

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

The 28th Sunday of the Year, 2026

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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.

Open door. 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, they offer us a concrete example of living the life of Christ. **St Andre Bassette** was orphaned when he was 12 years old. This was in 1857. Desperately poor, he asked to join the Holy Cross brothers in Montreal, Canada, when he was 25 years old. The bishop had to support his application. For 40 years he was the porter or door-keeper of the community. Because of this role, he was able to meet and pray with great numbers of people. He began to ask the intercession of St Joseph for those who came to the door. Healings and conversions began to happen. Word spread round the city. In 1904 he asked the bishop if a chapel to St Joseph could be built in the city. The bishop said yes, but he asked this humble brother to find the money. So, he became a barber, and raising meagre funds, he was able to build a simple chapel. Over the years, more money was donated and the chapel grew to become, what is now, the largest Catholic church in Canada. A million people came to visit his coffin when he died in 1937. Read about his on the internet. Ask his intercession. Be encouraged to be an agent of Christ to others. Go to St Joseph!

Some men of the parish are presently making a 33-day consecration to St Joseph, which finishes on Saturday 31st October, the eve of All Saints. They are praying for us; pray also for them and all the men of the parish.

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 11th October 2026

Saturday 10th October

6pm Vigil Mass, Pasquale Cioffo, anniv, and Janice Bunting-Gray, anniv.

Sunday 11th October

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

10.30am Holy Mass, the intentions of the O'Connor family

Tuesday 13th October

5.15pm Holy Mass, for those who are coming to Christ

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

Wednesday 14th October

10am Holy Mass, Agnes Tate, anniv.

5pm - 6.30pm Open door

Thursday 15th October

6.30pm Holy Mass, Private intention

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

Friday 16th October

11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available

12 noon Holy Mass, the St Joseph's men's group

Saturday 17th October

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

10.05am - 10.30am Confession available.

6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection: £498.51 Standing Orders: £128.50

Dona device: £27.50 Total: £654.51

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Hymns: Entrance 608, Offertory 399, Communion 517, Final 628

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There are many helpful resources on the internet which offer vision and support against the addictive and controlling influences of the technology itself and some of its harmful content. Often, when searching for resources, it can be helpful first to know about a person who offers good formation, for instance, Jordan Peterson, and then to search for his or her website. Here are some helpful websites that are at hand:

www.covenanteyes.com Provides tools and services for individuals overcoming pornography and fostering family digital safety.

www.choicez.com.au Jonathan and Karen Doyle's Australian-based site that offers resources for young people in the areas of faith, values, and relationships.

www.heartofthefather.com For those seeking real interior freedom.

www.wildatheart.org John Eldredge's site for young men.

www.chastity.com Jason and Crystalline Evert's website on relationships and maturity.

www.catholicchemistry.com which has a great self-assessment checklist for young adults.

There are many others. If you would like to recommend some, please let Fr R know, and we can make these websites more widely known.

These are some excellent books which are helpful to parents in offering education in the area of human biology, relationships, and parenting:

Johann Arnold, *Why Children Matter*, Plough Publishing.

Mary Healy, *Men and Women are from Eden*, Servant Books.

Gerard O'Shea, *As I have loved you*, Modotti Press.

James Stenson, *Successful Fathers*, Scepter Press.

For a much more in depth exposition of Christian Education:

Gerard O'Shea, *Educating in Christ*, Angelico Press.

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One of the great responsibilities of our parish is to hand on the faith to the next generation and to those who are discovering Christ for the first time. As the parish grows and as we look to the future, we are now looking for new catechists, people who are willing to be trained and then to share their faith.

We are looking particularly for catechists who could work with children, with teens, with families, or with adults. There are a range of training opportunities for those who would like to become catechists, and we can also look to discuss funding for such training.

If this is something that you already feel a call to, or perhaps wonder if this might be a new step for you to take, please do speak with Fr Richard.

October - the month of the Holy Rosary. This great prayer helps us to contemplate the Mystery of Christ and the whole Gospel in truth, because it is God and his plan for us that we are contemplating. Our Lady points us, leads us, accompanies us in this enterprise, and in this great prayer we can include any petition, any need, any love.

The Parish Finance Committee meet this Wednesday.

World Mission Collection, Sunday 18th October.

An evening of extended Eucharistic Exposition, Friday 23rd October, 7pm to 9pm.

Quiz Night in support of the Chisen Charity, Saturday 24th October.

The Cinema of Grace. The next showing will be the film, 'Sophie Scholl', Friday 30th October, 7pm, in the portacabin.