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

The 30th 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 - 6pm, the church is open to offer a welcome, for prayer, for any enquiry, for requesting a Mass, or signing forms or processing of any admin.

The saints model the Faith and the Church for us, they are wonderfully open to us as any best friend would be, and offer themselves to us as concrete examples of living the life of Christ.
On Saturday, the St Joseph's group are making their consecration, and we celebrate the **Eve of All Hallows**. This day has become overwhelmed with symbolism about death, fear, and the occult, which is essentially a confused attempt to return to ancient forms of paganism. In fact, this day is the Vigil of a great celebration of the Church: the triumph of God's grace in the saints. Christ has indeed conquered the kingdom of darkness, ransoming mankind, and healing us with his love. The Eve of All Hallows enables a great movement of faith to stir throughout the whole world in all the faithful, so that we are not distracted by fear and images of ghouls and death. Halloween is a call from the Church to prepare for the Lord, whose victory in the saints will be celebrated the next day. 31st October is a day in which we can all be inspired by the witness of the Church, of the saints, and of the beautiful history of Faith. A helpful website for families with children is nightoflight.org

The men's 33-day preparation for consecration to St Joseph concludes on Saturday, the eve of All Saints.

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 25th October 2026

Saturday 24th October
6pm Vigil Mass, Blake Lyndon Bunting-Gray, anniv

Sunday 25th October
8.30am Holy Mass (Latin), the faithful of the parish
10.30am Holy Mass, Ingo Kurnoth

Monday 26th October
8.00am Holy Mass, Fr John Galvin, RIP

Tuesday 27th October
7.30pm A catechesis on the Christian life

Thursday 29th October
6.30pm Holy Mass, Brendan Murphy and family
7.30pm A catechesis on the Christian life, in the church

Friday 30th October
11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available
12 noon Holy Mass, Private Intention
7pm Showing "Sophie Scholl" in the Cinema of Grace.

Saturday 31st October
8.30am Men's "St Joseph" meeting in the church
10.00am - 10.45am Confession available.
1pm Holy Mass in Spanish
6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection:£484.89 Standing Orders: £128.50
Dona device: £57 Total: £670.39

World Mission Fund Collection: £219.78

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 179, Offertory 478, Communion 399, Final 628

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One of the responsibilities of our parish is to hand on the faith to the next generation and to those who are just now discovering Christ. 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 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.

We are looking for volunteers to help run Tiny Church and Children's Liturgy every Sunday. Could you spare a little of your time to help our youngest parishioners discover and grow in their faith in a fun and welcoming way? You don't need to be an expert — just enthusiasm and a willingness to help! We'll support you in the role. We would love to hear from you! Please speak to Fr Richard if you could join the team.

The parish is recruiting a part-time Parish Administrator, a voluntary role with all expenses paid, to give administrative support to the background management of the parish. The role requires organisational, communication, and IT skills. Please contact Fr Richard if you would like to discuss this further.

The parish is recruiting a part-time Hall Supervisor. This is a voluntary role with all expenses paid, to oversee on-site management of the hall, ensuring it is a welcoming, safe, and maintained facility for parish and community use. The role envisages someone who has the availability to make some on-site visits to the hall each week. Please contact Fr Richard if you would like to discuss this further.

The parish is recruiting a part-time PA to the parish priest. It is a voluntary role with all expenses paid, to provide confidential, administrative, and organisational support to the pp, managing diary, appointments, correspondence, communications, coordinating meetings and activities. The role envisages organisational, communication, and IT skills. Please contact Fr Richard if you would like to discuss this further.

We are also looking for volunteers to help count the Sunday Offertory Collection. If you have 45 mins to spare and could help in this way, please contact Fr R.

October - the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady points us, leads us, accompanies us in this prayer, and in this great prayer we can include any petition, any need, any expression of love for God.

Dead List Masses. Please let Fr Richard have any November Dead List Mass intentions no later than Friday 30th October.

The Cinema of Grace. The next showing, this Friday, is the film, 'Sophie Scholl', 7pm, in the portacabin, with refreshments.

The Catecheses on the Christian life continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. The last Catechesis is on Tuesday 10th November.

New Year's Day is a Friday and we should think about what king of celebration we would like to hold in the parish.

Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper. Saturday evening, 30th January 2027, in the hall. Tickets will be available in due course.

During recent catecheses' sessions, people have asked about resources and guides for prayer. Anything that helps to initiate us into prayer, especially for those who have never really engaged their relationship with God before, is important. Here are some books that I particularly recommend:
Jean-Marie Lustiger, *First Steps in Prayer*, Collins. This beautiful and simple book is foundational.
Fr Jacques Philippe has written many, accessible and helpful books of the spiritual life. Amongst them are *Time for God, Called to Life, In the school of the Holy Spirit*, all published by Sceptre.
Fr Simon Tugwell OP has written widely, but his book, *Prayer, Living with God*, Template Publishers, is an exceptional resource.
Some will have heard of Jean Khoury, who mentors people into praying, his book, *Praying with the heart*, Angelico Press, has helped many.