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

The Thirty-Third Sunday, 2026

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To celebrate the feast of Christ the King, next Sunday, we are holding a bring-and-share lunch after the 10.30am Mass. Please add your contribution to the sign-up sheet in the hall. Hot drinks will be served.

The saints model the Faith and the Church for us, they are our great leaders in the Faith. There are also two extraordinary witnesses from this country who are not yet saints, but who are worthy of our attention and our prayers for them.

The first is **Elizabeth Prout** (1820 - 1864). She grew up in Shrewsbury in an Anglican family, but as a young woman became devoted to the religion that was most hated in this country at that time. She became a Catholic and was expelled from her home. When she was 28 years old she joined the Sisters of the Infant Jesus. A year later, because of illness, she returned home and was, surprisingly, received by her family, but they locked her in her room to stop her going to Mass! Once she was well she headed for Manchester in order to serve the very poor. Here, she really discovered her vocation; to leave her parents, to remain unmarried, to serve God, and in spite of challenge, difficulty, isolation, and poverty, to discover the cost of discipleship. She founded the Institute of the Holy Family, which eventually became a part of the Passionist Order. Her shrine is at Sutton near Liverpool. Read more about her on the internet. She was declared 'venerable' in January 2021, and we should pray for her beatification, asking God to reveal her sanctity to the Church.

If you would like something more substantial to read, I recommend two books:
Ralph Martin, *The fulfilment of all desire*, Emmaus Road; a superb presentation of the spiritual life based on the three ways.
Dietrich von Hildebrand, *Transformation in Christ*, Ignatius Press; this author's great work; how we allow Christ Jesus to make us holy.

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 15th November 2026

Saturday 14th November
6pm Vigil Mass, Dead List

Sunday 15th November
8.30am Holy Mass (Latin), the faithful of the parish
10.30am Holy Mass, Dead List

Tuesday 17th November
7.15pm Holy Mass, George Thomas RIP

Wednesday 18th November *Red Wednesday*
10am Holy Mass, Jackie Cush
5pm - 6pm Office hour

Thursday 19th November
6.30pm Holy Mass, Peace in the world

Friday 20th November
11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available
12 noon Holy Mass, Dead List

Saturday 21st November
10.00am - 10.45am Confession available.
1pm Santa Misa en Castellano
6pm Vigil Mass

Office hour. Wednesdays, 5 - 6pm, Fr Richard is available in the presbytery for any enquiry, signing forms, Mass cards, or any admin.

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection:£453.96 Standing Orders: £150.50
Dona device: £43 Total: £647.46

The Chisen team would like to thank you for the £192 which you donated last Sunday to the Chisen Charity.

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 252, Offertory 495, Communion 496, Final 492

Mass of Reparation for Abortion, 12 noon on Saturday 28th November at St Joseph's in Bedford, a celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, followed by refreshments.

Christmas Eve children's performance. In past years we have been indebted to parishioners who have organised the children for a Christmas performance in conjunction with one of the Masses. If you would like to organise something for Christmas Eve this year, contact Fr R.

Safeguarding in the Church is a shared responsibility:

We are all called to create communities and environments where children, young people and adults are safe, respected and valued.
We are grateful to those parishioners who, because of their roles in the parish, have undertaken the requirements of the DBS check and who are then enabled to exercise their gifts for the benefit of others in the parish. We are also grateful to them for their on-going commitment to renewing these checks every three years.
Our Parish Safeguarding Representative has an important role and is an important point of contact for us. We are very grateful to Dale Bunting-Gray who has been our dedicated PSR for many years. We are now in the process of inaugurating Vicky Bunting as our new PSR, and we hope to complete this change of personnel very soon.

The Diocesan Website holds a full resource for us about Safeguarding in all contexts in the Diocese: https://northamptondiocese.org/safeguarding/ Here, we can find the information we might be seeking or understand how we might raise a concern.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It does not rest with one person, or with our parish priest, or with the diocesan safeguarding team. Each of us has a part to play in creating a parish community where people feel safe and where concerns can be raised and taken seriously.

Safeguarding goes beyond our parish walls and we are called to support safe environments in our local communities. Our care for all persons extends into our everyday lives. The resources, advice, and signposting offered through our diocese is transferable to our villages, towns and cities.

That might mean noticing when someone seems vulnerable or distressed, being willing to listen when someone wants to talk, making sure parish activities follow safeguarding guidance, or having the confidence to speak up when something does not seem right.

So, what should you do if you see or hear something that concerns you?

Please do not ignore it or assume that somebody else will deal with it. You do not need to be certain that something is wrong, and you do not need to investigate it yourself. Sometimes our observations can seem small or that we feel that we should not involve ourselves. However, you may hold the missing piece of a fuller picture. If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child or an adult who may be at risk, please speak to the PSR, contact our parish priest, or get in touch with the diocesan safeguarding team using the contact details provided in our parish information.

If somebody tells you that they have experienced abuse or are being harmed, listen calmly, take what they say seriously, and reassure them that they have done the right thing by speaking up. Do not promise to keep it secret. Instead, explain that you will need to share the information with the appropriate people so that they can help keep them safe.

If someone is in immediate danger, contact the emergency services on 999. You can also contact the Police on 101 or your local children or adult services via your local Council website without delay.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is available if you have any question or concern about safeguarding, or simply want to understand more about how it works in our parish.