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



The Feast of Christ the King 2026

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Today, we celebrate our parish dedication - The Feast of Christ the King - and we also welcome the Cameroonian choir.
Our parish places Christ Jesus at the centre of our identity; our parish belongs to him, and all that we do is done to help make His reign more present in people's lives and in society. This feast day points to that day when Christ will come again and all creation will be brought under his loving rule. So, our parish has a beautiful mission; to help people acknowledge Christ as King of their minds through truth, as King of their hearts through love, as King of their lives through obedience to the Gospel. We might ask ourselves this simple question; how well do we embrace our mission?

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

Some of the men of the parish are beginning a men's rosary group. This will meet on the last Saturday of each month at 8.30am in the church. The group warmly invites any men in the parish to join them.

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.
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.

Any parents who have not yet enrolled your children must do so before you can continue towards First Communion.

Schedule for the Week beginning Sunday 22nd November 2026

Saturday 21st October
6pm Vigil Mass, Dead List

Sunday 22nd November
8.30am Holy Mass (Latin), the faithful of the parish
10.30am Holy Mass, Peace in the world

Tuesday 24th November
7.15pm Holy Mass, Mr and Mrs Paulose RIP

Wednesday 25th November
10am Holy Mass, Joseph IC, anniv
5pm - 6pm Office hour

Thursday 26th November
6.30pm Holy Mass, Dead List

Friday 27th November
11am - 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration with Confession available
12 noon Holy Mass, Dead List

Saturday 28th November
8.30am Men's Rosary
10.00am - 10.45am Confession available.
6pm Vigil Mass

We remember Alma Griffith of our parish and her family and friends in their bereavement.

Last Sunday's Offertory. Collection:£501.04 Standing Orders: £150.50 Dona device: £72.50 Total: £724.04

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

Last Sunday Fr Richard mentioned a film about the First World War; the film is called **Journey's End.** It was released in 2018.

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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. 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.
One of these is **Ignatius Spencer** (1799 to 1864), of the Spencer family of Althop, Northamptonshire. He became a Catholic when he was 31, was ordained priest when 33, and joined the Passionists when he was 47. He initiated a 'crusade of prayer' for England, traveling round the country and serving the poor. His shrine is also at Sutton near Liverpool. He was declared 'venerable' in February 2021. Read about him on the internet and ask God to reveal his sanctity to us.

The earthly life of the Lord is a huge focus for all his followers. Many books have been written on this subject, but here are four authors who have written texts that stand out for their great value:
Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth* (three volumes), Doubleday.
Alban Goodier, *The public life of our Lord Jesus Christ* (two volumes), Burns, Oates, and Washbourne.
Romano Guardini, *The Lord*, Gateway.
I would also add the visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich, which contain accounts not found in the Gospels, but which nevertheless offer readers an extraordinary account of some events that are based in the Scriptures, especially the Passion; *The life of Jesus Christ and Biblical revelations*, Tan Books.
The great value of reading these books is not that they will lead us to create a 'portrait' of Jesus so that we can reimagine for ourselves an image of him that seems to fit our way of thinking, but rather that they lead us beyond our way of thinking to an encounter with this divine person made man, and come to worship him more readily, especially in the Holy Mass.

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.

Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper. Saturday evening, 30th January 2027, in the hall. Tickets are now available @ £12. Full details are on the poster in the church porch.