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



The Feast of All Saints, 2026

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Open door. Wednesdays, 5 - 6pm, the church is open to offer a welcome, for prayer, for any enquiry, and for requesting a Mass, or signing forms, Mass cards, or any processing any admin. This is a good time for all these things.

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.
We are so pleased that some of our parishioners have enrolled children for First Sacraments; they are: Dominic, Kuba, Samuel, Alex, Lucie, Chantela, Chiara, Kacper, Aaron, Dario, Melania, Zahra, Isioma, Josiah, Amelia, Tomas, Caitlin, Liam, Paula, Karina, Sofija.
The Feast of All Saints puts these children's name saints into focus. We also recognise that these children may be glad to know that other saints are supporting them in their growing Christian lives. We have placed a children's board near the font in church ....
If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for a particular child, write your name alongside. If you are going to pray to a particular saint on behalf of a particular child, write the saint's name alongside.

We are looking for volunteers to help count the Sunday Offertory Collection. If you have 40 mins to spare one day during the week and could help in this way, please contact Fr R.

The parish is also looking for a small team of people to manage the Memorial Book that is kept at the back of the church, updating and developing it. Could you help in this way, enabling parishioners to add or edit details that are recorded here?

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Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 1st November 2026

Saturday 31st October
6pm Vigil Mass, thanksgiving

Sunday 1st November
8.30am Holy Mass (Latin), Nigel Kennedy RIP
10.30am Holy Mass, the faithful of the parish

Tuesday 3rd November
5.15pm Holy Mass, Dead List
7.30pm A catechesis on the Christian life, in the church

Wednesday 4th November
10am Holy Mass, YB
5pm - 6pm Open door

Thursday 5th November
6.30pm Holy Mass, Private intention
7.30pm A catechesis on the Christian life, in the church

Friday 6th November
11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available
12 noon Holy Mass, Dead List

Saturday 7th November
10.00am - 10.45am Confession available.
6pm Vigil Mass

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection:£394.49 Standing Orders: £128.50
Dona device: £160 Total: £682.99

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

The Chisen Team would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those who attended and/or supported the Chisen Quiz last Saturday evening. We raised a total of £679 which is wonderful and will greatly aid towards the completion of the work to be done on House of Hope in Ghana.

Hymns: Entrance 176, Offertory 88, Communion 31, Final 238

Books that I recommend about the end of time, God's plan, and the glorious future in Christ:
Charles Arminjon, *The End of the Present World*, Sophia Institute. St Therese of Lisieux read this book when she was 14 years old; she said it filled her with purpose and changed her whole approach to life.
Benedict Groeschel CFR, *Healing the Original Wound*, Servant Publications. In this book the author powerfully describes the whole journey toward God.
Curtis Martin, *Made for More*, Ascension Press. This is a good book for older teenagers and young people
J.R.R.Tolkien wrote a fascinating short story, *Leaf by Niggle*, a parable about how we need Christ to become complete - we can't do it on our own, and the healing experience of purgatory makes us fully complete.
Of course, there are many others - that you might like to highlight for us.

The sections of the Catechism which speak about the "**Four last things**":
Death - we are in a passing world, and our true goal does not lie here: Paragraphs 400 - 403
Judgement - the supreme manifestation of justice and the climax of human destiny: Paragraphs 1021 - 1022, 677 - 679
Heaven - not an ideal, and beyond ideas; a real kingdom of full dignity and repletion: Paragraphs 1023 - 1029
Hell - for those who take their destiny back into their own hands: Paragraphs 1033 - 1037
There is also a great section on **Purgatory,** the place of 'liberation from self': Paragraphs 1030 - 1032.

The confessional and Smart Phones. We know that our phones have software which 'listens' to what we say. In view of this, we should be conscious about not bringing a phone into the confessional with us, or powering it off before we come into the confessional. You can be assured that Fr Richard never has his phone with him in the confessional. Of course, any intentional recording of a confession with a phone, would be a serious abuse of the sacrament.

As Christmas approaches, the St Vincent de Paul team at Christ the King will again be supporting children from families in need who attend St Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Biddenham.
Our **Giving Tree** will be in the church from the first week of Advent, beginning on **Sunday 28th November 2026**. We warmly invite you to take part in this initiative and help bring some extra happiness to a child this Christmas. Every gift, however big or small, can make a real difference and help a child feel remembered and loved at this special time of year.
How you can help:
1. Choose a label from the Giving Tree.
Each label provides the age and gender of a child for whom you can choose a gift.
2. Wrap your gift and attach the label securely.
Please make sure you use the original label from the tree, as each label is specially coded to ensure that your gift reaches the correct child and family.
3. Return your gift by Sunday 13th December 2026.
Please place your wrapped and labelled present in the collection box beside the Giving Tree in church.
Although the school breaks up for Christmas on Friday 18th December, we kindly ask that all gifts are returned by **Sunday 13th December**. This will give the school enough time to distribute the presents to families before Christmas.

New Year's Day is a Friday and we should think about what kind 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. The price and availability of tickets will be announced in due course.

We are planning **to re-launch our parish Facebook page** with staff who can seek to keep it active and updated. What this space!