

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

The 25th Sunday of the Year, 2026

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Beginning this week, our parish hosts a general catechesis on the Christian life. We are all invited to take part, and we should especially invite others to come to any of the sessions.

There are two evenings this week, Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 7.30pm in the church. The sessions will last about 45 mins. Everyone is welcome. 16 - 18 year olds must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. As this week begins, 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 is open to offer a welcome, and for prayer, and for any enquiry.

The saints model the Faith and the Church for us. It has to be said that enshrined in the altar at Christ the King are the relics of four very classy saints. **4. St John Vianney.** For 41 years he was the parish priest of the small village of Ars, just north of Lyon in France, during the mid 1800s. He was devoted to the Lord, to the Mass, and to his ministry as a confessor, and as a catechist. He beautified the Liturgy with the vestments, the vessels, the ornaments. He studied the texts of the Mass each day before celebrating the holy sacrifice. He spent hours each day in the confessional. He transformed his humble village church into a place of evangelisation, Christian formation, and pilgrimage. Read more about him on the internet because his whole life is so inspirational. Or even better, read his biography, *The Cure d'Ars*, by Abbé Francis Trochu.

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Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 20th September 2026

Saturday 19th September

6pm Vigil Mass,

Sunday 20th September

8.00am Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

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

10.30am Holy Mass, John Duah

Monday 21st September

8.00am Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

10.30am Requiem Mass for Bridget Bardon

Tuesday 22nd September

5.00pm Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

5.15pm Holy Mass, Bridget Bardon, RIP

7.30pm A catechesis on the Christian life, in the church

Wednesday 23rd September

9.30am Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

10am Holy Mass,

5pm - 6.30pm Open door

7pm Meeting for parents to discuss First Communion, in the protacabin

Thursday 24th September

6pm Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

6.30pm Holy Mass, Private intention

7.30pm A catechesis on the Christian life, in the church

Friday 25th September

11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

11am Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

12 noon Holy Mass,

7pm Cinema of Grace, "Brother Sun, Sister Moon", in the protacabin

Saturday 26th September

8.30am Men's "St Joseph" meeting in the church

10am Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham

10.05am - 10.30am Confession available. **Note the end time today.**

The Regina Caeli Academy is right on our doorstep in the village of Meppershall, near Shefford. One of the families in our parish spoke recently about their experience of the school:

"When we first began looking at how best to educate our children, one of our biggest priorities was that their faith would remain at the heart of their education. That is what led us to Regina Caeli Academy (RCA), a Catholic hybrid homeschooling programme.

RCA gives us what we feel is the best of both worlds. Our children spend two days each week at the Academy, learning alongside other children and receiving support from their tutors, while the other three days are spent learning at home with us. This has allowed us, as parents, to be closely involved in their education while also giving them the opportunity to build friendships and develop their social skills within a wonderful community.

For us, the greatest blessing has been the faith formation our children receive. They are surrounded by like-minded families and are able to grow in their relationship with God in an environment where our Catholic faith is part of everyday life. It has been very encouraging for us to see their faith develop alongside their academic learning.

We also love the freedom that homeschooling gives our children. They have the space to learn, explore, play and grow without feeling that they are constantly under pressure or being compared and judged. They can simply be children, while still having the structure, friendships and community that the Academy provides.

We are now in our fourth year with RCA, and it has been incredibly valuable for our family. Looking back, we are very grateful that we discovered this option and for all that it has given our children.

If you are a family wondering whether there are alternatives to traditional schooling, we would wholeheartedly encourage you to explore hybrid homeschooling. RCA has been a real blessing to our family, and we would highly recommend it to other families."

Full details of the **Regina Caeli Academy** are on their website: rcahybrid.org.uk

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £517.63 Standing Orders: £128.50
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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

Collection, last week, for the Society of St Vincent de Paul: £228.65

Today there is a retiring collection for **Home Mission Sunday**

First Communion parents' meeting this Wednesday at 7pm in the portacabin. The 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 Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham starts on Wednesday and finishes on her feast, 24th September. We're offering this Novena for the evangelisation of our parish.

Consecration to St Joseph. I invite the men of the parish to make a 33-day consecration to St Joseph, 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.

I invite the men of the parish to an introductory meeting on Saturday 26th Sept, 8.30am in the church, followed by coffee in the parish room.

Cinema of Grace. Showing the film about St Francis of Assisi, "Brother Sun, Sister Moon", this Friday, 25th Sept, 7pm in the portacabin. All welcome, and you are welcome to bring refreshments.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Wed 30th Sept, 7pm-9pm, in the church.

Hymns: Entrance 559, Offertory 302, Communion 399, Final 684