410.44 Standing Orders: £133.50

Total: £543.94

Collection for the Xaverian Missionaries: £251.25

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

Offertory Envelopes. There are some spare boxes of envelopes left from March this year at the back of church. If you would like to start using the envelopes, please take a box, but write down your name and the box number on a piece of paper and give that paper to Fr Richard.

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