

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

## The 24th Sunday of the Year, 2026

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We have so much to offer as a parish that we should be particularly invitational and welcoming in our approach to others. As you know, later this month we are hosting a general catechesis on the Christian life - we are all invited to take part, and we should make a point of inviting others to come to some of the sessions, here at Christ the King. And as we do so, let us pray for our parish:

**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.

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

**The saints** model the Faith and the Church for us. We are remembering the four saints some of whose relics were enshrined in the altar at Christ the King in 2010, when the church and altar were consecrated.

**3. St Gabriel Lalemant.** He too was a French Jesuit missionary priest and companion of St John de Brebeuf, joining him in Canada in 1648. The day after John de Brebeuf was martyred, Gabriel Lalemant was also ritually tortured to death. This was 17th March 1649 and he was 38. His devotion to the mission of the Lord carried him not just to Canada, but to the sacrifice which would bring many of the Huron and Iroquois to faith in Christ. Two days after his death, his body and that of John de Brebeuf were discovered by people from the French mission, and their relics are now venerated in The Martyrs Shrine, Midland, Ontario. Read more about him on the internet; he helps to lead our self-offering to the Lord every time we take part in Holy Mass at Christ the King.

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## Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 13th September 2026

### Saturday 12th September

6pm Vigil Mass, the faithful of the parish

### Sunday 13th September

8.30am Holy Mass (Latin), Kay Nolan, RIP

10.30am Holy Mass, Thresiamia Joseph, anniv, George and Jane Brookes RIP

### Tuesday 15th September

6.30pm Holy Mass, BD

7pm - 7.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday 16th September

10am Holy Mass, YB

5pm - 6.30pm Open door

7pm Welcomers' workshop in the portacabin

### Thursday 17th September

6pm Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

6.30pm Holy Mass, Private intention

### Friday 18th September

11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

11am Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

12 noon Holy Mass,

### Saturday 19th September

10am Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

10.05am - 10.45am Confession available

6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £644.19 Standing Orders: £128.50

Dona device: £20 Total: £792.69

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**Hymns: Entrance 633, Offertory 164, Communion 72, Final 37**

**A catechesis on the Christian life.** 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. There will be two catecheses each week, Tues and Thurs, for four weeks, 7.30pm in church.

**Welcomers' workshop.** This 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.

**Regina Caeli Academy** has a foundation in the village of Meppershall, near Shefford. This offers a tremendous hybrid curriculum for home-schooling parents. Full details are on their website: [rcahybrid.org.uk](http://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:

"We are very grateful to the Regina Caeli Academy and wholeheartedly recommend it to any family looking for a faithful, academically excellent, and nurturing Catholic education."

**First Communion parents' meeting.** Families are at the heart of the Church and here at Christ the King we seek to equip parents to share the faith within their families. So, we place the sacraments in their proper context - how we live our Christian lives, rather than isolating the sacraments from life and making First Communion the moment when a life of faith comes to an end.

This meeting is for practicing parishioners, whose children who are now 8 years old, and who now wish to develop the Christian initiation of their children through Confession and Holy Communion. The meeting is on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm in the portacabin.

**SVP Appeal:** Today there is a second collection for the work of our parish St Vincent de Paul Society to those in need in our area, helping in whatever way they can, financially, physically, morally. Members of the SVP will speak at today's Masses.

**The Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham ending** on her feast, 24th September. We're offering this Novena for the evangelisation of our parish. The prayers will be led in church each day, starting on Wednesday 16th September at 9.30am in church. You are welcome to take part, or to make the prayers at home.

**Consecration to St Joseph.** I invite the men of the parish to join in making a 33-day consecration to St Joseph this Autumn, starting on Tuesday 29th September and finishing on Saturday 31st October, the eve of All Saints.

What is consecration to St Joseph? It is an acknowledgement that St Joseph is our spiritual father, and that we want to be like him.

Why do it? First, to help protect marriage and the family. Secondly, because our world needs to be re-evangelised. We will use Fr Donald Calloway's resource and, although we can make the daily consecration prayers at home, we will meet together on the Saturdays, early in the morning at the parish, at a time which we can decide. Our first men's meeting, to introduce the consecration, will be on Saturday 26th September at 8.30am in the church.

**Jubilee pilgrimage to St Francis', Shefford.** There are information flyers in the porch about this event. If you intend to go, please let Fr Richard know so that he can give an idea of numbers to Fr Prasad in Shefford.

**Cinema of Grace.** Showing the film about St Francis, "Brother Sun, Sister Moon", Friday 25th September at 7pm in the portacabin.

**Book recommendations** for older teenage boys and young men:

Jason Evert, *Pure manhood*, Catholic Answers

Tim Gray and Curtis Martin, *Boys to men*, Emmaus Road Books

Fr Ken Barker, *Young men rise up*, Connorcourt Books

John Eldredge, *Wild at heart*, Nelson Books

John. Eldredge, *Fathered by God*, Nelson Books

Harold Burke-Sivers, *Behold the man*, Ignatius Press

Of course, please read helpful reviews of all these on-line first.