

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

The 22nd Sunday of the Year, 2026

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We are full of gratitude to God for the gift of Faith that we have received from Him. The gift of our Faith is founded on what we call the Deposit of Faith. This is the complete revelation of Christ Jesus and is contained within two sources - Tradition and Sacred Scripture.

Christ Our Lord entrusted the truth which He had brought from heaven to the Apostles. This Revelation, which contains the doctrines that make up the Catholic Faith, has been committed to the Church, to be faithfully guarded and interpreted by her. Over the course of centuries doctrines contained within the Deposit are clarified and defined by the Magisterium. Nothing new can be added that is not contained, at least implicitly, in the Deposit of Faith, for public revelation ceased with the death of the last apostle. This is the Faith that we glory in, because it has opened us up to our true life.

The saints model the Faith and the Church for us. Let's consider the four saints whose relics were enshrined in the altar at Christ the King in 2010, when the church and altar were consecrated.

1. **St Monica.** This fourth century, north African lady, whose feast was last Thursday, married a non-believer, Patricius, and they had two sons. Both boys were influenced by the way their father lived and his views, but Monica lived her whole life in witness to the Faith, and prayed for her family. In time, her prayer and witness brought about the conversion of her husband and both her sons. Read more about her on the internet and think of her when you take part in the Mass here - she will be remembering all of us before God's throne!

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God our Father, pour forth your Spirit upon Christ the King parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service. May your love grow among us and your Kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 30th August 2026

Saturday 29th August

6pm Vigil Mass, Deceased of the Dorney and Morrissey families

Sunday 30th August

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

10.30am Holy Mass, Lydia Ichu

Tuesday 1st September

6.30pm Holy Mass,

7pm - 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 2nd September

10am Holy Mass,

5pm - 6.30pm Open door

Thursday 3rd September

6.00pm Holy Mass, Private intention

Friday 4th September

11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

12 noon Holy Mass, Izaias Fonseca, 1st birthday

Saturday 5th September, First Saturday and March for Life

7.30am - 7.55am Adoration and Confession available

8am Holy Mass

6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £437.15 Standing Orders: £128.50

Total: £565.65

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

Hymns: Entrance 143, Offertory 676, Communion 674, Final 602

And, if you are looking for something more? We are hosting a series of talks exploring the meaning of life, our joys and our sufferings, who is God and what is the Christian faith. These will begin on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30 pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome, those who are curious or simply interested in discovering more. 16 - 18 year olds must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Open door. On Wednesdays, 5 - 6.30pm, the church will be open to offer a welcome, and for prayer, and for any enquiry.

Welcomers' workshop. Hospitality and welcome lie at the heart of any parish. We are hosting a workshop on Wednesday 16th September at 7pm in the portacabin. We hope to develop this ministry in the parish, so please do come to this workshop and be a part of that development.

March for Life. This coming Saturday, 5th September, in London - you are invited to take part. There is an information flyer in the church porch, both inside and outside. If you are going, we could plan to travel on the same train from Bedford.

Regina Caeli Academy. Just south of us in the village of Meppershall, near Shefford, is a foundation of the Regina Caeli Academy. This offers a tremendous hybrid curriculum for home-schooling parents. Full details are on their website: rcahybrid.org.uk

The children of some families in our parish attend the school and parents have said this about their experience of the school:

"The Academy has been a real blessing for our family. The curriculum is both challenging and engaging, and we've seen our children grow in confidence and understanding, but also in virtue and faith, and in their love of learning."

First Communion parents' meeting. This meeting is for parents of children who are now 8 years old, and who now wish to develop the Christian initiation of their children. The meeting is on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm in the portacabin.

Our church cleaning teams do a great job on Saturday mornings, and we are indebted to their dedication. We do need to supply our teams with new members; could you spare an hour on a Saturday morning once a month? Please contact Martin or Fr Richard.

The reintroduced **Terminally Ill Adults Bill** is having a second reading in the House of Commons on 11th September. Speaking up for right reason, not dead yetuk have delivered cards with which we can petition our MP to vote against this Bill. Please take a card with you after the Mass and read its contents. You may then wish to send your signed card to your MP.

We thank God for the recent rains for which we prayed and which are now so restorative to the land. Our concerns are still for our farmers and the impact that this summer has had on their livelihoods. Let us pray for all our farmers whose lives and work contribute so much to our good.

The Guild of St Stephen, in partnership with Maryvale Institute, has launched a course for adult altar servers. Full details are on their website: guildofststephen.org/certificate. The deadline for registration is 15.9.26.

Book recommendations

In light of St Monica's feast, which we celebrated last Thursday, and some of whose relics lie in the altar of our church, here are some excellent books for young women:

Stacey Mitch, *Courageous love*, Emmaus Road Books

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Both these books are very helpful in guiding young women in the spiritual life.

John and Stasi Eldredge, *Captivating*, Thomas Nelson Books

A genuine unveiling of the feminine soul.

Jo Croissant, *The priesthood of the heart*, St Pauls Books

Another book that beautifully expresses the feminine vocation.

And a book that is very helpful for couples who are discerning marriage: Frederick Marks, *A Catholic handbook for engaged and newly married couples*, Emmaus Road Books.